

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST PROTECTED WATERS



1. GENERAL HURRICANE PLAN INFORMATION

Persons/business to receive a copy
Define stages of plan (e.g. storm watch, vessel preparations, vessel securing)
Determine when each stage should be enacted. This will change depending on vessel type, location, and any storage contracts

2. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name
Addresses
Phone and pager numbers (include e-mail address as a secondary mode of communication)

3. VESSEL INFORMATION

Year, make, model, length
Hull Identification Number (HIN)
Motor serial number(s)
Reg#/DOC# and boat name
Boat present location (address, phone number, and information of key contacts)
Insurance carrier
Hurricane Club information (if any)

4. ALTERNATE INFORMATION

Name
Address
Phone and pager numbers

5. DOCKMATE/NEIGHBOR INFORMATION

Name
Address
Phone and pager numbers
Boat year, make, model, HIN
Exchange copies of hurricane plan

6. VESSEL PREPARATION

Complete vessel inspection (hull, deck, hardware, rigging, ground tackle, machinery, and electronics)
Make copies of all vital paperwork (title, registration, insurance policy)
Take images of vessel
Create list of electronics equipment to be removed from boat
Create list of windage and portable gear to be struck and lashed to the deck or stowed below and create a plan of stowage:

Deck gear	Deck boxes
Portable gear	Sails
Radio antennae	Dinghies
Outriggers	Bimini tops
Fishing chairs	

7. EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS (ALL EQUIPMENT OF PROPER SIZE AND WEIGHT FOR YOUR VESSEL)

Extra line and chafing gear
Anchors, chains, and rode
Ground tackle, shackles, and swivels
Plugs, duct tape, and sealant
Fenders and fender boards
Battery-operated weather radio
Tie-downs and bungies

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8. VESSEL LOCATION (PROTECTED WATERS OR HURRICANE HOLE)

Define location with good depth (center or narrow river, channel, or mangrove)
Portion of plan should be enacted 48-72 hours before storm's estimated time of landfall

Determine if there is any flotilla plan for the area through local USCG/Auxiliary or other agency and make arrangements prior to storm season

Trace route to location and log any bridge information or other obstacles requiring special consideration

Transportation off of boat (dinghy or tender)

Contact information for land transportation from hurricane hole

Before you leave the dock:

- Inspect boat and ensure all needed equipment is on board

- Ensure batteries are fully charged

- Ensure bilge pumps are fully functional

- Check cockpit drains to make sure they are free and clear of debris

- Remove any electronics or portable equipment not needed for navigation to hurricane hole

- Ensure you have conveyance to land and from site once at the selected location

Once at protected water location:

- Set line and anchors for and aft to ensure boat remains in mooring location

- Strike remaining windage/portable equipment list and stow according to plan

- Remove remaining electronics and stow or place in dinghy

- Secure and tape shut all hatches, ports, doors, and lazarettes

- Lash down tillers, wheels, rudders, and booms

Take photos of final preparations and place images with vessel paperwork

9. FIVE QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR BOAT

Have I safeguarded against environmental or sewage concerns?

Have I removed or secured all projective items and safeguarded against loss or theft?

Have I provided enough line and chafing gear to secure my vessel from wind, waves, and surge?

Have I protected my vessel from taking on water?

Have I chosen the best location that appears to be the best option available for my vessel?