

Leaving your boat checklist

- Safely secure any loose items and fasten down anything that may move in the wind
- Lock away any items that cannot be stored below deck to ensure their safety and prevent any potential hazards.
- Ensure that all items stored below deck are completely dry and free from salt
- Close and lock hatches and doors
- Remove and store all instruments.
- Take down the sails and stow them inside
- Stow the dodger and bimini top below deck
- Shut off wind generator
- Check the rigging for wear or damage and replace worn-out lines or cables.
- Open all cabinets and floorboards to promote ventilation and prevent moisture buildup.
- Remove carpets from the floor to prevent dampness and odor.
- Place mattresses and cushions on their edges to prevent mold growth.
- Disconnect non-essential electronics and appliances to conserve power and prevent electrical issues.
- Empty water tanks and leave inspection ports open.
- Clean and flush the head with fresh water and head cleaner, ensuring a clean holding tank.
- Grease steering mechanisms, joints, and other moving parts
- Make sure the bilge pump is on and working
- Shut off the propane at the tank.
- Shut off fresh water pump
- Clean the fridge and freezer and leave them open
- Place cockroach houses or powder in various areas
- Get rid of all perishable food
- Pickle the watermaker
- Plan for battery maintenance to prevent excessive drainage or damage
- Empty and clean the bilge
- Clean the boat before you leave
- Secure mooring lines adequately for boat weight, consider doubling them.
- Fill diesel tank, consider adding antibacterial agent to prevent clogging
- Secure fuel and gas systems. Make sure that the valves are closed and verify that there is no leak