

Checklist Before Leaving the Dock

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- _____ Diesel starts? Alternator charging?
- _____ Check transmission fluid, oil levels, diesel levels and strainer
- _____ Fill water tanks
- _____ Lash kayaks aboard
- _____ Lash dinghy on foredeck
- _____ Last minute check of weather
- _____ Honda generator stowed in bottom of the cockpit
- _____ Dock centering lines stretched across bow
- _____ Check GPS, set track if necessary
- _____ Turn windlass battery switch to ON
- _____ Check windlass for up/down as well as freewheel
- _____ Check that anchor is tied on for safety
- _____ Below – check for any loose objects, stow
- _____ For passage, make sure safety jack lines are in place and harnesses ready
- _____ Fill solar showers at dock
- _____ Make sure solar panels and wind generator are putting in amps
- _____ Jerry cans lashed to sideboard, dinghy fuel tank lashed to mast lean bars
- _____ Hatches & portholes closed
- _____ Turn instruments & autopilots on, check to make sure all are functional
- _____ Check lights, navigation and anchor lights
- _____ Winch handles out and in place

- _____ Get out binoculars, anything we'll need underway
- _____ Get paper charts out if necessary
- _____ Set up log if making a passage
- _____ Cockpit VHF mike in place, check for functioning
- _____ Put Monitor blade in place if using
- _____ Turn off everything at electrical panel to shut down AC
- _____ Remove shore power cord
- _____ Turn on electrical panel for DC, make sure fridge gets turned back on!
- _____ Get rid of any last minute trash.
- _____ Get lines ready for easiest exit
- _____ Covers off instruments
- _____ Main halyard hooked up
- _____ MackPack Unzipped
- _____ LEAVE!!! GOODBYE! ENJOY!!!
(note: there's always a "reason" not to leave ... pick your weather and do it!)