

DIY Boating Safety Checklist

Get Ready for unexpected weather on the water by checking off the essentials before you head out.

Plan ahead

- plan your trip (time, route and safe anchorage locations, tell someone at home the plan)
- emergency plan
- first aid kit
- check the tide and weather forecast
- latest bar crossing information
- how much fuel for the trip
- food and water
- check batteries are fully charged
- safety equipment onboard and good condition
- check the tool kit and have repair/replacement spares
- check navigation lights.

Launching and underway

- know your local laws and regulations
- use the rigging lane at the car park
- check the bungs are screwed in firmly
- secure all loose items
- ensure the passengers are familiar with the use of safety equipment
- wait your turn to launch
- log on with the volunteer marine rescue group
- listen to up to date weather forecasts
- update the volunteer marine rescue group with change of location or dangers
- display correct navigation lights (running and anchored).

Returning to dock

- log off with the volunteer marine rescue group
- wait your turn to retrieve your boat
- use the rigging lane at the ramp to secure boat and gear
- isolate all battery power sources
- unscrew bungs to release water.

Home or marina check

- clean and flush the boat's motor
- inspect the boat for wear and tear
- boat, trailer and equipment care.

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