

# BOATER EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

## **Safety Equipment**

- Type III or better lifejacket for driver (100 mph impact type recommended)
- Type III or better spare lifejacket for passenger (100 mph impact type recommended)
- Type IV throwable cushion, white
- Type B-1 fire extinguisher, fully charged
- Whistle
- Horn (electric or compressed air)
- Orange distress flag
- Hand held flares (not expired)
- Anchor with 100' of nylon 3/8" line (stored in bailing bucket)
- Spare paddle (2 required in Canadian waters)
- Buckets, 2, for bailing
- Flare gun with unexpired flares
- First aid kit

## **Extra Equipment**

- Boat registration
- Keys (boat compartment key, boat ignition key)
- Spare keys (car ignition/door/spare tire keys)
- Dock lines, 2, 15' minimum
- Fishing poles and equipment
- Fishing net
- Fishing license
- Sunglasses, hat
- Drift sock
- Dry hand towels
- Marker buoys
- Rain gear
- Balance beam
- Weigh scale and culling rings

## **Check For Proper Operation**

- Bilge pump
- Live wells
- Trolling motor
- Power tilt/trim
- Navigational lights, front and rear
- Kill switch
- Depth finder
- Batteries fully charged
- Batteries secured and terminals covered
- Fuel tanks full
- Oil reservoir full
- Boat registration numbers on boat hull intact

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## (continued)

### **Optional Equipment**

- Compass
- Tool kit with spare parts (esp. spare fuses)
- Spare drain plug
- Spare spark plugs
- Ear plugs (wind protection)
- Appropriate charts, maps, logbook
- Food and beverages
- Extra clothing, jacket, hat, sunglasses
- Motorcycle helmet
- Superglue, duct tape, tyraps
- Lake maps
- Fizzing kit

### **Items To Carry In Tow Vehicle**

- Boat cover
- Spare propeller
- 10W30 oil for car
- Radiator fluid for car
- Extra TCWIII oil for boat motor
- Trailer registration w/inspection sticker
- Keys (house, spare tire, trailer hitch)
- Spare keys (boat ignition, boat compartments)
- Car registration, insurance card, drivers license, current inspection sticker

### **Electronics**

- Sonar/GPS unit(s)
- Spare transducer(s)
- Surface water temperature gauge (if not part of sonar)
- Speedometer option (if not built in)
- Engine temperature gauge (alarm may be too late)
- Engine water pressure gauge (works before temperature is a problem)
- Marine radio
- Cell phone
- Underwater camera
- Throwaway camera