Yacht Ready Photography Checklist

For listing agents, owners and captains. Complete these steps before the scheduled shoot so the vessel looks polished, spacious and market-ready in every image.

Best results begin before shoot day. A clean, uncluttered yacht lets buyers focus on design, condition, layout and lifestyle. Assign each task early and complete the final review at least 60 minutes before the photographer arrives.

Vessel name		Shoot date	
Agent		Owner or captain	
Marina and slip		Arrival time	

1 Complete 24 to 72 Hours Before the Shoot

☐ Wash and dry the hull, decks and exterior glass	☐ Polish visible metal, rails and brightwork
☐ Deep clean all cabins, heads and living areas	☐ Remove fingerprints, water spots and smudges
☐ Confirm marina, dock and drone permissions	☐ Arrange gate, parking and vessel access
☐ Schedule owner, captain or crew support	☐ Repair or conceal minor cosmetic distractions
☐ Confirm fuel, power and operating systems needed	☐ Review weather and backup date

2 Exterior Decks and Dockside Presentation

☐ Neaten dock lines and position fenders consistently	☐ Remove hoses, buckets, cords and cleaning supplies
☐ Arrange cushions, pillows and outdoor furniture	☐ Clean and stage tables, grills and wet bars
☐ Stow unused canvas, covers and sun shades neatly	☐ Remove personal water toys unless featured
☐ Position tender and toys as planned with photographer	☐ Remove trash, shoes, coolers and loose gear
☐ Straighten flags and remove damaged flags	☐ Clean swim platform, ladders and transom areas

Yacht Ready Interior and Final Check

Work from the primary salon through each cabin, head, helm and mechanical space.

3 Salon Galley Cabins and Heads

☐ Open blinds or shades evenly unless glare is present	☐ Turn on approved interior and accent lighting
☐ Clear countertops, tables and navigation surfaces	☐ Remove medications, paperwork and valuables
☐ Hide personal photos and highly personal items	☐ Stage minimal neutral decor and fresh flowers
☐ Make every bed with smooth coordinated linens	☐ Fluff pillows and align cushions
☐ Clear galley sink, counters and appliance fronts	☐ Remove food, dishes, magnets and cleaning products
☐ Close toilet lids and remove toiletries	☐ Hang clean coordinated towels neatly
☐ Empty trash bins and remove laundry	☐ Check mirrors, glass and chrome for spots

4 Helm Flybridge Engine Room and Special Features

☐ Clean helm screens, gauges, wheel and seating	☐ Set screens only with captain approval
☐ Organize charts, controls and loose electronics	☐ Stage flybridge and upper-deck seating
☐ Clean engine room and remove rags or containers	☐ Improve safe lighting in mechanical spaces
☐ Prepare tender garage, beach club or toy storage	☐ Confirm spa, pool, lifts and special systems are ready

5 Final 60 Minute Walk Through

☐ Turn on agreed lighting and replace failed bulbs	☐ Check all visible rooms from each doorway
☐ Remove phones, keys, bags and crew belongings	☐ Move crew, guests and pets off-camera
☐ Confirm HVAC comfort and eliminate visible condensation	☐ Remove strong odors and avoid heavy fragrances
☐ Confirm exterior cushions are dry and aligned	☐ Check docks and neighboring areas for distractions
☐ Secure confidential vessel documents and registration	☐ Notify photographer of anything that cannot be moved

Safety first: Never remove required safety equipment or alter operational systems solely for photography. Ask the captain or authorized vessel representative before moving equipment, starting systems or entering restricted areas.

6 Final Approval and Notes

Outstanding item	Assigned to	Status or note

Agent initials		Date	
Owner or captain initials		Date	