## **Preparing Your Boat for Shipment**

At AutoRelocationPlus, Inc., we take pride in providing the best service possible. Following is a checklist you can refer to as a commonsense guide to what you will be responsible for in preparing your boat for transport.

- Any and all loose items inside your boat MUST be stored and properly secured.
- All ports, hatches and windows **MUST** be locked and the locking device taped over.
- All cabinet doors drawers and all lockers within the craft MUST be closed and secured.
- All personal items **MUST** be removed from the boat. We cannot assume responsibility for personal items.
- Safety considerations dictate that all fuel, water and holding tanks **MUST** be empty or as nearly empty as possible.
- The battery cables **MUST** be disconnected from the battery.
- If mounted in any way that exposes them to damage or theft, equipment such as radios, antennas, depth finders, compasses and other electronic gear **MUST** be removed. Tops and side curtains should be removed prior to transport to prevent water damage to vinyl or canvas covers. We cannot be responsible for canvas covers or tops which remain topside during shipment.
- A cradle (if used for transport) should fit the exact contour of your hull and be in good condition. Your craft MUST also be well secured to the cradle. We do not assume responsibility for damage attributed to carrying devices such as cradles or boat trailers when they are furnished by or on behalf of the shipper.
- Plastic and Plexiglas flying bridge windshields and windscreens should be removed and secured inside the craft.
- <u>Sailboats:</u> Standing rigging, turnbuckles, mastheads and bow lights, antennas, spreaders, wind indicators, wires and mast winches should all be removed from the mast (after it is unstepped and prior to transport). We cannot be liable for damage attributable to rubbing or chafing by equipment left on the mast during transport.
- Deposits of road dirt/film will most likely occur during the transport of your boat.
  We cannot be responsible for the cleaning of the craft to remove dirt/film, snow or ice.
- During the winter months, boats **MUST** be completely winterized (including engines, toilets and water systems). Masts **MUST** be completely wrapped.
- Shrink-wrap may keep the boat protected from the elements, but it also prevents a proper inspection. The carrier is not responsible for damage and shortages under the shrink-wrap. Shrink-wrap may tear while transporting the boat. If this occurs in transit, the torn material may cause beating and chafing damage to the boat. We cannot be responsible for shrink-wrap damage.