

Boat Maintenance Checklist

Routine boat upkeep covering the engine, hull, bilge, electrical and fuel systems, plus seasonal winterizing tasks.

Before Each Outing

- ☐ Check engine oil and coolant levels
- ☐ Confirm the bilge pump and float switch work
- ☐ Inspect the propeller for dings or fishing line
- ☐ Check fuel level and look for leaks or fumes
- ☐ Test navigation lights and electronics

Engine & Drive

- ☐ Change engine oil and filter per the service schedule
- ☐ Replace the water pump impeller at the recommended interval
- ☐ Change lower-unit gear oil and check for water intrusion
- ☐ Inspect belts, hoses and clamps for wear
- ☐ Service spark plugs and check the cooling system flow
- ☐ Flush the engine with fresh water after saltwater use

Hull & Exterior

- ☐ Inspect the hull for cracks, blisters or damage
- ☐ Clean the hull and check antifouling paint condition
- ☐ Check sacrificial anodes and replace worn ones
Anodes protect metal parts from galvanic corrosion
- ☐ Inspect through-hull fittings and seacocks
- ☐ Check cleats, rails and deck hardware are secure
- ☐ Wax gelcoat and protect fittings from corrosion

Bilge & Plumbing

- ☐ Clean the bilge and remove oily residue
- ☐ Test the bilge pump and clear the strainer
- ☐ Check for any unexplained water entering the boat
- ☐ Inspect freshwater and waste system hoses
- ☐ Confirm the drain plug seals correctly

Electrical & Fuel

- ☐ Check battery charge and clean the terminals
- ☐ Inspect wiring for chafing, corrosion or loose connections
- ☐ Test all lights, gauges and electronics
- ☐ Inspect the fuel system for leaks and replace the filter
- ☐ Check fuel hoses, fittings and the tank vent

Seasonal & Winterizing

- ☐ Add fuel stabilizer or manage fuel per the manual
- ☐ Fog the engine to protect internal parts
- ☐ Drain cooling and water systems to prevent freezing

- ☐ Charge or remove the battery for storage
- ☐ Clean, dry and cover the boat for the off-season
- ☐ Inspect the trailer tires, bearings and lights if applicable