

Emergency Leave the Boat Checklist

Depending on how long we'll leave the boat, some of these items may be omitted. This time since we had less than a day to prep the boat before flying out, cleaning and other lower priority items just didn't happen! The forecast calls for 60 mph winds in storms the day after we left, so we wrapped the main, locked the jib roller furling

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- _____ Empty anything that might spoil out of fridge/cooler
- _____ Remove any food that might spoil in nets, hanging baskets or lockers
- _____ Close all seacocks
- _____ Post the boat diagram with through hulls over nav table
- _____ Leave key and contact information with marina or cruising friend
- _____ Turn off propane at tank and/or disconnect propane
- _____ Clean boat – inside and out – so at least it's clean when we leave
- _____ Empty holding tank, flush with fresh water & empty again
- _____ Flush head with fresh water (seacock closed)
- _____ Put Raritan CP (cleans potties) in all closed drains & head
- _____ Fresh water flush watermaker – more than 2-3 weeks, pickle watermaker
- _____ Clean bilge and leave open for visibility
- _____ Shut off & tie off KISS wind generator
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- _____ Tie dinghy down on deck
- _____ Lock any valuables left on deck, tie down everything else – jerry cans etc.
- _____ Move Honda generator to cockpit and lock to cockpit binnacle
- _____ Leave power off on electrical panel to everything except battery charger, refrigerator and bilge
- _____ Chafing gear in place, boat in a lines spider web in middle of slip
- _____ Remove all removable cockpit electronics & store below
- _____ Cover all remaining cockpit electronics and put wheel canvas cover in place
- _____ American Flag wrapped with a line.
- _____ Camping propane canister removed from grill & stored or discarded
- _____ Close and secure all hatches and portholes
- _____ Boat companionway locked
- _____ Make sure we have the right immigration and customs paperwork to get back in the country and receive our 90 days or whatever – we take our passports and a copy of the cruising permit – leaving the real cruising permit on the boat. Also, boarding passes and any confirmations – rental car, etc.