

FIRST MATE Checklist



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- DOES EVERYONE ON BOARD HAVE A LIFE JACKET THAT FITS AND HAS PUT IT ON?**
If not, borrow one from the Sea Tow Foundation! Find the closest Life Jacket Loaner Station near you at www.boatingsafety.com/map.
- WHERE ARE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, EMERGENCY FLARES AND FIRST AID KIT ON THE BOAT?**
Make sure everyone else knows, too!
- DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOUR NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND HORN WORK BEFORE LEAVING THE DOCK.**
- CHECK THE BILGE.**
Make sure it isn't filled with water before the boat is underway.
- CHECK THE GAS GAUGE AND LET THE CAPTAIN KNOW HOW MUCH FUEL YOU HAVE.**
- HOW DOES THE WEATHER LOOK?**
Don't head out on the water if it looks like it's going to storm. Check the weather on the VHF radio and help keep track of it during the boat trip.
- MAKE SURE EVERYONE ON BOARD HAS PLENTY OF DRINKING WATER AND THAT THE SOBER SKIPPER IS DESIGNATED BEFORE LEAVING THE DOCK.**
The Sober Skipper can take the pledge at soberskipper.com/pledge.
- ASK THE CAPTAIN TO SHOW YOU THE PLANNED ROUTE ON A MAP OR CHART.**
Then you can help keep a watch for buoys and navigation markers during the trip.
- Last thing to check: **IS EVERYONE READY TO HAVE FUN?**

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