

Limitations of the Survey

A condition survey provides an opinion on the structural condition of all visible and significant aspects of the structure of the vessel as presented for survey, with particular reference to the hull condition.

Equipment

Machinery, masts, spars, rig and sails, ancillary equipment, gas, electrical, electronic, pumping and plumbing equipment, sewage treatment plant, refrigeration equipment, air conditioning, navigational aids, other sundry services and tankage are inspected only for visual appearance and installation standards, without dismantling or specific test. Where a mast is stepped only those parts of the mast and rig up to head height are inspected in detail.

Hull

Hull condition is assessed by general non-destructive examination and by assessment of the condition of sample areas where coatings are removed. Where hulls carry heavy layers of paint, pitch or epoxy finishes the condition of all areas of the substrate cannot be guaranteed and condition can only be estimated on the basis of the evidence gleaned from sample areas scrapped clean. The survey does not provide an opinion on the condition of areas not presented visible, for example behind linings, beneath fixed flooring etc. Unless these are accessible through visible portable traps, and should not be taken to preclude completely the existence of isolated damage or deterioration concealed by paints, fillers or other means.

Engine & Generator

The engine and generator installations are inspected visually, and (where possible if presented in commission,) the engine is run up to assess its general characteristics, vibration levels etc. No dismantling of the engine or associated equipment is carried out within the scope of a condition survey so no detailed comment upon the condition of internal parts is possible without separate full strip down and mechanical survey.

Service Installations

Electrical, plumbing, heating and other services are inspected where visible but not operated unless presented in commission. Electrical wiring is inspected visually (only) in all cases.

Gas Installation

The bottled gas installation is inspected visually only and pressure tests are not undertaken within the scope of this survey. All gas systems should be regularly tested as part of a normal preventive maintenance routine, and the installation of a bubble leakage tester which permits simple non-invasive regular checks on the integrity of the system is strongly recommended.



Tanks

Tanks are inspected where visible but not internally, and are not pressure tested. Windows, hatches and external doors are not tested for watertightness. Hull fastenings and skin fittings are not withdrawn for inspection.

Valuation

Any estimate of valuation provided is based on known average retail values achieved by craft of similar type and condition in the same location and should not be confused with the replacement value, which may be substantially higher, particularly in the case of rare or unusual boats.

Particulars

Particulars such as registration numbers, tonnage, build year and dimensions are normally stated as advised or as exhibited aboard ship, and are not authenticated. Dimensions, if checked, are measured by means of steel tape measures and should not be relied upon as to total accuracy. This survey does not seek to establish that clear title to the vessel exists or that it is being offered for sale free from all debts and encumbrances.

Usage

Unless specifically instructed to the contrary the inspection, and any comments made relative to design, performance or suitability of the vessel, are based on the assumption that the vessel will be used as a private pleasure boat in the waters for which it was designed. Unless specifically stated to the contrary this inspection and report does not seek to address compliance with any national or international codes, standards or regulations.

Legal

This report is prepared solely for the benefit of the client to whom it is addressed and by whom it was commissioned and no responsibility is accepted to any third party to whom the report may be passed or sold. This survey contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales. No responsibility for any consequential losses arising, including but not limited to loss of profits, loss of use or business interruption.