

Heavy Weather Checklist

BOAT & CREW: PREPARATION FOR HEAVY WEATHER UNDERWAY

Crew Preparation

Briefing	Tell crew what will happen & how we prepare	
Meals	Prepare sandwich, comfort food	
Safety gear	Check PDF, tether & harness	
Watch schedule	Discuss & adjust	

Boat Preparation - On deck

Sail Plan	Set sails for heavy weather	
Reefing	Check reefing system & reef early	
Dinghy	Stowed & lashed down	
Bimini	Stow, collapse or remove	
Anchor	Secured & ready	
Safety gear	Lifering, pole checked & ready	
Jacklines	Mounted: Winds above 30 kts	
Chafe	Check for any potential chafe points	
Maintenance	Look for any items that may need maintenance & fix	
Other items	No loose items on deck	

Boat Preparation - below deck

Stowage	No loose items	
Port holes	closed	
Hatches	closed	
Navigation	Plot position	
Hazards	Be aware of hazards, lee shore?	
Save harbour	Check alternative ports	
Maintenance	Engine? Ready? Oil & coolant check? Fuel?	