



# Walk-Away Check Checklist

Use this checklist when evaluating a boat listing. Each section covers key areas to inspect.

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## 1. Overall Assessment

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- General condition matches listing description
- Age and wear consistent with stated year
- Photos match reality (no misleading angles)
- Overall impression vs asking price
- Red flags in seller communication

## 2. Maintenance Level

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- Service log and maintenance records available
- Regular antifouling and hull maintenance
- Engine service history documented
- Standing/running rigging age and condition
- Recent repairs or upgrades noted

## 3. Miscolouration (Rust, Rot, Mould)

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- Hull discolouration or osmosis blisters
- Deck hardware rust or corrosion spots
- Interior wood rot or soft spots
- Mould or mildew in lockers and bilge
- Staining around chainplates and fittings

## 4. Cracks, Spidercracks, Bends

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- Gelcoat spidercracks on deck and hull
- Structural cracks around keel attachment
- Craziing around stanchion bases and cleats
- Deformation in mast step area
- Stress marks around chainplates and winches

## 5. Equipment Level

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- Navigation instruments present and functional
- Autopilot and wind instruments
- Anchor and ground tackle condition
- Tender and outboard if included
- Sails inventory and condition

## 6. Bilge and Engine Room Check

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- Bilge cleanliness and water level
- Engine mounts and alignment
- Hose clamps and through-hulls condition
- Fuel and water tank integrity
- Exhaust system and cooling hoses

## 7. Price vs Market Comparison

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- Compare with similar models currently listed
- Recent sold prices for same model/year
- Equipment value vs base boat price
- Regional pricing differences considered
- Negotiation margin assessment

## 8. Documentation and Ownership History

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- Registration and flag state documents
- Number of previous owners
- Insurance claim history if available
- VAT status verified (EU/non-EU)
- Outstanding liens or encumbrances

## 9. Safety Equipment

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- Life jackets and harnesses
- Fire extinguishers in date
- Flares and distress signals validity
- EPIRB/PLB and VHF radio
- First aid kit and safety lines

## 10. Location and Situation

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- Current berth/storage situation
- Launch and transport logistics
- Marina transfer or waiting list
- Winter storage arrangements
- Sea trial feasibility and timing

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