

VESSEL & EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Take Time to Focus on Safety. Safe Boating Begins with You.

FLOAT PLAN*

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

VESSEL DESCRIPTION

DESTINATION DATE AND TIME

Please use the back of this document for additional trip details.

RETURN DATE AND TIME

*Leave a copy of your float plan with your marina or a friend. Take a picture and send it by text or email so they can notify the Coast Guard if you do not return within a reasonable amount of time after your scheduled return date and time.

- Personal papers; operator's certificate or license (if required) on board, current
- Ship's papers; registration or documentation certificate
- Life jacket suitable for each person on board, readily accessible, in good condition
- Throwable flotation aid immediately available
- Fire extinguishers conveniently placed, fully charged, in good condition
- Visual distress signals with current expiration dates
- Horn working
- Bell (if required) on board
- Anchor and anchor line appropriate to area, depth, conditions
- Compass properly adjusted
- Charts for the area, up to date
- Navigation tools
- Boat hook
- Mooring lines and fenders in good condition
- Paddles or oars
- Tool kit and spare parts (including light bulbs, fuses)
- Bilge free of fuel vapors and excess water
- Fuel supply full
- Fuel system free of leaks
- Engine oil and transmission fluid levels correct
- Battery fully charged, fluid level full
- Electronic gear in good condition
- Engine drive belts tight, in good condition
- All navigation lights working
- Steering and shift mechanisms in good condition
- Outboard motor mountings tight (if appropriate)
- Grab rails, lifelines in good condition



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