
Below is a list of the most common issues that are identified during an insurance inspection. This list is not exhaustive in any way. Just a good starting point to have the boat ready for inspection.

- ☐ Ensure all bulkheads and frames are accessible for inspection.
- ☐ Ensure steering gear is accessible for inspection.
- ☐ Ensure the stern gland is accessible for inspection.
- ☐ Bilges are dry and accessible. *(No oil/debris in bilges).*
- ☐ Sea cocks are operational and compliant *(no plastic irrigation style fittings).*
- ☐ All underwater hoses are double hose clamped or "super clamped".
- ☐ Batteries secured from both horizontal and vertical movement.
- ☐ RCD *(safety switch)* on 240v shore power circuit.
- ☐ Anchor winch operational or alternative anchoring arrangements.
- ☐ Anchor chain in good condition *(no heavy corrosion).*
- ☐ Navigation lights are compliant and operational.
- ☐ Flares (Pyrotechnics) in date.
- ☐ Fire extinguishers are in date.
- ☐ Life raft in date *(if present).*
- ☐ EPIRB in date *(if present).*
- ☐ Stanchions / lifelines in good order *(if fitted).*
- ☐ Proof of age of standing rigging *(sail boats).*
- ☐ Bilge pumps are operational, both electric and manual. *(Check float switches).*
- ☐ Life jackets – if only inflatable life jackets on board, please have service records available to be viewed.
 - *By 1 September 2025, all lifejackets must meet the current Australian Standard AS4758. <https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/safety/life-jackets>*

Suitable Life Saving Appliances (LSA) should be acquired to meet intended voyages.

<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Safety-equipment-recreational-ships>

As previously mentioned, this list is not exhaustive and is merely a guide to help you prepare.

Thank you,

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