

CHECKLIST FOR SECURITY BRIEFING WITH THE CREW

Before you cast off, the captain must make sure that all the crew have a basic knowledge of how to handle an emergency situation on the boat.

Here are some examples of items to verify with the crew.

- ✓ Location of the lifejackets and when to use them.
- ✓ Location of harnesses and tethers and proper securing points.
- ✓ When should the harness be used?

- ✓ Start and stop of the engine.
- ✓ Raising and lowering the sails.
- ✓ Understanding of the reefing procedure.

- ✓ Location of fire extinguishers and how to use them.
- ✓ The location of all seacocks and emergency bungs.
- ✓ Location of bilge pumps and how to use them.
- ✓ Location of tools and spare parts.
- ✓ Location of medical kit.

- ✓ Operation of the shutoff valves for the head – when should they be opened, and when should they be closed?
- ✓ Is there any special regulations concerning handling and storage of fuel on board?
- ✓ Operation of the VHF system including mayday instructions. Location of backup VHF (if there is one).

- ✓ Understanding on how to report the position of the yacht in Latitude and Longitude.
- ✓ Location and operation of flares.
- ✓ Crew overboard procedure.
- ✓ How should the man overboard be lifted aboard?