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Product Fact Sheet – Pleasure Craft Insurance.

Pleasure Craft Insurance is designed to cover marine vessels used for private purposes. These include yachts, cruisers, wave riders, jet skis, dingys and sail craft. It does not cover vessels that are used for business purposes. (They must be insured under a Marine Hull policy).

You can think of Pleasure Craft insurance as being much the same as private motor vehicle insurance. The vessel must be listed on the policy with a specific sum insured. Extras such as the trailer, rigging, radios, contents, sonar systems, fishing gear, canopies etc all must be listed with a specific sum insured too – otherwise they will not be insured.

General Cover

Depending on the insurance company, most policies offer the following benefits:

- Cover for Accidental loss, damage, fire and/or explosion and theft to or from your boat, provided it was securely locked and there was forcible entry. Cover includes whilst in use, whilst stored or moored and even whilst travelling, provided it is on a trailer specifically designed to carry the vessel.
- Cover for liability to other people, including death or injury, and damage to their property, including liability arising from the “skipping” of another boat whilst yours is moored.
- 24 hour emergency assistance and personal service on and off the water.
- Choice between agreed or market value policies if your boat is less than 20 years old
- 24/7 claims assistance
- Cover for the discharge and escape of fuel, lubricant and sewage from holding tanks on your boat of up to \$500,000.

Cover can be extended to include mechanical and/or electrical breakdown as well but generally must be requested as it is not a standard inclusion.

Water Skiers Liability

Some policies also offer additional liability cover for:

- Death or Injury to a water skier being towed by your boat;
- Death or Injury to any person caused by a water skier who is being towed by your boat;
- Property damage caused by a water skier who is being towed by your boat.

Note water skiers liability will not cover persons who are engaged in parasailing or skiing using equipment other than water skis.

General conditions of cover

Moored vessels older than 20 years require an inspection report. Custom-built boats and vessels of wooden or steel construction also require these reports, regardless of age. These reports can be completed by any Qualified Marine Surveyor or by a Local Shipwright.

A rigging report needs to be completed by a yacht rigger and allows us to qualify the current condition and serviceability of your mast, spars and rigging and will also provide the insurer with the age and life expectancy of your standing rigging. Upon receipt, review and acceptance of the report we are able to offer you terms to cover your mast spars and rigging.

Lay Up Cover

One type of cover that is unique to pleasure craft is Lay Up Cover. This is a restriction to normal cover that recognises that many boats are not used for much of the year and are stored.

Provided the vessel is stored wholly within your property in a fenced a secured yard, or in a professional boat storage facility, then the policy will cover full fire and theft and accidental damage cover but will not cover the vessel whilst in use or in transit.

A policy holder can select the actual months each year that they are happy to have lay up cover. The benefit of this is that the premium is reduced accordingly, so the policy holder does not pay the full annual premium but a reduced amount, dependent upon the number of months the lay up cover is selected for.

Named Insured Cover – Personal accident and injury cover.

Unlike a motor vehicle insurance policy, a pleasure craft policy can be extended to include personal accident and injury cover. If a Policy holder / Named Insured is Injured during the Period of Insurance in an accident when using their boat within the Geographic Limits and that Injury results in:

- Death;
- Permanent and total loss of sight of an eye;
- Permanent and total loss of the use of a limb;
- Permanent and total loss of the thumb or index finger.

The insurer will pay certain lump sum amounts (which are listed in the policy).