

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Vessel Name: _____ Vessel Number: _____

Operator or Captain: _____ Date: _____

Equipment Checklist- Required

- Float plan submitted**
- Boater education card
- Boat registration
- Compass and GPS
- Up to date charts of area
- PFD's- life jacket suitable for each person on board, readily accessible, in good condition and Coast Guard approved
- Throwable floatation aid immediately available
- Fire extinguisher properly mounted, fully charged, and in good condition
- Visual distress signals- current dates on flares, proper amount required
- Working horn or whistle
- First aid kit, Dan oxygen kit (required when diving)
- Anchors and line- adequate anchor for bottom and water depth
- Dewatering device- bilge pump operational, alternative bailing device available
- Alternate propulsion – paddles or oars
- Mooring lines and fenders in good condition
- VHF radio and cell phone
- Depth sounder, lead line, or sounding pole

The following items are recommended

- Tool kit and spare parts
- Flashlight
- Personal items- drinking water, sunscreen, prescription drugs, etc.
- Boarding ladder (or other means of boarding)

Vessel System Checklist

- Drain plug installed
- Fuel tank full
- Bilge free of water
- Engine oil level correct (4 stroke engine), oil tank full (2 stroke engine)
- Turn on battery switch if one is installed
- Battery fully charged
- Navigational gear operational
- Navigation lights working
- Steering and shift mechanisms in good condition
- Gauges- functional and reading properly
- Ventilation- power ventilation operable (blower) and natural ventilation cowls open and clear
- Bilge pump switch on auto
- VHF radio and antenna is operational (put radio on channel 16 and call for a radio check)

Departure Checklist

- Make sure each person has a properly fitted PFD and urge them to wear it. Youth 12 and under are required to wear a PFD
- Show everyone location of PFD's, fire extinguisher(s), visual distress signals, first aid kit, DAN O2 kit, and how to use them
- Safety procedures for rough weather, man overboard, fire, and how to use VHF radio to signal for help
- Take in all dock lines and fenders and keep them clear of propeller
- Instruct everyone to stay seated and keep hands, arms, etc., inside the boat
- Keep a lookout at all times for other boats, persons, and objects in water
- Proceed slowly whenever leaving or returning to a dock
- Know and abide by Manatee zones, and all no wake zones
- Stay in channel when running

Post-use Checklist

- Re-fuel boat
- Wash / rinse boat and all gear
- Pump bilge dry
- Flush outboard motor(s)
- Turn off battery switch
- Rinse off trailer
- Report all safety, mechanical, electrical, cosmetic, or trailer problems with vessel supervisor.

Secondary confirmation

By providing their PID, the above crew member certified that they have checked over the vessel and safety equipment needed for the trip.