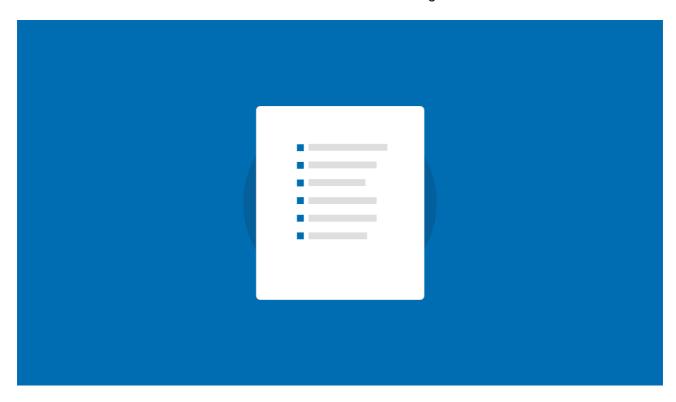
Boater's Pre-Departure Checklist

Know your vessel.Before departure, always be sure your vessel is in good working condition and properly equipped for emergencies. Avoid inconvenience and potential danger by taking a few minutes to check the following:



Minimum Federal Required Equipment

State Registration Documentation
State Numbering Displayed
Certificate of Documentation
Lifejackets (PFDs) - one for each person
Throwable PFD
Visual Distress Signals
Fire Extinguishers (fully charged)
Proper Ventilation
Backfire Flame Arrestor
Sound Producing Device(s)
Navigation lights
Oil Pollution Placard
Garbage Placard
Marine Sanitation Device
Navigation rules

Any Additional State Requirements	
Recommended Equipment	
VHF Marine Radio	
Anchor and Tackle	
Chart(s) of Area & Navigation Tools	
Magnetic Compass	
Fenders and Boat Hook	
Mooring Lines and Heaving line	
Manual Bilge Pump or Bailing Device	
Tool Kit	
Spare Parts (fuses, spark plugs, belts, etc)	
Spare Battery (fully charged)	
Spare Propeller	
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Alternate Propulsion (paddles/oar)	
Flashlight & Batteries	
Search Light	
First Aid Kit	
Sunscreen (SPF 30+)	
Mirror	
Food and Water	
Extra Clothing	
AM - FM Radio	
Cellular Phone	
Binoculars	
Safety Checks and Tests	
Test Marine Radio (voice call)	
Test Navigation and Anchor Lights	
Test Steering (free movement)	
Test Tilt / Trim	

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File a Float Plan with family or friend	Make and Share Free Checklists
Check the Weather Forecast	
Everyone put on a Lifejacket to check for proper fitting.	
Ensure passengers know Emergency Procedures and Equipment Location	
Check load of vessel and secure gear from shifting	
Ensure Anchor is ready for use	
Check Fuel Amount	
Check Gauges (i.e. batteries)	
Check Galley / Heating Systems	
Check Electrical System	
Ensure Boat Plug is properly installed	
Check Engine Fluids	
Check Fuel System for any leaks	
Check for any excessive water in bilges	
Test Bilge Pump	