

Winterization check list

1. Empty lockers of perishables. Also take off any cans or bottles containing liquids that could freeze
2. Clean out refrigerator, ice box and freezer. Block door open and leave an open box of baking soda inside to absorb odors.
3. Remove sails, bimini, dodger and canvas, inspect and have repaired if necessary. Check mast rigging. Make sure nothing was damaged during the season's use, have damage repaired over the winter.
4. Check running rigging Make sure nothing was damaged during the season's use, have damage repaired over the winter.
5. Furling systems: flush all open bearings with warm fresh water and lubricate.
6. Service winches
7. Remove compass
8. Remove electronics
9. Open lockers and drawers and hatches
10. Prop up cushions keep them dry
11. Install a dehumidifier in cabins and enclosed areas to help prevent mildew growth.
12. Pump out holding tanks.
13. Flush the toilet with antifreeze.
14. Fill discharge and intake hoses with antifreeze.
15. Empty shower sumps
16. Drain the water heater
17. Empty propane lines, light a burner on the galley stove and any other gas appliances—then turn off the manual valve on the propane tank.
18. Remove bilge drain plug and make a note of where you have placed it.
19. Make sure bilges are clean and dry
20. Drain bait well and/or wash down pumps and hoses
21. Lubricate and exercise the seacocks—all of them—before closing them for the winter
22. Inspect and repair all electrical wiring and connections. Make sure nothing was damaged during the season's use.
23. Remove boat batteries and store in a cool dry place. Clean battery poles. Place batteries on a smart charger or charge them approximately once a month.
24. Check all anodes and replace as necessary.
25. Thoroughly wash the boat hull removing all stains, dirt or debris.
26. Cover the boat with a fresh coating of wax.
27. Remove the propeller and check thoroughly for damage. (Now is the time to replace or service a damaged propeller, Not at the start of the next season.)
28. Clean the propeller shaft and apply a protective coating of grease.
29. Check stuffing box packing and replace if necessary (inboards)
30. Check cutlass bearing for wear and replace if necessary
31. Change crankcase and gear case oil while engine is warm and run the motor afterwards to distribute fresh oil throughout the power head.

32. Change oil filters.
33. Change gas filters
34. Flush the engine with fresh water and drain. (outboards)
35. Circulate antifreeze through engine block and manifolds. (inboards)
36. Drain vapor separator tank of fuel by drain screw (Fuel Injected Motors).
37. On carburetted outboard motors, drain the carburetor float bowls.
38. Change transmission fluid (Inboards).
39. Change foot oil (outboards)
40. Apply touch-up paint to engine as needed.
41. Fog the engine by spraying fogging fluid into each of the carburetors or inlet manifold and turn the engine over a few times (without starting) to spread the oil over cylinder walls.
42. Wipe down the engine with a shop towel sprayed with a little fogging oil.
43. Check the motor for loose, broken or missing fasteners. Tighten fasteners and make necessary repairs.
44. Perform a complete lubrication service on the boat and motor.
45. Remove hoses from raw water pump.
46. Check water pump impeller
47. Drain water lift muffler.
48. Fill permanently installed fuel tanks with fuel to prevent the formation of condensation.
49. Add appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer to fuel tanks.
50. Remove portable fuel tanks to safe, well-ventilated area. Drain plastic tanks and top-off metal tanks. Drain attached fuel lines.
51. Place the trailer on stands or blocks so the wheels are supported off the ground. Raise the bow higher than the stern to promote draining of rainwater or snow.
52. Remove trailer wheels to clean and repack the wheel bearings.
53. Secure all hatches and ports.
54. Inspect and caulk windows and hatches.
55. Inspect and repair stanchions, grab- and handrails.
56. Cover boat with a high-quality cover

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