



Winter Checklist

Properly preparing your boat for the winter season is essential in order to ensure that it stays in good condition and is ready for use when the weather warms up. Neglecting to take the necessary precautions can result in damage to your boat and costly repairs.

By taking these precautions, boat owners can help ensure that their boat is ready for the winter and will be in good condition when it's time to hit the water again.

By following our simple checklist you can easily ensure your boat can stand up to the elements this winter!

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Remove all personal items and valuables from the boat.

Drain all water from the boat, including the bilge and water tanks. Don't forget to drain or frost protect calorifiers and LPG water heaters

Check engine cooling systems have anti-freeze at the right concentration. Raw water systems need to be fully drained down so open all drain ports and clean out filters

Many marinas offer hardstanding for craft over the winter months. GRP craft particularly benefit from a prolonged drying out prior to antifouling ready for next season.

If you are storing the batteries over winter, check electrolyte levels and store them fully charged

If the boat is to be left in the water ensure you still have power for the bilge pump and an automatic switch. Close your sea cocks.

Check your cover fixings and zips for anything the wind could get under. Consider extra tarpaulins to protect them.

Check the boat's fuel system and add a fuel stabilizer. Condensation forms on the inside of empty tanks so they are always best left full.

Clean your engines and apply a fogging oil to protect them

Ensure there is ventilation into the cabin – it will help prevent damp. Prop your fridge door open otherwise it will go mouldy inside!