

Suggested Pre-underway checklist for pleasure boats

- PFD's for all on board
- Type IV throwable
- Fire Extinguishers
- Distress signals
- Anchor, ground tackle, rodes.
 - Dock lines
 - Fenders
 - Boat Hooks
 - Boarding Ladder
- Charts, plotting instruments
- Wind, tide times, current
- Lights: Navigation, Interior, flashlight
- Use of head, escape hatch, V-berth
- Control of flooding pumps
- Abandon Ship Procedure
 - Location of PFD's
 - Abandon Ship Box
- Use of Electronics
 - Radios, channel selection and TX/RX
 - Depth Sounder
 - GPS for position determination
- Sound Producing Devices
- Hailer
- Review Man Over Board procedures
 - Shout MOB, say Starboard or Port, Point to victim, and keep victim in site.
 - Call out relative bearing and range to victim
 - Sound horn: 5 short blasts
 - Press MOB on GPS
 - Vessel will come about toward overboard side
- Locate First Aid Equipment
 - First Aid Kit
 - Blanket
 - Spare PFD's
- Engine Room
 - Cooling
 - Engine Oil
 - Transmission
 - Water
 - Fuel Level
 - Filter sediment bowl
 - Batteries
 - Belts
 - Hoses
 - Sea Cocks
 - Bilge pumps
- Start engine, warm-up.
- Inspect for cooling and leaks
- Check under vessel for debris at bow and stern.
- Center the ships wheel prior to departure
- Test throttle
- Test gearshift
- Get underway