

## PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

# Inboard & I/O-Powered Boats w/Fixed Fuel Tanks



### Trip Prep:

- Marine Weather Forecast
- Float Plan

- Leave float plan with a responsible person.

### Pack:

- Lifejackets/PFDs
- Safety Equipment
- PCO Card & Picture ID
- Marine Charts
- Good to have items

*One properly fitting, Canadian government-approved lifejacket/PFD in good condition for each person.*

**Inflatable PFDs must be worn to be legal.**

*Safety equipment available at local Marine Retailers, Canadian Tire or Recreational Retailer.*

#### **Good to have:**

- Sunscreen and Protective Clothing
- Snacks and Water.
- Compass & Portable Marine Radio
- Tools & Spare Parts (i.e. Hoses, clamps, spark plugs, belts)

### Inspect:

- Navigation Lights
- Safety Equipment
- Bilge for Water/Oil & Smell of Fuel
- Hoses & Belts
- Engine Oil Level
- Sufficient Fuel
- Outdrive (I/O) & Propeller for Damage
- Drain Plug Inserted
- Fire Extinguisher(s)
- Start Engine / Check Charging & Electrical Systems

*Cracks in belts/hoses indicate potential failure*

*Fuel Rule of Thumb: 1/3rd out, 1/3rd back, plus 1/3rd spare.*

*Bent propeller can cause water to enter the outdrive on I/O boats causing engine damage.*

*Malfunctioning alternator will drain battery.*

### Brief Passengers:

- Wear lifejacket / PFD
- Duties, as applicable, including keeping watch
- Location / Use of Safety Gear

### On Water:

#### **Watch for:**

- Hazards / Other Boats
- Cloud, Wind/Wave Changes
- Water Seepage

*If a marine radio is available, check periodically for updated marine weather forecasts.*

*Watch for approaching storms.*

*Bail any water that enters the boat.*

### End of Trip:

- Close Float Plan