

Be Prepared Before You Go!

Every trip in your boat should be an enjoyable experience. Ensure you have the right equipment and knowledge before you go. This checklist will help you enjoy endless adventures on the water.

Trip Prep

- Marine Forecast
- Navigation / Local Knowledge
- Float Plan / Float Itinerary Completed

Pack

- Safety Equipment for your boat
- PCO Card & Picture ID
- Marine Charts

Wear

- Lifejackets / PFDs

Good to Have Items

- Sunscreen
- Water & snacks
- Compass
- Portable Marine Radio or Cell Phone
- Tools / Spare parts for engine

Inspect

- Hull for cracks or leaks
- Drain Plug inserted
- Paddles / Oars for cracks
- Level of Fuel
- Safety Equipment
- Engine Oil Level
- Belts & Hoses for Cracks
- Propeller for Damage

If Applicable

- Condition of Sail
- Navigation Lights

Safety Equipment Checklist

MANDATORY

- Properly Fitting and Transport Canada Approved Lifejacket or PFD** in good condition for each person on board
- Buoyant Heaving Line and / or Lifebuoy with Rope**
At least 15 m / 49' 3" in length for boats under 24 m
- 1 Reboarding Device**
If freeboard is greater than 0.5 m
- Sound Signalling Device or Appliance**

MANDATORY

Based on Boat Type / Length / Power / Conditions

- Visual Signalling Device (eg. flashlight / flares)
- Manual Pump / Bailing Bucket
- Navigation Lights
- Paddles / Oars
- Anchor - Sized for boat with min. rode (line) length
- Fire Extinguisher(s) of mandated type and size
- Magnetic Compass
- Current Navigational Charts
- Radar Reflector
- Axe / Buckets

*For specifics on mandatory equipment for your boat (type and length), visit www.csbc.ca and click on **Boat Notes**.*

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Marine Radio, Cell Phone and GPS
- First-Aid Kit
- Basic Tools and Spare Parts