



Seasonal Boat Care Checklist

Two checklists to keep your boat safe, sound and ready — one for spring fit-out, one for winter lay-up. Tick as you go. Items marked ♦ **Pro job** are ones a vetted Marine Match engineer can handle for you.

* Spring / Summer — Fit-out & Launch

BEFORE THE SEASON

HULL & BELOW THE WATERLINE

- ☐ Pressure-wash & inspect hull for damage or osmosis blisters
- ☐ Apply fresh antifouling ♦ **Pro job**
- ☐ Renew anodes; check prop & shaft
- ☐ Ease & test all seacocks / skin fittings ♦ **Pro job**
- ☐ Polish & wax topsides ♦ **Valet**

ENGINE & SYSTEMS

- ☐ Full engine service — oil, filters, impeller, belts ♦ **Pro job**
- ☐ Check hoses, clips & coolant; bleed fuel system
- ☐ Test & charge batteries; clean terminals
- ☐ Check bilge pumps & steering gear

RIG, SAILS & DECK

- ☐ Inspect standing & running rigging ♦ **Pro job**
- ☐ Bend on sails; check furling gear
- ☐ Check mooring lines, fenders & ropes

SAFETY & ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Service lifejackets & liferaft; check flares in date
- ☐ Test fire extinguishers & gas system ♦ **Pro job**
- ☐ Test nav lights, VHF radio & chart plotter

PAPERWORK

- ☐ Insurance, SSR registration & harbour dues up to date

ENGINE WINTERISATION

- ☐ Fresh oil & filter change before storage
◆ **Pro job**
- ☐ Antifreeze through raw-water system; fog cylinders / add inhibitor ◆ **Pro job**
- ☐ Fill fuel tank & add stabiliser/biocide
- ☐ Remove & store impeller; grease fittings

WATER & BATTERIES

- ☐ Drain fresh-water tank, calorifier & pipes; add antifreeze
- ☐ Drain & flush heads & holding tank
- ☐ Remove batteries or keep on a conditioning charge

HULL & STORAGE

- ☐ Pressure-wash hull; remove growth ◆ **Valet**
- ☐ Cover or shrink-wrap; ensure airflow to stop damp ◆ **Pro job**
- ☐ Check chocks / cradle support if ashore

SAILS, INTERIOR & BILGES

- ☐ Remove, wash, dry & store sails; slacken rig
- ☐ Clear food, valuables & soft furnishings; open lockers
- ☐ Place dehumidifier / moisture traps; leave ventilated
- ☐ Clean & dry bilges; check pumps

ADMIN

- ☐ Note liferaft / flare / extinguisher expiry for spring
- ☐ Check insurance covers lay-up ashore

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