

FAMILY BOAT DAY

CHECKLIST & PLANNER

PACK SMART • CAST OFF • RELAX

THE NIGHT BEFORE

- ☐ Check the weather and sea conditions
- ☐ Confirm the route and return time
- ☐ Charge phones, VHF and power bank
- ☐ Freeze water bottles and ice packs
- ☐ Prepare the cooler and family snacks
- ☐ Pack towels and changes of clothes
- ☐ Set out hats, sunglasses and sun protection
- ☐ Place boat documents with the keys

BEFORE LEAVING HOME

- ☐ Apply sunscreen before arriving at the marina
- ☐ Pack medicines and a small first aid kit
- ☐ Load the cooler, water and snacks
- ☐ Check keys, wallet and marina access
- ☐ Pack hats, sunglasses and cover-ups
- ☐ Bring children's comfort items
- ☐ Leave your return time with someone ashore
- ☐ Make one final bathroom stop

AT THE MARINA

- ☐ Check fuel, battery and drain plug
- ☐ Confirm life jackets fit each person
- ☐ Locate safety equipment and first aid
- ☐ Check the latest weather update
- ☐ Brief children on the boat-day rules
- ☐ Secure bags, cooler and loose equipment
- ☐ Keep water and sunscreen within reach
- ☐ Count everyone before casting off

FAMILY NOTES

FINAL CHECK BEFORE CASTING OFF

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| ☐ Everyone aboard | ☐ Anchor secured |
| ☐ Life jackets correctly fitted and ready | ☐ Cooler loaded |
| ☐ Fuel sufficient | ☐ Weather checked again |
| ☐ Battery on and charged | ☐ Phone fully charged |
| ☐ Drain plug fitted | ☐ Nothing left on the dock |

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WHILE ON THE WATER

- ☐ Offer water regularly
- ☐ Reapply sunscreen as directed and after swimming
- ☐ Keep hats and cover-ups within reach
- ☐ Serve simple snacks before anyone is hungry
- ☐ Keep the deck clear of loose belongings
- ☐ Use life jackets whenever required
- ☐ Collect rubbish as you go
- ☐ Watch the weather and the time
- ☐ Stop the engine before anyone enters the water
- ☐ Actively supervise children around the water
- ☐ Make sure everyone can reboard safely

HEADING HOME

- ☐ Count everyone before leaving each stop
- ☐ Check lockers, seats and compartments
- ☐ Collect towels, toys and electronics
- ☐ Secure loose gear for the return trip
- ☐ Remove rubbish and empty the cooler
- ☐ Rinse and dry wet equipment at home
- ☐ Restock anything used
- ☐ Note what would help next time

FOR NEXT TIME

Forgot: _____

Didn't use: _____

Need more of: _____

Worked well: _____

FAMILY BOAT DAY REVIEW

- ☐ Best part of the day
- ☐ Favourite family moment
- ☐ A place to revisit
- ☐ Something to change
- ☐ One item to pack next time
- ☐ Who helped today

FAMILY FAVOURITE MOMENT

General planning aid only. Boating requirements vary by location, vessel and operating area. Always follow current local regulations, marine weather advice and official safety guidance.