

## ***Before You Leave the Dock - Boat Pre-Departure Checklist***

*(Courtesy of ReMax Baywatch, Honey Harbour & Canadian Yachting Magazine)*

### ⚓ Before guests arrive:

#### ⚓ Complete a "Circle Check" of the exterior to ensure that:

- Hand rails are secure.
- Anchor & rode is stowed.
- All loose articles are secure.
- If you have a water tank, top it up with fresh, potable water.
- If you have a waste tank, ensure that it has been pumped out.

#### ⚓ Below deck or aft, ensure that:

- Cupboard doors and hatches are secure
- Thru-hulls and hose clamps have no sign of leakage and are snug.
- The float switch on the bilge pump is clear of obstruction and debris that could keep it from running automatically.

#### ⚓ Engines:

- Check for leaks & loose connections.
- Check oil levels for engine oil, transmission, outdrive and coolant.
- Check props.
- Ensure that there are no loose lines or debris hanging in the water.

#### ⚓ At the helm:

- Turn on the blowers for at least 5 minutes before starting the engine!
- Power the electrical system and check that all gauges are working properly.
- Check that fuel gauges show sufficient fuel. Plan to head to the local marina to top up with non-ethanol fuel if required.

#### ⚓ Check that all safety gear is in its place; ensure that you have your Boater Proficiency Card and that there is enough approved PFD's for everyone on board.

### ⚓ When guests arrive:

- Share safety procedures with everyone on board.
- Disconnect the shore power cord if connected.
- Tell someone where you are going and your Estimated Time of Arrival home. Don't forget to let that person know when you have returned!

### ⚓ When underway remember to check behind you to ensure that you are not creating a wake in cottage areas...your neighbour may just invite you over for a beverage if you do! HAVE FUN!!



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