

Jackline Insurance Program – Survey Guidelines

Survey Request/Requirements

Depending on the age and condition of your yacht, Markel, the marine insurance company which underwrites The [Jackline Program](#), may require a recent **out-of-water Condition & Valuation Survey** prior to insuring your yacht or prior to issuing your renewal. If your vessel's hull is constructed of aluminum or steel, the survey must include an audio-gauge report. For yacht owners inquiring about a Jackline Policy for the first time, if there has been a Condition & Valuation Survey conducted on your yacht in the past 24 months and it meets the below standards, it may be accepted.

Sailboats

The company also requires an aloft rigging inspection on sailboats. If the surveyor you've hired does not perform a detailed inspection of the standing rigging, a professional rigging service must be engaged. The rigging report does not need to follow any specific format but should:

- identify the vessel, date & location of the inspection
- include an assessment of the condition of the different rigging components (on deck & aloft)
- indicate any areas of concern and what remedies are recommended (monitor, service, replace, etc)
- report should be signed

If a rigging inspection has been performed within the last three (3) years, please forward that report and any invoices for work completed to maintain or replace standing rigging.

Survey Report Standards

The report should meet the following standards to be accepted by the insurance company:

- be professional in appearance, including being typed on the stationary or standard form used by the surveyor's company
- identify who requested the survey and whether that person or anyone else was present
- identify when and where the survey was conducted
- provide identifying information (yacht name, hull identification number, etc.), specifications of the vessel (length, displacement, etc.) and the source(s) of the information and specifications if not from actual observation or measurement
- follow a logical format clearly addressing each area/aspect of the yacht
- include a detailed section of recommendations affecting safety and seaworthiness
- include surveyors opinion of the vessel's current market value
- include the surveyors name, credentials, and signature

Finding an Accredited Surveyor

The survey should be performed by a surveyor who is part of the National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS, www.namsglobal.org) or the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS, www.marinesurvey.org). Please refer to the organization's website to find a surveyor in your area. These organizations do have members located outside the U.S. but you may find similar organizations in other countries that can help guide you in choosing a reputable surveyor.

Pre-Approval of Surveyor or Report Format

If you are unsure of the acceptability of a surveyor or their report format, please obtain a sample report and resume showing the surveyor's credentials. These materials can be sent to your account manager or to jackline@gowrie.com for pre-approval.