

Pre-Departure Checklist

<p>Equipment (ensure all are on board and in working order*)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal protection equipment (eg. lifejackets, throwable devices, boarding device) (1 correct sized lifejacket for each person aboard)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boat safety equipment (eg. oars, anchor, bailer, fire extinguisher)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Distress equipment (eg. flares, watertight flashlight)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Navigation equipment (eg. sound signaling device, lighting)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Repair equipment (eg. tools, spare parts - fuel filter, light bulbs, etc)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit (incl. dry clothes, water, emergency rations)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communication equipment (eg. VHF radio, cell phone)</p>	<p>Mechanical (ensure all are in working condition)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Navigation equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Powered devices</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Engine & fittings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bilge pumps (manual and electric) (should be clear of debris)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All hoses and belts</p>
<p>Things to check (ensure all of the following are checked)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Batteries are charged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All fluid levels are full (eg. antifreeze, battery, oil, transmission, coolant)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The drainage plug is in place</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has enough fuel for the trip (1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 for reserve)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hull / structural damage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Oil or water leaks</p>	<p>Inform (ensure all passengers know the following)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The location of the first aid kit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The location of the Distress equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The location of the PFDs and throwable devices</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The location of the Fire extinguishers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Storm weather and falls overboard procedures</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Radio operations</p>
<p>Things to do (these must be completed before leaving)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get the weather forecast</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get updated charts noting hazards and marinas for the operating area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Give a float plan to a responsible person</p>	<p>Documentation (ensure the following are on board)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boater Education Card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / hunting licenses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Radio license</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local water charts</p>

*Please consult the safe boating guide to see the required equipment for your particular watercraft.