



## **Survey Requirements**

**Surveys should detail the physical condition regarding the vessel's structural, mechanical, electrical, navigational, and safety systems, while noting compliance with current USCG, ABYC, and NFPA standards.** Compliance with certain standards is mandatory, such as approved fuel hoses, GFCI protection, battery terminal covers, etc.

### **Basic information**

All of the following should be included in the survey: date of the survey, vessel owner's name, name of person requesting survey, location of the survey, and verification that the survey was performed while the vessel was hauled.

### **Valuation**

The survey should also contain an estimation of the current fair market value of the vessel, based on vessels of comparable age and configuration. This should take into consideration the vessel's current overall condition and unique characteristics. An estimated replacement cost should also be included.

### **Wooden Vessels**

Hull fasteners must be pulled from a variety of locations and inspected for type and condition. Areas of interest where fasteners should be pulled from include: below the head, below the engines, along the garboard rabbets, at the hood ends, and at the butt blocks.

### **Fiberglass Vessels**

Moisture readings should be taken from a variety of locations along the hull.

### **Steel and Metal Vessels**

An Audio- Gauge or Ultrasound report must be made on the hull.

### **Sail Boats of all materials**

Inspection of the standing rigging is required on all sailboats.

### **Surveyors**

If you are unfamiliar with a surveyor in your area, we recommend contacting the National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS) at 800-822-6267 or online at [www.namsglobal.org](http://www.namsglobal.org), or the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS) at 800-344-9077, or online at [www.marinesurvey.org](http://www.marinesurvey.org).