

SECURING YOUR WATERCRAFT

Summertime means boating season is back! But this is also a risky time of year for many watercraft owners. Storms can sink your dream before you even have a chance to get out on the waves.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to protect your watercraft during severe weather season.

5 tips for storing your watercraft on land.

- 1 Bring it inside!** Don't store your boat or watercraft in your driveway or your yard, if you can avoid it. Store it on its trailer in a garage or shed.
- 2 Relocate your watercraft in advance of a storm.** Some policies have provisions that will pay for relative relocation.
- 3 Cover your boat** whenever it's sitting outside. This prevents sun, rain and wind abrasion damage to the finish and helps prevent dry rot.
- 4 Flood damage is not typically covered** under standard watercraft policies. Sure, boats float. But a flashflood could sweep it away and smash or sink it. You will likely need a flood policy for this coverage, especially if you live in, or store your vehicle in a flood plain, or flood-prone area.
- 5** If you store your watercraft in a garage or shed, make sure you **have the roof inspected annually for damage.** Store it in a shed with **reinforced, fireproofed walls and a bolted, well-anchored roof.**

