



SaferBoater

Pre-Voyage Checklist

Date : ___ / ___ / ___ Time : _____

Destination : _____

Captain : _____

Guests : _____

General Preparation

- Bilge empty & Bilge Pump Operational
- Check Float Switch
- Verify Drain Plug is in place
- Radio Check
- Navigation Lights (Side, Stern, Mast)

Electrical System

- Connections (clean, tight, no corrosion)
- Batteries – (charged, good cables, tight connection, water level, no corrosion)
- Selector Switch in proper position (for a dual charge system)

Fluid Levels

- Engine Oil (color, smell, level)
- Transmission Oil (color, smell, level)
- Power Steering Fluid
- Power Trim Reservoirs
- Coolant

Safety Equipment

- Adult & Child PFD (location & number)
- Fire Extinguisher (location & charge)
- Flare Kit (location & expiration)
- EPIRB Location
- Life Raft (condition & expiration)
- Abandon Ship Kit Location
- Handheld VHF (location & charge)
- MOB Gear (location & condition)
- Radar Reflector
- 4 Marker Dye Packs
- SOS Placard
- Fire Buckets with Line
- Whistle, Horn, Bell
- Throwable Flotation Device
- First Aid Kit
- Oil Placard

Fuel System

- Sufficient Fuel (no water/debris in tank)
- Fuel System Integrity (check for leaks)
- Fuel Tanks (vents, straps, no leaks)
- Shutoff switch & valves
- Sniff Test (check for vapors/fumes)
- Condition of Hoses
- Filters (clean? extra Filters?)
- Flame Arrester (cleaned & secured)

Engine Check

- Run Blowers for 4 minutes (check exhaust ducts, cowling/vents)
- Exhaust Discharge
- Shifters
- Gauges (oil pressure, water temp, volts, other)
- Inspect for Leaks (fuel, oil, water)
- Shore Power Disconnect (proper procedure)
- Belts, Hoses, Clamps
- Strainers (clean, no leaks)
- Seacocks (no leaks, operate easily)
- Stuffing Box (shafts and rudders)
- Any Unusual Noises

Pre-Departure

- Check Weather, Tides, Conditions
- Review & Record Float Plan
- Safety Talk
- Board & Disembark safely
- Location, Adjustment & Usage of PFDs
- Location & Use of Fire Extinguishers
- Point out Deck Hazards (cleats, slippery surfaces)

Underway Safety

- Location of Secure Handholds
- Proper Seating Areas
- Danger Related to Vessel Motion

After The Trip

- Empty Bilge
- Remove Drain Plugs
- Flush Engine with Fresh Water
- Outflow Tube (clear & debris free)
- Water Pump (status & condition)
- Disconnect Fuel Line and burn all fuel in the carburetor
- Key & Electrical Circuits Turned Off
- Props (secure & condition)
- Hull (clean, no cracks or blisters)
- Engine Cowling (fuel or water leaks)
- Clean Deck & Hull with Water
- Wipe Down Everything
- Apply Anti-Corrosive (when necessary)