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Re: Marine surveying by Peter Pope

Peter Pope's detailed and careful marine surveying saved us from potential disaster and loss of many thousands of dollars in 2005 when we were about to purchase a yacht.

We had been interested in a Farr B30 swing keel yacht, and had the owner's permission to lift it out and check it for repairs before making an offer. We realised that it probably would have some osmosis and that the rig would need replacement. After going through it carefully we asked Peter Pope to undertake a marine survey of the vessel.

At the last minute we were going to tell Peter that as we were fairly certain about the repairs needed we would make the offer without a survey. However, he insisted on doing a survey – and discovered that the boat was rotten in the main bulkheads – something we would never have picked. He also found many other problems and advised us and the owner of his findings.

We are extremely grateful, because had we gone ahead and purchased that boat, it would have potentially cost thousands of dollars, been unseaworthy, and a maritime disaster in the making. Peter's advice was careful, detailed and worth a great deal more than the fee for the survey. He made it clear that the decision to purchase or not was ours, but that we needed to consider the full implications of what he had found in the survey.

In our view, Peter Pope is an excellent marine surveyor – and we have had experience of many surveyors over the years of purchasing differing boats- and we would not hesitate to recommend his services.

Carole and Roger O'Dwyer

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