

Pre-Departure Checklist

Equipment (ensure all are on board and in working order*)	Mechanical (ensure all are in working condition)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal protection equipment (eg. lifejackets, throwable devices, boarding device) (1 correct sized lifejacket for each person aboard) <input type="checkbox"/> Boat safety equipment (eg. oars, anchor, bailer, fire extinguisher) <input type="checkbox"/> Distress equipment (eg. flares, watertight flashlight) <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation equipment (eg. sound signaling device, lighting) <input type="checkbox"/> Repair equipment (eg. tools, spare parts - fuel filter, light bulbs, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit (incl. dry clothes, water, emergency rations) <input type="checkbox"/> Communication equipment (eg. VHF radio, cell phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Powered devices <input type="checkbox"/> Engine & fittings <input type="checkbox"/> Bilge pumps (manual and electric) (should be clear of debris) <input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio <input type="checkbox"/> All hoses and belts
Things to check (ensure all of the following are checked)	Inform (ensure all passengers know the following)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries are charged <input type="checkbox"/> All fluid levels are full (eg. antifreeze, battery, oil, transmission, coolant) <input type="checkbox"/> The drainage plug is in place <input type="checkbox"/> Has enough fuel for the trip (1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 for reserve) <input type="checkbox"/> Hull / structural damage <input type="checkbox"/> Oil or water leaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The location of the first aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> The location of the Distress equipment <input type="checkbox"/> The location of the PFDs and throwable devices <input type="checkbox"/> The location of the Fire extinguishers <input type="checkbox"/> Storm weather and falls overboard procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Radio operations
Things to do (these must be completed before leaving)	Documentation (ensure the following are on board)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get the weather forecast <input type="checkbox"/> Get updated charts noting hazards and marinas for the operating area <input type="checkbox"/> Give a float plan to a responsible person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Boater Education Card <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / hunting licenses <input type="checkbox"/> Radio license <input type="checkbox"/> Local water charts

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