

# Winterlude Monthly Maintenance Schedule

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1. Check water in our Trojan T105 wet cell batteries – house bank, starter battery and windlass battery – add distilled water if necessary.
2. Squirt and “exercise” all locks with Tri-Flow (much better than WD-40), available at most Ace Hardware stores) to make sure they work every time.
3. Do a “fire drill” with the hatch security bars to make sure they come out easily just in case. Take each out completely and put back in.
4. “Exercise” all seacocks – things that don’t get used don’t work when you need them.
5. Run the fuel polishing – since our sailboat doesn’t use diesel quickly, we added a fuel polishing system which runs the fuel through a Racor filter to clean it once a month.
6. Check oil, transmission fluid and diesel fresh water levels.
7. Check autopilot bolts (our below decks autopilot has a habit of vibrating the bolts free once a year or so...). Adjust autopilot arm as necessary.
8. Check nut on throttle – same issue.
9. Clean head and then soak with vinegar overnight, then cheap vegetable oil for lubrication.
10. Check stuffing box, tighten if needed.
11. Check fuel levels.
12. Tighten bolts on arch (below decks).