

Boating

PREDEPARTURE CHECKLIST

BE SURE YOU HAVE:



DOCUMENTATION:

- Boater education card
- Boat license, registration
- IDs, licenses, passenger manifest
- Fishing/hunting licenses
- Local regulations



BOAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)s
- Fire extinguisher, first aid kit
- Person in Water (PIW) kit and throwable device
- Oars, anchor, bailer
- Waterproof flashlight



COMMUNICATION/ NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT:

- Horn that can emit 4 second blast
- Cellphone, GPS, VHF radio
- Signaling devices, flares, flags, etc...
- Local water chart/map



REPAIR EQUIPMENT:

- Tools
- Spare parts (light bulbs, fuel filter, etc...)



CAPTAIN & CREW:

- Never operate a boat while intoxicated
- Have enough food, water, drinks, sun screen, sunglasses etc.

BE SURE YOU CHECKED/DID:



FLOAT PLAN & RESOURCES:

- Leave a float plan with a responsible party
- Let someone know where you're going, with whom, & when returning
- Know your resources: NOAA, NWS, Harbor Master, Coast Guard Auxiliary



VESSEL CONDITION:

- Mechanical systems
- Fluids - fuel, oil, water
- Electrical systems
- Rigging, cables, lines, sails
- Structural - hull, mast, etc...
- Air, ventilation in engine compartment
- Trailer - Yes! It's part of your vessel!



VESSEL CAPACITIES:

- Range - how far you can go without refueling
- Draw - How much of the vessel is below the water line
- Passengers/crew - how many can safely fit



VESSEL CAPABILITIES:

- Offshore
- Inland



WEATHER & WATER:

- Check the weather forecast
- Get weather updates by portable radio
- Know the tide schedule

