



BOAT MAINTENANCE

GENERAL CHECKLIST

PREVENTIVE BOAT MAINTENANCE

- Use marine parts that are approved by the boat manufacturer and suited to your specific model.
- Store your boat in a dry location.
- Regularly check fittings that go through your hull.
- Always keep the decks and hull of your boat clean and waxed.

BOAT ENGINE MAINTENANCE

- Follow manufacturer's recommendations for oil changes.
- Act as soon as you spot corrosion or damage.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations for checking and servicing transmission.
- Regularly inspect fuel lines, hoses, and electrical lines.
- Regularly lubricate moving parts and fastenings.
- Before every trip, check the fuel, oil, battery power, bilge pump, water intake, hull, and propeller.
- After every trip, flush the engine with fresh water to prevent corrosion.

BOAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- Before every outing, check ALL lifejackets and throwable PFDs on board to confirm they are still in good working condition.
- Regularly check all rescue-related equipment, including navigation lights, visual distress signals (including flags) and radios.
- Regularly check other safety equipment like boat fire extinguishers, backfire flame arrestors, ladders and ropes, to confirm they are not expired and in good working condition.

BOAT SURFACE MAINTENANCE

- Clean boat exterior after each outing.
- Wash, wax and polish the hull several times a year.
- Periodically clean canvas and upholstery.
- Maintain boat capacity plate.

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE

BEGINNING OF BOATING SEASON:

- Change the oil.
- Inspect the fuel system.
- Check the electrical system.
- Clean and maintain bilge pumps.
- Inspect safety equipment.
- Clean and wax the boat.
- Ensure your registration and boat insurance are up to date.

END OF BOATING SEASON:

- Winterize mechanical systems.
- Remove and store canvas and loose equipment.
- Clean and wax the boat.
- Change oil and filters.
- Fill fuel tanks.
- Use stabilizing agents to prepare the boat for storage.