



VAN ISLE MARINA

Boat Maintenance Checklist

Use this Handy Checklist for Boats/Yachts Before Getting Back on the Water

Completing all the maintenance needed for your vessel will make it easy to be out on the water as soon as the cruising season begins.

Boat Mechanics

To ensure a smooth trip, take the time to inspect the engine and all its parts. Replace items as needed to ensure your boat is in good working order.

- Check the engine and operating temperature
- Check propeller for any damage
- Test steering for any leaks
- Check transom mount (if using an outboard)
- Check fuel lines for weak points or leaks
- Do an oil change
- Check spark plugs
- Check fluid levels
- Check gearcase for water
- Check belts, cables and hoses
- Lubricate fittings (where required)

Hull of the Boat

As the watertight part of the boat, the hull maintains the structural integrity of the boat, protecting the cabin, cargo, engines and all other components.

- Check for any signs of leaks
- Check for cracks or stressed areas
- Check thru-hulls for rust
- Check stringers
- Wash with a pH balanced soap
- Wax or paint hull

Boat's Electrical Systems

Because your boat experiences a lot of vibration and hull flex, it's important to properly troubleshoot and maintain electrical components.

- Check battery charge level
- Check battery connections and cables
- Look for any acid leaks around terminals and clean as needed
- Replace battery if needed
- Check and/or replace interior and exterior lighting and wiring

Boat's Electronics

Not to be confused with electrical systems, the onboard electronics of the boat let you navigate and communicate effectively.

- Check wiring for any corrosion
- Check voltage levels
- Update firmware to latest version



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Boat's HVAC System

Ready access to water as well as reliable heating and air conditioning are essential to an enjoyable trip out on your boat.

- Check and refill water tank
- Check the drain for clogs
- Check for condensate in pan under evaporator
- Clean air filters and raw water strainer
- Reverse cycle the system to make sure heating is available
- Check the water pump impeller and condenser coil for any build-up

Upholstery and Canvas on Board

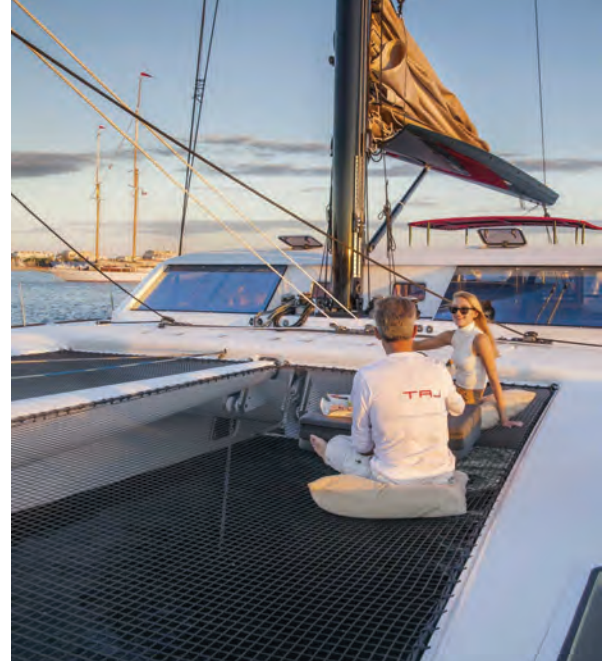
Seasonal maintenance is needed to preserve and extend the life of the on-board upholstery and covers.

- Check for mould and mildew - clean as needed with vinegar solution
- Remove and wash canvas
- Check for waterproofing - reapply waterproofing spray if needed

Safety Equipment on Board your Boat

Ensure your safety equipment is in good working condition and within the expiry date. Replace anything that has expired or is in poor condition.

- Check flare(s)
- Check fire extinguisher
- Inspect lifejackets for tears or missing parts
- Inspect and restock first aid kit
- Check flashlight and batteries
- Check and refill spare gas can
- Check EPIRB (Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon)
- Check tender for damage
- Check paddles and outboard motor on tender



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