

Pre-departure Checklist



Federally required boat equipment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PFD/lifejackets for everyone onboard (Coast Guard-approved) | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual distress signals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backfire flame control (if the boat has an inboard engine) | <input type="checkbox"/> Throwable Type IV device (if boat is over 16 feet in length) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher (fully charged) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation (Boater Education Card, Registration documents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound producing device ⁴ |

Additional recommended equipment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VHF-FM marine radio/ EPIRB/PL | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor and line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charts of the area | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fenders and a boat hook | <input type="checkbox"/> Mooring lines and a heaving line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual bilge pump or a bailing device | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kit and spare parts (fuses, sparks, belts, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare battery | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare propeller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddles /oars | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra fuel and oil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Search light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror (to create a signal by reflecting sunlight off of it) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and water |

☐ Extra clothing

☐ Cell phone

☐ Binoculars

☐ Marine Sanitation device (if applicable)

preperation:

☐ I have enough fuel for the trip - 1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 in reserve

☐ I have thoroughly checked the condition on my boat, it's engine and fittings

☐ I have completed a float plan and filed it with a responsible individual on shore

☐ I have reviewed emergency and safety procedures and practiced the proper techniques

☐ I have reviewed each passenger's responsibilities before departing

☐ I have explained the location and correct use of required safety equipment to each passenger

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