



Canadian Safe Boating Council
Conseil canadien de la sécurité nautique

Be Prepared Before You Go!

Every trip in your boat should be an enjoyable experience. Ensure you have the right equipment and knowledge before you go. This checklist will help you enjoy endless adventures on the water.

Trip Prep

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Forecast | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation / Local Knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float Plan / Float Itinerary Completed | |

Pack

- ☐ Safety Equipment for your boat
- ☐ PCO Card & Picture ID
- ☐ Marine Charts

Wear

- ☐ Lifejackets / PFDs

Good to Have Items

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Water & snacks
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Portable Marine Radio or Cell Phone
- ☐ Tools / Spare parts for engine

Inspect

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hull for cracks or leaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Drain Plug inserted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddles / Oars for cracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Level of Fuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Oil Level |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Belts & Hoses for Cracks |

If Applicable

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Condition of Sail | <input type="checkbox"/> Propeller for Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation Lights | |

Safety Equipment Checklist

MANDATORY

- ☐ **Properly Fitting and Transport Canada Approved Lifejacket or PFD** in good condition for each person on board
- ☐ **Buoyant Heaving Line and / or Lifebuoy with Rope**
At least 15 m / 49' 3" in length for boats under 24 m
- ☐ **1 Reboarding Device**
If freeboard is greater than 0.5 m
- ☐ **Sound Signalling Device or Appliance**

MANDATORY

Based on Boat Type / Length / Power / Conditions

- ☐ Visual Signalling Device (eg. flashlight / flares)
- ☐ Manual Pump / Bailing Bucket
- ☐ Navigation Lights
- ☐ Paddles / Oars
- ☐ Anchor - Sized for boat with min. rode (line) length
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher(s) of mandated type and size
- ☐ Magnetic Compass
- ☐ Current Navigational Charts
- ☐ Radar Reflector
- ☐ Axe / Buckets

*For specifics on mandatory equipment for your boat (type and length), visit **www.csbc.ca** and click on **Boat Notes**.*

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- ☐ Marine Radio, Cell Phone and GPS
- ☐ First-Aid Kit
- ☐ Basic Tools and Spare Parts