

Yacht Buyer Inspection Checklist (Greece Edition)

This practical checklist is based on real survey findings from vessels inspected across Preveza, Lefkada and the Ionian region. It is intended to guide buyers during initial viewings prior to commissioning a professional survey.

Hull Below Waterline

- Check for visible damage, cracks or repairs
- Look for signs of osmosis or blistering
- Inspect antifouling condition
- Check waterline consistency

Keel and Attachment

- Inspect keel joint for cracking or filler
- Look for signs of grounding
- Check internal keel bolt area
- Assess alignment visually

Deck and Coachroof

- Check for soft areas underfoot
- Inspect fittings for leaks
- Look for cracks around hardware
- Assess teak condition

Hull Interior and Structure

- Inspect bulkheads and tabbing
- Look for stress cracking
- Check bilges for contamination
- Inspect structural grid

Rudder and Steering

- Check rudder play
- Inspect cables and quadrant
- Look for corrosion
- Turn wheel fully

Engine and Propulsion

- Start engine from cold
- Check smoke under load
- Inspect mounts and vibration
- Check shaft seal
- Review service history

Fuel System

- Inspect fuel tank condition and accessibility
- Check fuel lines for leaks or deterioration
- Inspect primary and secondary fuel filters
- Look for signs of contamination (water or debris)
- Check shut-off valves and connections

Electrical Systems

- Check battery condition
- Inspect wiring
- Test shore power
- Confirm charging systems

Plumbing and Tanks

- Test freshwater system
- Check for leaks
- Inspect pumps
- Test heads

Gas Installation

- Check locker drainage
- Inspect hoses
- Check shut-off valves

Rigging and Mast

- Confirm rigging age
- Inspect terminals
- Check chainplates
- Inspect mast base

Deck Gear

- Test windlass
- Inspect anchor and chain
- Check winches
- Inspect guardrails

Safety Equipment

- Check extinguishers
- Test bilge pumps
- Inspect safety gear
- Check navigation lights

Documentation

- Verify ownership
- Check VAT status
- Review records
- Confirm inventory

Important Note

This checklist is a guide only. Many defects are not visible during a standard viewing and require a detailed professional survey.

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