

Boat Maintenance Checklist

Before every trip, through the season, and at lay-up. Keep a copy on the boat.

Before every trip

- ☐ Check engine oil, coolant, and fuel level
- ☐ Install the drain plug
- ☐ Test the bilge pump and blower
- ☐ Check navigation lights and horn
- ☐ Confirm life jackets for everyone, throwable device, extinguisher, flares
- ☐ Check the battery charge and connections
- ☐ Inspect the trailer tires, lights, and winch strap

During the season

- ☐ Flush the engine with fresh water after salt or brackish use
- ☐ Inspect and replace sacrificial anodes
- ☐ Check the impeller and raw water flow
- ☐ Inspect hoses, clamps, and the fuel line for cracks
- ☐ Grease the trailer wheel bearings
- ☐ Clean and wax the hull

Winterization (lay-up)

- ☐ Change engine oil and filter
- ☐ Add fuel stabilizer, fill the tank, and run the engine to circulate it
- ☐ Drain or add antifreeze to the cooling system
- ☐ Fog the engine
- ☐ Change lower unit gear oil
- ☐ Remove the battery or put it on a maintainer
- ☐ Clean, dry, and cover the boat with ventilation

Spring commissioning

- ☐ Reinstall and charge the battery
- ☐ Inspect the hull, prop, and drive; replace the impeller if due
- ☐ Check all safety gear and registration dates