

## Sea Checklist – Before Going to Sea

- Engine
  - Check oil and filter
  - Check fuel filters
  - Check transmission fluid
  - Check battery electrolyte levels
  - Check stuffing box
  - Check/change impeller
  - Put oil-absorb in drip pan
  - Check antifreeze level
  - Clean raw water strainer
  - Fill fuel tank
- Lash down jerry jugs
- Free up liferaft if it's locked down
- Deploy wind vane rudder and oar
- Pack pump in dingy for lifeboat use
- Calibrate mechanical clock
- Check and rate watch
- Check sextant index error
- WD-40 tools
- Provision
- Get ice
- Take out trash
- Put baking soda in icebox
- Fill water tank and water jugs
  - Fill 5 gallon water jug for liferaft use
- Stow hose aboard, with squirter end
- Bay leaves in rice/flour, etc
- Restrainers on glasses
- Rig swim ladder deployment system
- Tie down pelican hooks on lifeline gates
- Rig jacklines
- Securely lash anchors
- Secure hawsepipes
- Rig working jib and snatch blocks
- Turn all 4 ventilators aft
- Charge drill
- Charge VHF's
- Pound on all fire extinguishers

## Crew Briefing

Bring - *Assume everything you bring will get soaked!*

- Safety Harness
- Foul weather gear
- CDs
- Medicines - and let's talk about them
- Passport
- 2 copies of passport front page
- A very good hat - not just a baseball cap, maybe two, with chin strap
- Long-sleeved shirt in case of too much sun
- Clothes for possible cold weather for at least a few days
- Snorkeling gear

Briefing:

- Make yourself at home; dig through lockers, etc.
- Falling overboard:
  - Be CLIPPED ON anytime you're out of the cockpit, and even in the cockpit after dark  
It's better to leave it on all the time
  - Hold on all of the time. No peeing overboard.
  - Swim ladder deployment system
  - How to stop the boat, start the engine, and haul someone aboard
- Health:
  - Concentrate on drinking lots of liquids
  - Consider the sun! Don't get burned, be wary of heatstroke
- Ships:
  - AIS use
  - Spotlight
  - White flare
  - Radio
  - Radar use
  - Identifying lights
- Fire extinguishers
- Leave pressure water off
- Trash management
- Sea cocks and wood plugs
- Liferaft, panic bag and flares – see attached instructions
- Using the pressurized sea water in the galley
- Make log entries at reasonable, frequent, intervals, esp barometer
- Bilge pumps - upper pump means TROUBLE!
- Discuss Sea Sense