

Perfect Marina Match Checklist

Proximity to home.

A nice location is important, but if it takes you several hours in traffic to get there you may find the drive stressful and may become reluctant to visit the boat as often as you want.

Where do you want to take your boat?

If you prefer a protected body of water that allows you to go boating even when the weather churns up the open seas, consider the marina's location. Ask the marina personnel and other boaters what the weather situation is at the location specific to your boating plans.

Costs and leasing requirements for your boat are important questions.

What are rates, lease obligations, payment options, and any additional charges for power and water.

Are water and electricity maintained properly throughout the year?

What is your initial impression of the facilities?

Are they maintained, clean, organized?

Is the marina close to, or part of, a service operation?

Good if you need maintenance. Not so good if workers and vehicles are coming and going near you all the time.

Are parking and access easy for you and your guests?

Is the location secure from outside visitors or crime?

Look at the area as you approach the marina to get a sense of what is nearby.

Are staff willing to assist when you need help?

Such as arriving and tying up or departing?

Does the marina provide reports of bad weather and check the lines and boats on a regular basis?

Are outside vendors such as maintenance personnel and divers allowed on site?

If so, what are the requirements? If not, why not?

Can you work on your own boat?

What are the insurance requirements?

And will your insurance company abide by them? In some instances, marinas or yacht clubs ask to be named as an insured entity. However, some insurance companies will not do that due to the consideration of how that may impact your policy.

Is Wifi available?

If so, and you need it, check the signal strength and speed at the location where your boat will be tied up.

Will the marina accept deliveries of packages and hold them for you?

Are there clean restrooms and showers?