

Check list for your SAILING BOAT

at the beginning of the season



GENERAL:

- General cleaning of hull, deck and topsides
- Make sure drains and scuppers are clear
- Clean and polish metal
- Clean and oil teak
- Clean windows and hatches
- Clean canvas, bimini and dodger
- Clean interior including bilges

HULL:

- Check for hull abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc. and repair
- Check anodes and replace if degraded beyond their usefulness
- Check rub rails are intact and secured with all fittings (i.e. screws) present
- Check swim platform and/or ladder for corrosion and secure fittings
- Check shaft, bearings, strut and prop for lubrication, true movement (no wobble) and signs of corrosion.
- Check rudder and fittings for full range of movement and signs of corrosion
- Touch up or replace antifouling paint

DECK, FITTINGS, SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- Check spare parts and tools - replace as necessary
- Check stanchion, pulpits, pushpits and lifelines for integrity
- Check lines and fenders for signs of cracking/wear and tear
- Check chainplates and cleats are securely fitted with all screws present
- Check hull/deck joint for cracking.
HINT: Check the join from inside for sunlight
- Check deck, windows and port lights 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, cables and clamps
 - Look for softness, brittleness or cracking
 - Cracks or swelling on outer jackets of cable indicate immediate action is required
- Check bilge pumps for automatic and manual operation
- Check for oil in bilges

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND COMPONENTS:

- Check battery water level
- Check/recharge batteries
- Check terminals for corrosion - clean and lubricate
- Inspect all wiring for wear and chafe
- Test all gauges for operability
- Check shore power and charger
- Check all electronics for proper operation
- Inspect antennas

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- Sound signaling device
- Check distress signals and expiry date
- Check PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) next servicing date
- Inspect life rings and cushions
- Check fire extinguishers and recharge if necessary
- Check and adjust 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 and filters and have spares of both onboard
- Check and change fuel filters - have spare filters onboard
- Check and change engine zincs
- Check cooling system and change coolant as necessary - have extra onboard
- Record engine maintenance log, especially date and hours of last oil changes
- Check belts for tension
 - Belts may have a black substance around the pulley/cog/wheel
- Check transmission fluid level
- Check impeller is free turning and not in disrepair
- 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 and 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 and clean shower sump pump screens

GALLEY:

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

OUTBOARD MOTOR:

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

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 and "fish hooks"
- 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

