



- Schedule Launch Date**
Determine when you plan to launch your boat and book a slot at your marina or boat ramp.
- Schedule A Service Appointment**
Arrange a service appointment with a qualified marine technician to perform pre-launch maintenance checks.
- Inspect Hull and Exterior**
Check the hull for any signs of damage, cracks, or blistering. Inspect the exterior of the boat for scratches, dents, or loose fittings.
- Check Your Batteries**
Ensure your batteries are fully charged and securely mounted. Inspect battery terminals for corrosion and clean if necessary.
- Inspect Fuel System**
Check fuel lines, connections, and fuel filters for leaks or damage. Replace fuel filters if needed.
- Inspect Engine and Mechanical Components:**
 - Check engine oil levels and oil condition. Remember to top up or change oil if necessary.
 - Inspect belts, hoses, and clamps for wear or damage.
 - Check coolant level and condition.
 - Inspect spark plugs and replace if needed.
 - Check propeller for damage or debris.
- Inspect Steering and Controls**
Test steering operation and ensure controls are functioning properly.
- Inspect Electrical System:**
 - Check all lights (navigation lights, anchor light, cabin lights, etc.) for proper operation.
 - Test horn and other electrical accessories.
 - Inspect wiring for signs of wear or damage.
- Inspect Safety Gear:**
 - Ensure life jackets are in good condition and accessible.
 - Check fire extinguishers for expiration dates and proper pressure.
 - Verify the presence of required safety equipment such as flares, first-aid kit, and a throwable flotation device.
- Inspect Trailer (if applicable):**
 - Check tire pressure and condition, including the spare tire.
 - Ensure trailer lights are working properly.
 - Verify trailer registration and insurance.
- Inspect Fluid Levels**
Check levels of hydraulic fluid, power steering fluid, and trim fluid if applicable.
- Inspect Propeller Shaft and Seals**
Check propeller shaft for alignment and inspect shaft seals for leaks.
- Inspect Bilge Pump and Bilge Area**
Test bilge pump operation and ensure the bilge is clean and free of debris.
- Review Boat Documentation**
Ensure registration, insurance, and any required permits are up to date and onboard.
- Review Emergency Procedures**
Familiarize yourself and your crew with emergency procedures, including man overboard drills and distress signal protocols.
- Consider a Summer Float Plan**
Someone ashore who you can inform of your intended routes and estimated return times.
- Plan Your Standard Supplies**
Begin to think about the standard supplies you'll need throughout the summer such as extra fuel, water, food, sunscreen, and emergency provisions.
- Perform A Test Run of Your Vessel**
Conduct a brief test run to ensure everything is functioning properly before embarking on longer voyages.