## Pre-Departure Checklist

### Equipment
(ensure all are on board and in working order*)

- Personal protection equipment
  (eg. lifejackets, throwable devices, boarding device)
  *(1 correct sized lifejacket for each person aboard)*
- Boat safety equipment
  (eg. oars, anchor, bailer, fire extinguisher)
- Distress equipment
  (eg. flares, watertight flashlight)
- Navigation equipment
  (eg. sound signaling device, lighting)
- Repair equipment
  (eg. tools, spare parts - fuel filter, light bulbs, etc)
- First aid kit
  (incl. dry clothes, water, emergency rations)
- Communication equipment
  (eg. VHF radio, cell phone)

### Mechanical
(ensure all are in working condition)

- Navigation equipment
- Powered devices
- Engine & fittings
- Bilge pumps (manual and electric)
  *(should be clear of debris)*
- VHF Radio
- All hoses and belts

### Things to check
(ensure all of the following are checked)

- Batteries are charged
- All fluid levels are full
  (eg. antifreeze, battery, oil, transmission, coolant)
- The drainage plug is in place
- Has enough fuel for the trip
  *(1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 for reserve)*
- Hull / structural damage
- Oil or water leaks

### Things to inform
(ensure all passengers know the following)

- The location of the first aid kit
- The location of the Distress equipment
- The location of the PFDs and throwable devices
- The location of the Fire extinguishers
- Storm weather and falls overboard procedures
- Radio operations

### Things to do
(these must be completed before leaving)

- Get the weather forecast
- Get updated charts noting hazards and marinas for the operating area
- Give a float plan to a responsible person

### Documentation
(ensure the following are on board)

- Boater Education Card
- Fishing / hunting licenses
- Radio license
- Local water charts

*Please consult the safe boating guide to see the required equipment for your particular watercraft.*