

We are well into Fall. Time to start thinking about vessel layup. Thank you to all of our members, students, and new enrollees. Here is a reminder. Please review this subject in detail in Volume I of the Master Marine Surveyor Guide.

Continuity of Information: A Question of Ethics—How to Avoid Future Trouble!

When a vessel is sold, abandoned, or transfers ownership, the inclination is to immediately remove all records from the ship or boat. Sometimes surveyors face an insurmountable task in their examinations of older vessels. Many owners and representatives feel they have a right to repair and ownership records and in some cases are justified. Destroying old records, and not transferring them with the vessel, is becoming ubiquitous. However, it is in every stakeholders' interests to ask owners and masters to leave records at least for the surveyor to inspect whether in confidence or not.

[See more in the courses.](#)