

BAREBOAT PRE DEPARTURE CHECK LIST

This checklist is designed to show some of the most common items to check before cast off on a chartered yacht.

ANCHOR

- ✓ Try the anchor and the windlass. Check the length of the anchor line and anchor chain.
- ✓ Location of the spare anchor.
- ✓ Location of docking lines, fenders and winch handles.

SAFETY

- ✓ Location of life jackets, flares and fire extinguishers.
- ✓ Understanding of bilge pumps procedures.
- ✓ Location and operation of all seacocks.
- ✓ Test navigation and anchor lights. Location of spare light bulbs.
- ✓ Location of medical kit.

BASIC OPERATIONS

- ✓ Understanding of battery charging procedures.
- ✓ Operation of heads and showers.
- ✓ Location of engine fuel refill, type of fuel, oil stick and cooling water tank.
- ✓ Engine start/stop procedures and recommended RPM.
- ✓ Understanding of power panel and instrument switches.
- ✓ Location of fuses and spare fuses.

FOOD/WATER

- ✓ Operation of the stove.
- ✓ Stove fuel operation and refill.
- ✓ Operation of refrigerator/freezer.
- ✓ Water tank capacity, location water fill point. Is there a tank management system and how does it work?

DINGHY

- ✓ Operation of outboard
- ✓ Type of gasoline?
- ✓ Is there a spare shear pin for the propeller?
- ✓ Location for paddles/bailing bucket
- ✓ If it is an inflatable, make sure it is properly inflated and that you have an air pump on the boat.

NAVIGATION

- ✓ Operation of GPS and other navigation electronic equipment
- ✓ Location of charts and cruising guides
- ✓ Where are boat papers and certificates for the boat?
- ✓ Operation of VHF and radio and frequencies. You need to check the weather daily.

HULL AND RIGGING

- ✓ Condition and appearance of the hull
- ✓ Hoist the main a few feet and unfurl the headsail a couple of turns to check its operation.
- ✓ Understanding of the reefing procedure

OTHER

- ✓ Keys – what need keys and where are they kept?
- ✓ Is there a shorepower system and how does it work?