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High Boating Season is Almost Upon Us! Reminder: Most vessels are not properly prepared to be inspected. Surveyors need to have an owner or owner's representative aboard who is familiar with the vessel. All unnecessary gear should be removed from the vessel and the vessel should be relatively clean, including compartments and especially the bilges and machinery spaces. Be aware that surveyors need access to places where boat owners go most infrequently or never go. Surveyors should talk to the representative or owner first. Ask that someone be present. Note cleanliness and overall condition BEFORE stepping onboard. A surveyor does not want to be blamed for breaking something that was already broken. (Think a walk around while renting a car.) One of the most asked questions we receive is "What tools do I need?" Here is a suggested list BUT not a required list. You can perform your profession with much less or much more.

- The best business cards you can afford.
- Good report pad. We like columnar legal pads because of the ability to make notes against lists.
- A stamp imprinter to emboss over your signature
- Camera (good digital with enough data storage)
- Moisture meter
- Infrared thermometer
- Thermal imaging camera
- Multimeter
- Voltage Tester
- Corrosion meter
- Barcol Tester
- GFCI Outlet tester
- Magnet
- Magnifying glasses and/or binoculars for looking at masts if you can't climb
- Waterproof snake camera
- Pocket mirror
- Plastic small hammer or Brass head small hammer

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