

# Boat Pre-Departure Checklist

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- Last **Weather** check
- Money**, wallet, credit card.
- Is **Registration** on boat?       Gov't-issued Photo ID. Boating Safety Education Card
- Cell **phone** and charger or battery backup power
- SeaTow # \_\_\_\_\_ or BoatUS # \_\_\_\_\_, Other **phone #** \_\_\_\_\_
- Spare **batteries** for flashlight,     **batteries** for handheld VHF
- Water**, food, ice,                       sunscreen, sunglasses, hat,                       binoculars
- Share your **Float Plan** (let someone know itinerary and estimated return time)
- Chart** and/or chart plotter.       Compass
- Check **Fuel** level. Fuel clean up rags.
- Confirm **Bilge** is dry

## INFORM PASSENGERS OF LOCATION OF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PFDs</b> and <input type="checkbox"/> Throw Cushion or Ring | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fire Extinguisher</b>                                       | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sound</b> producing device (horn, whistle)                  | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flares</b> , orange square and circle flag                  | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medical</b> kit   | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dock Lines</b> /Dock Hook/Fenders, Paddle                   | Location _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Anchor</b>  | Location _____ |

## BEFORE LEAVING DOCK

- Assign crew any departure tasks
- Boat **Drain Plug** inserted?
- Battery** turned on?
- Engine down**?
- Engine Cut-Off Switch** is connected (usually key on red springy lanyard)
- Run **Bilge Blower** for four minutes (for inboard engines)
- When on, is engine **water streaming**?
- Clearly inform crew of your **intentions**: Make sure crew clearly acknowledges.