

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST TRAILERABLE BOATS



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
- Inspect condition of trailer and determine storage location
- 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

6. VESSEL PREPARATION (CONT.)

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

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

8. VESSEL LOCATION (TRAILERABLE BOATS)

- Select location with least wind prone area (leeward of building) and away from trees and powerlines
- Set blocking for trailer support (axle and frame)
- Design lashing plan for boat:
 - Four directions
 - Lashing to ground anchors or other fixed and sound objects
- Strike windage/portable equipment list and stow according to plan
- Lash down tillers, wheels, rudders, and booms
- Remove listed electronics
- Disconnect the battery(ies)
- Secure and tape shut all hatches, ports, doors, lazarettes
- Remove drain plug and ensure all deck drains are free of debris
- Pump out any black and/or gray water holding tanks (refilling with water for extra weight optional)
- 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?