Text 1

Going Boating

Most boating problems and accidents can be prevented by checking the boat and doing key tasks to ensure it is safe and ready for sailing.

To do this, you need a checklist. Without a checklist, sailors may overlook somthing basic because of their inexperience, or a simple memory lapse.

Read the suggestions below and make your own checklist for your boat then check the list before sailing. Share the checklist with your crew (the guests you have invited to help you sail the boat).

Before going on the boat

- Check the forecast and local wind and wave conditions
- Tell someone where you're going and when youll be back (float plan)
- Make sure the crew wear appropriate clothing and bring seasickness prevention
- It is critical to understand the risks of cold water or cold air (especially if caught in cold rain or spray) because hypothermia hugely increases the risks of accidents - so dress warmly in layers and be prepared.

On the boat: showing the crew around

- Stow personal items and equipment out of the way
- Show how to put on a life jacket (PFD)
- Show how to operate the marine head
- Talk with new crew guests about what to do in an emergency.

Just before sailing

- Tune the radio to channel 16
- Turn on and test electronics like the route plotter, radar and lights (especially at night)
- Ensure yours paper chart is handy in case the plotter fails
- .....crew jobs before leaving the dock, like handling lines and fenders, cooking and rope maintenance
- Stay safe.

1. **Why might sailors overlook something?**
    a. too busy
    b. memory loss
    c. sickness

2. **What increases the risks of accidents?**
    a. Hyperthermia
    b. Seasickness
    c. Inexperience

3. **Before going to the boat, what should you check?**
    a. wave condensation
    b. wave conditions
    c. waive conditions

4. **What is a PFD?**
    a. life jumper
    b. live jacket
    c. life jacket

5. **On which line is there a spelling mistake?**
    a. 6
    b. 7
    c. 9

6. **Before sailing, which appropriate electronics should you test?**
    a. Route plotter
    b. Route spotter
    c. Radio control

7. **On which line is there a grammatical error?**
    a. 7
    b. 30
    c. 19

8. **There is missing punctuation on which line?**
    a. 6
    b. 15
    c. 33

9. **What does the word 'stow' mean in line 22?**
    a. Wash away.
    b. Sweep away.
    c. Put away.

10. **There are two missing words on line 31:**
    a. Give your
    b. Ask for
    c. Look for