Pre-departure Checklist



Federally required boat equipment:

- [ ] PFD/lifejackets for everyone onboard (Coast Guard-approved)
- [ ] Backfire flame control (if the boat has an inboard engine)
- [ ] Navigation lights
- [ ] Documentation (Boater Education Card, Registration documents)
- [ ] Visual distress signals
- [ ] Throwable Type IV device (if boat is over 16 feet in length)
- [ ] Fire extinguisher (fully charged)
- [ ] Sound producing device4

Additional recommended equipment:

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

- [ ] Extra clothing
- [ ] Binoculars
- [ ] Cell phone
- [ ] 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 completed a float plan and filed it with a responsible individual on shore
- [ ] I have reviewed each passenger's responsibilities before departing
- [ ] I have thoroughly checked the condition on my boat, it's engine and fittings
- [ ] I have reviewed emergency and safety procedures and practiced the proper techniques
- [ ] I have explained the location and correct use of required safety equipment with each passenger

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