

Launch Preparation

Activity	Check	Notes
•Remove winter cover		
•Check for winter damage to hull, cradle and interior		
•Open hatches to ventilate		
•Reinstall fire extinguishers		
•Check/pump the bilge		
•Wash mast		
•Check tang, sheaves, split pins, standing and running rigging, and rigging screws, etc.		
•Lubricate mast blocks with silicone		
•Refill propane tanks if needed & check for leaks		
•Pump anti-freeze from water tank & flush with fresh water		
•Fill water tank & add 1 drop of chlorine 4 liters water		
•Wash down decks cockpit & hull		
•Wax deck & hull		
•Check and remount stanchions and lifelines		
•Put anchors in place		
•Check sealer around lower rudder hinges, propeller shaft sleeve, etc.		
•Check castle nut and cotter pin on propeller shaft		
•Check lock nuts on rudder hinges (inside transom)		
•Clean bottom		
•Replace zincs if necessary		
•Apply bottom paint		
•Repaint waterline		
•Check lettering on hull and dinghy		
•Remove tape covering all hull openings		
•Check that cockpit and sink drains are not plugged		
•Check, repair clean and oil teak trim		
•Check winches		
•Tighten V-belts on the engine		
•Replace engine oil filter		
•Clean engine water intake filter and thru-hull screen		
•Pump oil from gearbox and replace with fresh oil		
•Clean or replace air filter		
•Check all hoses for cracks and tightness of clamps		
•Tighten cylinder block drain plug		
•Fit new fuel filter after every 250 running hours		
•Bleed fuel lines and water separator		
•Vacuum inside boat		
•Wash, wax and polish interior fiberglass		
•Clean cabin sole and windows		
•Put enough oil on board for a complete oil change		
•Check for spare tube of grease for grease gun		
•Clean and grease battery cables		
•Fit main batteries and connect electrical leads		
•Check engine spares –oil filter, fuel filter, impeller, belt, fuel pump, etc.		
•Put dry batteries in all equipment needing them		
•Hook up and check radiotelephone and antenna		
•Hook up and check GPS receiver and antenna		
•Load equipment on board		
•Check maintenance and equipment lists to ensure that all jobs have been completed		

•Close all seacocks and ensure that the drain plug is in place		
•Check hull for leaks as soon as the boat is in the water		
•Check fresh water pump, and water pump in head, for leaks		
•Step the mast, tighten all lock nuts and put on lock wires		
•Check the engine over		
•Run bilge blower for at least 4 minutes-gas engines only		
•Start the engines and let run 10 minutes		
•Check condition of the cradle		