

BAREBOAT – BASIC PRE DEPARTURE CHECK IN PROCEDURES

This list is designed to inform you what you should keep an eye on during the check in procedure.

ANCHOR

Try the anchor and the windlass. Check the length of the anchor line and anchor chain.

Location of the spare anchor.

Location of docking lines, fenders and winch handles.

SAFETY

Location of life jackets, flares and fire extinguishers.

Understanding of bilge pumps procedures.

Location and operation of all seacocks.

Test navigation and anchor lights. Location of spare light bulbs.

Location of medical kit.

BASIC OPERATIONS

Understanding of battery charging procedures.

Operation of heads and showers.

Location of engine fuel refill, type of fuel, oil stick and cooling water tank.

Engine start/stop procedures and recommended RPM.

Understanding of power panel and instrument switches.

Location of fuses and spare fuses.

FOOD/WATER

Operation of the stove.

Stove fuel operation and refill.

Operation of refrigerator/freezer.

Water tank capacity, location water fill point. Is there a tank management system and how does it work?

DINGHY

Operation of outboard

Type of gasoline?

Is there a spare shear pin for the propeller?

Location for paddles/bailing bucket

If it is an inflatable, make sure it is properly inflated and that you have an air pump on the boat.

NAVIGATION

Operation of GPS and other navigation electronic equipment

Location of charts and cruising guides

Where are boat papers and certificates for the boat?

Operation of VHF and radio and frequencies. You need to check the weather daily.

HULL AND RIGGING

Condition and appearance of the hull

Hoist the main a few feet and unfurl the headsail a couple of turns to check its operation.

Understanding of the reefing procedure

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Keys – what keys and where are they kept?

Is there a shorepower system and how does it work?