

# Pre-Departure Checklist

## Equipment

- I have properly maintained my pleasure craft and its components
- I have all required safety equipment on board and in good working condition
- I have enough approved flotation devices of the correct size for each person on board
- I have an emergency repair kit on board with spare parts suitable for my type and size of craft/engine
- I have a first aid kit on board including dry clothing, water, sun protection, and emergency rations
- I have all required distress equipment on board and know how to use it properly
- I have an effective, properly functioning means of communication (such as a cell phone or VHF radio)
- I have stowed equipment in appropriate, accessible locations on board my craft

## Preparation

- I have enough fuel for the trip - 1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 in reserve
- I have thoroughly checked the condition of my craft, its engine and fittings
- I have completed a trip plan and filed it with a responsible individual
- I have reviewed emergency and safety procedures and practiced the proper techniques
- I have reviewed each passenger's responsibilities before departing
- I have explained the location and correct use of required safety equipment with each passenger

## Waterways and Weather Conditions

- I have the marine charts and/or nautical publications for the area in which I'll be boating
- I have researched and know the location of any local hazards
- I know of any boating restrictions that may apply in the area in which I'll be boating
- I have checked the weather forecast
- I know of or have marked the location of safe harbours/marinas