

Pre-Departure Check List

Equipment		Mechanical	
(make sure all are on board and in working order)		(make sure all are in working order)	
	Personal Protection Equipment (life vests- 1 correct size per person, throwables, boarding device)		Navigation Equipment Powered Devices
	Boat Safety Equipment (oars. anchors. fire extinguisher. bailer)		Engine & Fittings
	Distress Equipment (flares. watertight flashlight)		Bilge pumps - Manual and Electric (cleared of debris)
	Navigation Equipment (sound signaling device, light sources)		VHF Radio All Hoses and Belts
	Repair Equipment (tools, fuel filter, spare parts, etc.)		All noses and beits
	First Aid (dry clothes, water, emergency rations, medical first aid kit)		
	Communication Equipment (VHF radio, cell phone)		
To Check		Inform	
(check all of the following before departure)		(all passengers should know the following)	
	Charged Batteries		Location of First Aid Kit
	Fluid Levels Full (antifreeze, battery, oil, transmission, coolant)		Location of Distress Equipment
	Drainage Plug in Place		Location of PFDs and Throwables
	Enough Fuel (1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 reserve)		Location of Fire Extinguishers
	Hull for Structural Damage		Weather and Fall Procedures
	Leaks		Radio Operations
To Do		Doci	umentation
(complete all before departing)		(Never depart without these documents)	
	Know Weather Forecast		Boater Education Card
	Get Updated Charts for Your Area (including hazards and marinas)		Fishing/ Hunting Licenses
	Give Float Plan to a Responsible Person		Radio License
			Local Water Charts

^{*}Always Consult the Safe Boating Guide to See Requirements for Your Watercraft