



New England Shrinkwrap

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## *Boat Shrink Wrap Advice Sheet*

Tips to help you prepare your boat prior to shrink wrap installation.

- 1). All systems should be winterized prior to shrink wrap cover being installed, including engines, fuel, water, and waste.
- 2). Fill gas tank to limit the risk of combustion during the shrink wrap installation unless otherwise directed by your marine mechanic.
- 3). To help prevent mildew/mold growth, take the following steps:
  - a) Empty your refrigerator and remove all trash, including soda/beer cans that may contain liquid, and cardboard boxes that may absorb moisture.
  - b) Remove any wet life preservers, dock lines, and cushions. Dock lines especially retain water and become moldy during winter storage. If cushions are to remain onboard, stand them on their side to allow air circulation.
  - c) Leave a couple of moisture absorbing products onboard to place in any enclosed spaces. We do not suggest leaving them in the open cockpit areas as they will simply remove moisture from the ambient air. Cabins, heads, engine rooms, etc. are areas where these can be placed.
  - d) Where possible, leave compartment covers open a couple of inches to allow air flow. A simple way to do this is to cut some tennis balls in half and prop the covers open with them.
  - e) Either prior to or immediately after the boat is shrink wrapped, remove any standing water that may be in the bilges and compartments.
- 4). Remove outriggers/down riggers. We charge \$25.00 each if they are in place when we shrink wrap.
- 5.) We strongly suggest that you remove all enclosures for proper cleaning and storage during the winter. They should be laid out flat in a warm dry place. We will do our best to coordinate with you to have you remove them the day prior to service. If we remove the enclosures, we charge a \$50.00 fee. We will lay them out flat if possible or drape them over the back of a seat so they do not crease. It is your responsibility to take them. We will not be responsible for damaged zippers or plastic.
- 6.) If you want to clean your boat before covering, make sure this is done well in advance of scheduling to shrink wrap it. We do not like to cover wet boats for the obvious reason of the increased potential for mold growth.
- 7.) If you have on-board propane tanks, they need to be turned off and disconnected if they are to be left on the boat. We suggest removing these tanks while the boat is not in use.
- 7.) To discourage theft, remove all electronics, fishing gear, or other personal items that may be easily accessed. We also suggest affixing a sign to the exterior of the boat stating that these items have been removed. Outdrives should also be secured prior to shrink wrapping. **If you do not**

need to work on the boat during storage we would suggest not installing a door so you may monitor the cover more easily for tampering.

### **Sail Boaters:**

If your mast & rigging are to remain in place, we suggest “mousing” as many of your rigging lines as possible and bringing them in to the mast or a nearby fixed stay or furler. We attempt to limit the amount of cutting and taping around lines in order to provide a more weather-tight cover. If you leave your mast and rigging in place, you will have water that absorbs through the lines and water will also enter through the channel in the mast. We do our best to minimize this but you need to be diligent in monitoring for pooling water during the period of time in which the boat remains covered.