

# Pre Season CHECKLIST



Here is a comprehensive list of checks that should be carried out prior to the start of the boating season. Routine maintenance of your vessel and equipment is important to ensure your safety at sea.

**We recommend at the very least an annual service and full inspection should be carried out by a trained professional.** (Use as applicable according to your skills and type of vessel)

## GENERAL

- Do a general cleaning of hull, deck and topsides using a mild detergent
- Make sure drains and scuppers are clear
- Put on a good coat of wax
- Clean and polish metal with a good metal polish
- Clean teak and oil
- Clean windows and hatches
- Clean canvas, bimini and dodger
- Clean interior including bilges
- Check spare parts and tools and replace as necessary
- Make sure registration and insurance is current and onboard
- Check and replace wiper blades if necessary

## HULL

- Check for hull abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc. and repair
- Check and replace anodes
- Check rub rails
- Check swim platform and/or ladder
- Inspect and test trim tabs
- Check shaft, cutlass bearing, strut and prop
- Check rudder and fittings
- Touch up or replace antifouling paint

## DECK, FITTINGS, SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- Check stanchion, pulpits and lifelines for integrity
- Check ground tackle, lines, fenders, etc.
- Check chainplates and cleats
- Check hull/deck joint
- Check deck, windows, and portholes for leaks
- Inspect anchor windlass and lubricate
- Clean and grease winches
- Check and lubricate blocks, pad eyes, etc.
- Check dinghy and life raft

## BELOW DECKS:

- Check, test and lubricate seacocks
- Check condition of hoses and clamps
- Make sure below waterline hoses are double clamped
- Check bilges pumps for automatic and manual operation
- Check for oil in bilges
- Lubricate stuffing boxes, shaft and rudder logs

## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND COMPONENTS:

- Check battery water level
- Check/recharge batteries
- Check terminals for corrosion, clean and lubricate
- Check earthing system
- Inspect all wiring for wear and chafe
- Test all gauges for operability
- Check shore power and charger
- Check for spare fuses
- Check all lighting fixtures (including navigation lights) and make sure you have spare bulbs
- Check all electronics for proper operation
- Inspect antennas

## REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- Sound signalling device
- Check distress signals and expiration date
- Check lifejackets and buoyancy aids
- Inspect life rings
- Check fire extinguishers
- Check compass
- Check navigation lights
- Check charts and replace as necessary
- Check radar reflector
- Check and replace first aid supplies
- Check bailer and hand pump

## INBOARD ENGINE(S):

- Change oil & filters - have spare onboard
- Check and change fuel filters - have spares onboard
- Check and change engine anodes
- Check cooling system change coolant as necessary - have extra onboard
- Record engine maintenance log, especially date & hours of last oil changes
- Check belts for tension
- Check transmission fluid
- Check and clean backfire flame arrestor
- Check impeller
- Check and clean water strainer

## HEAD SYSTEM:

- Checked for smooth operation - lubricate and clean as necessary
- If equipped with treatment system, have chemicals on hand
- Y-valve operation checked, valve labelled & secured

## WATER SYSTEM:

- Flush water tank
- Check water system and pump for leaks and proper operation
- Check hot water tank working on both AC and engines
- Check for tank cap keys on board
- Check and clean shower sump pump filters
- Empty water separator filters

## GALLEY:

- Fill propane tank, check electric & manual valves, check storage box vent to make sure it is clear
- Check fridge, clean and freshen, operate on AC and DC
- Clean stove, check that all burners and oven are working
- Check microwave

## OUTBOARD MOTOR:

- Replace spark plugs
- Check plug HT leads
- Check prop for nicks and bends
- Change/fill gear lube
- Inspect fuel lines, primer bulb and tank for leaks
- Lubricate and spray moveable parts

## TRAILER:

- Check for current registration
- Check rollers and pads
- Check and lubricate wheel bearings
- Clean and lubricate winch
- Lubricate and test jockey wheel
- Test lights and electrical connections
- Check tyre pressure and condition
- Check brakes
- Check safety chains
- Check tongue lock

## SAILS:

- Check general condition
- Look for wear and chafing
- Check battens and batten pockets
- Check all sail attachments
- Inspect bolt rope

## MAST AND RIGGING

- Check mast and spreaders for corrosion or damage
- Inspect spreader boots and shrouds
- Inspect rivets and screw connections for corrosion
- Check reefing points and reefing gear
- Clean sail track
- Check rigging, turnbuckles and clevis pins for wear and corrosion
- Inspect stays for fraying
- Check forestay and backstay connections
- Check masthead fitting and pulleys
- Check and lubricate roller furling
- Check halyards and consider replacing or swapping end for end
- Tape turnbuckles, cotter pins, and spreaders

## RADIO CHECK PROCEDURE

- 1. Select VHF Channel 82**
- 2. Wait, listen and if nothing heard you may transmit (Ch82 is a duplex channel therefore you will only hear the Coastguard and not the other vessels transmitting)**
- 3. Slowly and clearly transmit 'Jersey Coastguard, This is vessel (name of vessel) requesting a radio check on VHF Channel 82, Over.'**
- 4. Jersey Coastguard will confirm they have received your radio check 📻**

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD**