

Check List to Summerize a Boat

Use this list to work through all the tasks needed to summerize your boat. Refer to the full article for more detail in each step.

Inspect the Boat

- Inspect hull and sea cocks
- Check deck, superstructure, and anchor gear
- Interior inspection
- Rudder and steering system

Engine Maintenance

- General inspection
- Change the engine oils and filters
- Inspect the fuel system
- Examine the propeller
- Check the bearings and seals
- Examine drive shaft and cutlass bearing
- Replace sacrificial anodes as necessary
- Flush the cooling system top up coolant
- Inspect the impeller

Electrical System Check

- Battery inspection and maintenance
- Inspect wiring and electrical connections
- Navigation and communication equipment
- Check safety and convenience features

Sail and Rigging Assessment

- Sail inspection and maintenance
- Rigging check
- Mast and boom inspection

Safety Equipment Review

- Life jackets and personal flotation devices (PFDs)
- Fire safety equipment
- Flares and emergency signaling Devices
- First-aid kit
- Navigation and communication tools

Plumbing and Ventilation Systems

- Plumbing system check
- Ventilation check

Additional Onboard Systems

- Water maker inspection
- Refrigeration and HVAC systems
- Tender
- Entertainment and network systems
- Hydraulic and winch systems

Clean and Protect

- Hull cleaning and protection
- Deck and superstructure maintenance
- Interior deep clean
- Canvas and sails care

Final Checks and Preparations

- System testing
- Safety drill and gear check
- Provisioning and supplies
- Documentation and legal requirements
- Maiden voyage planning