

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

FEDERALLY REQUIRED BOAT EQUIPMENT:

- PFD/LIFEJACKETS FOR EVERYONE ONBOARD (Coast Guard-approved)
- THROWABLE TYPE IV DEVICE (if boat is over 16 feet in length)
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER (fully charged)
- SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE
- VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS
- BACKFIRE FLAME CONTROL (if the boat has an inboard engine)
- NAVIGATION LIGHTS
- DOCUMENTATION (Boater Education Card, Registration documents)

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- VHF-FM MARINE RADIO/ EPIRB/PLB
- CHARTS OF THE AREA
- FENDERS AND A BOAT HOOK
- MANUAL BILGE BUMP OR A BAILING DEVICE
- SPARE BATTERY
- PADDLES /OARS
- FLASHLIGHT AND BATTERIES
- FIRST-AID KIT
- MIRROR (to create a signal by reflecting sunlight off of it)
- EXTRA CLOTHING
- BINOCULARS
- ANCHOR AND LINE
- MAGNETIC COMPASS
- MOORING LINES AND A HEAVING LINE
- TOOL KIT AND SPARE PARTS (fuses, sparks, belts, etc)
- SPARE PROPELLER
- EXTRA FUEL AND OIL
- SEARCH LIGHT
- SUNSCREEN
- FOOD AND WATER
- CELL PHONE
- MARINE SANITATION DEVICE (if applicable)

PREPERATION:

- I HAVE ENOUGH FUEL FOR THE TRIP - 1/3 OUT, 1/3 BACK, 1/3 IN RESERVE
- I HAVE THOROUGHLY CHECKED THE CONDITION ON MY BOAT, IT'S ENGINE AND FITTINGS
- I HAVE COMPLETED A FLOAT PLAN AND FILED IT WITH A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL ON SHORE
- I HAVE REVIEWED EMERGENCY AND SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICED THE PROPER TECHNIQUES
- I HAVE REVIEWED EACH PASSENGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE DEPARTING
- I HAVE EXPLAINED THE LOCATION AND CORRECT USE OF REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT WITH EACH PASSENGER

