

## Northern Breezes' Boat Boarding Checklist

This checklist is to assist with the most common items to review and check before casting off. Check off items once you know their location. Specify a number if more than one.

### SAFETY

#### Location of life jackets, flares and fire extinguishers:

\_\_\_\_\_ Life jackets: Type(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Inflatable Life Jackets: Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Type IV Flotation device \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Flares: expiration date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fire Extinguishers: Type & Locations \_\_\_\_\_

#### Bilge pumps

\_\_\_\_\_ Manual bilge pump(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Automatic bilge pump(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Manual bilge pump handle(s)

#### Thru hulls, Seacocks, etc:

\_\_\_\_\_ Thru hull for the engine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thru hull, seacock for the kitchen sink: open ( ) or closed ( )  
\_\_\_\_\_ Depth and speed transducers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thru hull, seacock for the head: open ( ) or closed ( )  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thru hull, seacock bathroom sink: open ( ) or closed ( )  
\_\_\_\_\_ Y valve: Directed overboard ( ) or into holding tank ( )  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check if head is operating correctly  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pump out plate \_\_\_\_\_

#### The DC Battery Switch:

\_\_\_\_\_ Switch position: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Test Navigation and Anchor Lights:

\_\_\_\_\_ Running lights  
\_\_\_\_\_ Steaming light  
\_\_\_\_\_ Anchor light  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deck lights

#### Anchors/Dock lines/Fenders Etc.:

\_\_\_\_\_ Type(s) of anchors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dock lines: Location when docked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Where stored when not in use: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fenders (Check height to dock); Where stored when not in use \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Winch handles: Location(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency tiller: Location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preventer: Where stored when not in use \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Extra line(s): Type & Location \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medical Kit:

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical kit: Location \_\_\_\_\_.

## BASIC OPERATIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Engine fuel fill plate \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check oil: Within range ( ) High ( ) Low ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check coolant: reserve & main tank (under cap): Okay ( ) Added coolant ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check transmission fluid: Within range ( ) High ( ) Low ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Know engine start/stop procedures. Recommended RPM's \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Become familiar with instrument panel and switches

## Food / Water

- \_\_\_\_\_ Stove fuel, Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Refrigerator ( ) Ice box ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water tank fill plate. Is there a (working) tank management system: Yes ( ) No ( )  
(Make sure water tanks are full.)

## Dinghy

- \_\_\_\_\_ Check inflation, inflate if necessary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air pump
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of (2) paddles, bailing bucket. Bail dinghy if water logged

## Navigation

- \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ Dividers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chart Plotter \_\_\_\_\_ Parallel ruler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paper chart(s): #'s \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cruising guide(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boat papers, registration
- \_\_\_\_\_ VHF: Hailing channel \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Go to" channels for area: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather channel \_\_\_\_\_

## Hull and Rigging

- \_\_\_\_\_ Condition and appearance of the hull. Notes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hoist the main a few feet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unfurl the headsail a couple of turns to check its operation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Understand reefing procedure
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check standing rigging for stability, broken wires, cotter rings, etc.

## Spare parts/equipment

- \_\_\_\_\_ Fuses \_\_\_\_\_ Oil
- \_\_\_\_\_ Impellor \_\_\_\_\_ Coolant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lights \_\_\_\_\_ Propane/alcohol for stove

## Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Keys \_\_\_\_\_ Flashlight
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sloop \_\_\_\_\_ Binoculars
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dinghy \_\_\_\_\_ Leatherman/rigging knife
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shore power system: On ( ) or Off ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Tool Kit