

Spring Boat Commissioning Checklist

To be completed in order

WINTER WORK: (This work should already be complete by the time spring rolls around. If not, get after it ASAP. See the Winter chapter in this book for details.)

- ☒ Complete all boat repair projects.
- ☒ Complete all equipment upgrade projects.
- ☒ Service the winches and anchor windlass.
- ☒ Service the steering system.
- ☒ Service the seacocks.
- ☒ Inspect the ground tackle and renew anchor chain markings.
- ☒ Refill the propane tank(s).
- ☒ Inspect the safety equipment and update associated registrations.

PRIOR TO LAUNCH IN SPRING:

- ☐ Step 1: Remove and recycle the shrinkwrap cover.
- ☐ Step 2: Clean, compound as needed, and wax the hull from waterline to rail.
- ☐ Step 3: Prep the bottom for fresh bottom paint.
- ☐ Step 4: Prep and paint the transducers with transducer antifouling paint.
- ☐ Step 5: Paint bottom with overnight dry time between coats.
- ☐ Step 6: Clean all below the waterline metal and renew all sacrificial zincs.
- ☐ Step 7: Apply PropSpeed antifouling for underwater metal and lights.
- ☐ Step 8: Double-check all winter work.
- ☐ Step 9: Set out dock lines and fenders for boatyard staff prior to launch day.

AFTER LAUNCH:

- ☐ Step 10: Service the batteries.
- ☐ Step 11: Commission all air conditioning systems and/or heating systems.
- ☐ Step 12: Commission the engine(s) and generator.
- ☐ Step 13: Service the stuffing box on propeller shaft(s) and rudder post(s).
- ☐ Step 14: Commission the freshwater system.
- ☐ Step 15: Commission the ice maker.
- ☐ Step 16: Commission the head(s) and sanitation system.
- ☐ Step 17: Commission all refrigeration systems.

- ☐ Step 18: Re-rig the summer running rigging.
- ☐ Step 19: Inspect, tune, pin, and tape rig. (Also check mast lights while aloft.)
- ☐ Step 20: Varnish.
- ☐ Step 21: Clean, compound as needed, and wax from the rail up, including stainless.
- ☐ Step 22: Bend on the sails.
- ☐ Step 23: Install the canvas.
- ☐ Step 24: Clean the bilge, engine space, cockpit lockers, and anchor chain locker.
- ☐ Step 25: Clean the cabin interior, including all storage lockers and contents thereof.
- ☐ Step 26: Prep the tender for summer.
- ☐ Step 27: Commission the tender's engine.
- ☐ Step 28: Perform a full systems check.
- ☐ Step 29: Other.

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