

Winterlude's Goin' Cruisin' Checklist

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The Crew:

- _____ Restock prescription meds for 30 more days than anticipating being gone
- _____ Provisioning complete
- _____ Provisions repackaged and stored
- _____ Add "sick food" to our provisions: ginger ale, 7-UP, crackers, ckn noodle soup
- _____ Check OTC meds – stock up on aleve, benedryl, bandaids, vitamins, yeast infection
- _____ Stock up on bug spray, sunscreen & lip balm
- _____ Get cash – lots of places don't take credit cards – don't forget small bills, sometimes difficult to get change even for a \$20! We take \$1s, \$5s, \$10s & \$20s
- _____ Any copies needed for passports, boat documentation, crew lists etc.
- _____ Float Plan filed and contact plan reviewed with contact for any overnights
- _____ Check snorkel gear – do we still have spare mask straps, fin straps, snorkel or mouthpiece, snorkel keeper and speargun bands
- _____ Arrange weather subscriptions: NOAA text forecasts, Buoyweather spot forecasts, Chris Parker Bahamas e-mail subscription
- _____ Keep watch for a weather window – number of days plus extra on either side
Research on what a weather window looks like already complete
- _____ Activate SIM card for Iridium Phone – 3 month/month by month subscription
- _____ Test Sailmail e-mail and SSB radio/VHF radios
- _____ All tax requirements handled – extension filed, prepaid taxes paid
- _____ Stock up on used books.

The Boat:

- _____ Finish all current boat projects
- _____ Inventory spare parts remaining aboard, make a list for any needed replacements
- _____ Extra Oil Change Supplies – 5 qts oil; oil filter
- _____ Spare 3 alternator belts
- _____ 4 extra fuel filters for each filter plus one for fuel polishing system
- _____ Clean fuel tanks and run fuel polishing system for an hour on each tank.
- _____ Top off diesel tanks and jerry cans
- _____ Top off gasoline jerry cans – do we need another to make 4?
- _____ Unpickle watermaker, test to make sure it's working after refurbishing pump
- _____ Top off propane tanks and make sure to buy adequate camping propane canisters for grill
- _____ Test all key systems one more time: windlass, pressure water, solar charging, KISS wind charging, head, belowdecks autopilot, wheel pilot, windvane, EPIRB battery check
- _____ Check diesel – transmission fluid, oil, throttle connection, autopilot below deck bolts
- _____ Start outboard
- _____ Start Honda 2000 generator
- _____ Double check reef lines and all running rigging/sails
- _____ All the charts, paper and electronic purchased and reviewed as well as any cruising guides
- _____ Fix and Install Radar Reflector
- _____ Recharge all handheld VHF's, sat phones, anything that needs charging.

The Day Before We Leave:

- _____ Top off water tanks

- _____ Fill solar shower
- _____ Verizon and Direct TV on vacation
- _____ Waypoints for “plan” in GPS
- _____ Socialize with friends, but no big party, to bed early
- _____ Remove dock lines and buoys
- _____ Consider going out, anchoring to stage for trip later in day
- _____ The final eyeball check walk around the entire boat – deck first, then below, looking for anything we might have overlooked – a loose screw, anything at all...
- _____ Rig jack lines bow to stern, port & starboard.