

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Canvas:

Are there any areas that need re-stitching?

It's better to re-stitch before the whole cover falls apart, or it will be much more difficult to put back together.

Does the bimini or dodger need to be cleaned?

Even if you don't care about the aesthetics, leaving dirt on your canvas will promote mildew growth, which will destroy your canvas if left unchecked.

Is there any loose hardware - snaps or twislocks pulling out, or rattling frames?

One good winter storm (and we always have a couple!) could rip the whole cover off and destroy it.

Sails:

Are there any areas that need re-stitching?

Check especially the leech, foot and corners, and UV covers on roller-furling sails. It's best to re-stitch BEFORE the sail falls apart.

How is the sail hardware?

Are the mainsail slides getting brittle? Are the shackles all tight and holding? Do the jib hanks still open and close smoothly? Replacing your hardware is quick and simple if you do it before it fails!

Do your sails have good sun protection?

If you do not have covers for your sails (boom covers or UV covers), it is critical that they be removed from the boat in the winter. It only takes the UV a few summers to destroy a sail, so either get covers, or take them off the boat!