

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Outboard-Powered Boats w/Portable 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
- Basic Tools & Spare Parts (i.e. Hoses, clamps, spark plugs, belts)
- Spare Fuel Tank and Delivery Hose

Inspect:

- Navigation Lights (if applicable)
- Engine Mounting and Oil Level
- Hull for damage
- Fuel Delivery Hose/Bulb
- Engine & Propeller for Damage
- Sufficient Fuel
- Drain Plug Inserted
- Lines
- Start Engine – Check Cooling System

Cracks in the hull can allow water to enter.

Cracked fuel delivery hose/bulb can cause fuel leakage & affect engine operation.

Damaged engine can be unreliable.

A bent prop can allow water to enter the engine causing damage.

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

Frayed lines can separate causing the boat to come loose from the dock.

Brief Passengers:

- Wear Lifejacket / PFD
- Duties 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.

Any water that enters the boat due to waves or boat wakes should be bailed out.

End of Trip:

- Close Float Plan