

Text 1

Going Boating	1
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Most boating problems and accidents can be prevented by checking the boat and	3
doing key tasks to ensure it is safe and ready for sailing.	4
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To do this, you need a checklist. Without a checklist, sailors may overlook something	6
basic because of their inexperience, or a simple memory lapse.	7
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Read the suggestions below and make your own checklist for your boat then check	9
the list before sailing. Share the checklist with your crew (the guests you have invited	10
to help you sail the boat).	11
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Before going on the boat	13
• Check the forecast and local wind and wave conditions	14
• Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back (float plan)	15
• Make sure the crew wear appropriate clothing and bring seasickness	16
prevention	17
• It is critical to understand the risks of cold water or cold air (especially if	18
caught in cold rain or spray) because hypothermia hugely increases the risks	19
of accidents - so dress warmly in layers and be prepared.	20
On the boat: showing the crew around	21
• Stow personal items and equipment out of the way	22
• Show how to put on a life jacket (PFD)	23
• Show how to operate the marine head	24
• Talk with new crew guests about what to do in an emergency.	25
Just before sailing	26
• Tune the radio to channel 16	27
• Turn on and test electronics like the route plotter, radar and lights (especially	28
at night)	29
• Ensure your paper chart is handy in case the plotter fails	30
•crew jobs before leaving the dock, like handling lines and fenders,	31
cooking and rope maintenance	32
• Stay safe.	33

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