

WINTERIZING CHECKLISTS

IN WATER PRIOR TO HAUL-OUT:

- Remove, inspect and fold sails.
- Remove dodger (clean and properly roll all canvas parts using large tube to prevent windows from bending or folding).
- Remove bimini and frame (clean and roll properly).
- Bring home sails, dodger, bimini, sails and interior cushions.
- Remove boom.
- Remove all lines.
- Lower mast.
- Put all turnbuckles in a large freezer-type Ziploc plastic bags. Lock bag after applying a generous spray of lubricating oil (like WD-40) to the turnbuckles.
- Empty and flush toilet and holding tank (flush tank with fresh water a minimum of 3 times).
- Warm up engine then, change oil and filter.
- Turn off fridge.

ONCE ON LAND, AFTER HAUL-OUT:

HULL, ENGINE AND INSTRUMENTS

- Power wash hull. (Best to do as soon as she comes out of the water before the hull dries too much).
- Clean engine water intake filter.
- Run engine with antifreeze hooked up to the water intake under the boat (with a see-through hose in the intake) until antifreeze runs out the exhaust.
- Shut off engine. Tag the ignition "Winterized. Do Not Run."
- Clean and inspect engine and engine compartment.
- Top up fuel tank with fresh fuel adding fuel biocide and diesel fuel storage treatment and one can of SeaFoam (to prevent contamination and water condensation).
- Remove instruments at the top of mast and store inside boat.
- Remove, clean and store fenders. Use tire treatment spray to clean and protect fenders.

FRIDGE (or ice box) AND BILGE

- Clean and rinse inside fridge and leave cover off.
- Run some antifreeze via the fridge's manual foot pump through the drain.
- Run bilge pump as dry as possible.

- Add 2-4 cups of antifreeze in bilge and operate bilge pump a few seconds to run some antifreeze in the pump and line. Also use the manual bilge pump in the cockpit (if so equipped) to run antifreeze through that pump as well.
- Leave balance of (or add) anti-freeze in the bilge.

GENERAL CABIN PREP

- Pack and bring home:
 - All remaining food and beverage items, especially anything carbonated.
 - Any products that can freeze (galley, bathroom, cockpit).
 - All manuals.
 - All mooring lines.
- Stand remaining cushions and mattresses.
- Open all accesses (under seats and mattresses areas) to allow air flow.
- Remove wheel and store inside.
- Remove cockpit table and store inside.
- Cover pedestal.
- Spread new Fleecy dryer sheets in cupboard, lockers, cubby holes, etc. (to keep spiders and bugs out).

FRESH WATER SYSTEM AND MARINE TOILET

- Empty fresh-water tank.
- Clean filter at water pump.
- Add minimum two liters of antifreeze in freshwater tank.
- Run antifreeze one faucet at a time, including stern shower, until antifreeze comes out.
- Add more antifreeze if needed. Best practice: capture antifreeze as it comes out of faucets and reuse in water tank.
- Turn water system breaker off.
- Open all faucets to $\frac{3}{4}$ open including stern shower and leave all thru hulls open.
- Make sure all breakers and propane solenoid switch are set to OFF.

DECK

- Clean deck (I use an automotive cleaner, namely Wash and Wax by Turtle Wax that also has wax).
- Install winter cover framework.
- Cover boat with tarp. Secure tarp with heavy lines.
- Switch battery to BOTH and let solar panels trickle charge batteries during the winter.

AT HOME

- Store sails, cushions, etc. inside in a dry area.
- Clean mooring lines (soak in hot water with 1 cup of bleach for one day. Rinse and soak once more in hot water with fabric softener for a day. Rinse and let dry).
- Store dodger, bimini and full enclosure panels in dry area (with sails).
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