

Pre-Trip Check List

You can copy and paste the list below to your own document, then customize it to fit your boat and the trips you take.

ITEMS ON BOARD

- Lifejackets (PFDs) - one for each person
- Throwable PFD
- Visual Distress Signals
- Fire Extinguishers (fully charged)
- Sound Producing Device(s)
- VHF Marine Radio
- Anchor and Tackle
- Chart(s) of Area & Navigation Tools
- Magnetic Compass
- Fenders and Boat Hook
- Mooring Lines and Heaving line
- Manual Bilge Pump or Bailing Device
- Tool Kit/Spare Parts (fuses, belts,spark plugs,etc.)
- Extra Fuel & Oil
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Search Light
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Mirror
- Food and Water
- Extra Clothing (Foul weather gear, hat, gloves,etc)
- Cellular Phone
- Camera
- GPS (and spare batteries)
- Binoculars
- Fish Limits / Citation sizes
- Ice

SAFETY CHECK AND TESTS (Yes No N/A)

- Test Marine Radio (voice call)
- Test Navigation and Anchor Lights
- Test Steering (free movement)
- Test Tilt / Trim
- Test Bilge Pump
- Check for any excessive water in bilges
- Check Fuel System for any leaks
- Check Engine Fluids
- Ensure Boat Plug is properly installed
- Check Electrical System
- Check Galley / Heating Systems
- Check Gauges (i.e. batteries)
- Check Fuel Amount
- Ensure Anchor is ready for use
- Check load of vessel and secure gear from shifting
- Ensure passengers know Emergency Procedures and Equipment Location
- Everyone put on a Lifejacket to check for proper fitting
- Check the Weather Forecast
- File a Float Plan with family or friend