

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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