



SPRING & FALL COMMISIONING CHECKLIST

Every boat/motor/trailer combination is different. Here's a few things we suggest you do in preparation for using your boat, especially after long periods of storage; or before you put it away for the winter. This is not a comprehensive list, and you should always follow the manufacturer's guidelines and maintenance schedule.

Boat Exterior: Check all surfaces for blistering, cracks. Check thru-hull's for leaks and deteriorated caulking/sealants. Check thru-hull valves for proper operation and good seals. Check all below-the-waterline openings and screws that hold on transducers, trim tabs, etc. Give boat a good washdown and coat of wax, above and below the waterline. Check fabrics, covers, bimini tops, and associated hardware.

Fittings: Check all hose connections for integrity, and hose clamps for tightness. Replace as necessary. Check fuel hoses and primer bulbs for deterioration and check clamps. Check deck hardware, hinges, fasteners, deck plates, gauges, electronics mounts, etc. for tightness and integrity.

Electrical: Remove or install batteries. Clean terminals and top off with charger. Visually inspect all electrical connections and buss bars. Clean/repair/replace if necessary and spray with electrical connection protectant. Check sacrificial anodes for wear and replace if necessary. Check VHF antenna wiring and connections. Check all navigation lights.

Mechanical: Check steering hoses/cables for wear. Check bilge pump, hoses and connections, and automatic switch for operation. Check raw water pumps, freshwater pumps, holding tanks, etc. and their hose connections. Check trim tabs for proper operation. Check all hatches and hinges.

Engine/Fuel: Flush engine thoroughly. Add fuel stabilizer/treatment and run some through engine while flushing. Change oil & oil filter, change lower unit lube, fuel filter, spark plugs, water pump impeller. Check tilt/trim and jackplate. Lubricate all grease fittings as required. Check propeller for damage, castle nut and cotter pin, thrust washer.

Trailer: Inspect winch, winch strap, hitch and safety chains. Inspect trailer light wiring and bulbs. Inspect trailer brakes, and brake fluid reservoir if equipped. Inspect suspension, tires, wheels and wheel bearings. Re-pack bearings as necessary. Check your license plate.

Safety: Inspect life jackets and throwable for wear. Replace as necessary. Inspect fire extinguisher and shake dry chemical extinguishers to un-cake extinguishing agent in canister. Check expiration dates on flares and other USCG required safety items. Inspect and replenish first-aid kit and ditch bag.