

Spring Boat Commissioning Checklist

Boat Name / Model: _____

Date: _____

1. Visual Inspection

- Hull: Check for cracks, blisters, or damage
 - Deck & Transom: Inspect for wear or soft spots
 - Fittings & Hardware: Tighten or replace loose/missing items
 - Propeller & Shaft: Check for dents, nicks, corrosion
 - Gelcoat & Paint: Examine for cracks or fading
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2. Electrical System

- Battery: Inspect terminals for corrosion
 - Connections: Ensure all are tight and secure
 - Battery Charge: Recharge or replace if needed
 - Lights: Test navigation, cabin, and deck lights
 - Bilge Pump: Verify proper operation
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3. Engine & Fuel System

- Engine Oil: Check level & replace if necessary
 - Oil Filter: Replace if due
 - Fuel Lines & Connections: Inspect for cracks or leaks
 - Fuel Filters: Replace if needed
 - Engine Cooling System: Inspect hoses and flush
 - Fresh Fuel: Fill tank and add stabilizer
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4. Plumbing & Water Systems

- Hoses: Check for cracks, leaks, or softness
 - Pumps: Test bilge, freshwater, and sanitation pumps
 - Water Tanks: Inspect for leaks
 - Faucets & Showers: Test for proper flow
 - Toilets & Sanitation: Ensure proper operation
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5. Safety Equipment

- Life Jackets: Check condition & availability for all passengers
 - Fire Extinguishers: Confirm charge and expiration date
 - Flares & Signaling Devices: Inspect and replace expired items
 - Horn/Whistle: Test for proper function
 - Throwable Devices: Verify accessibility and condition
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6. Trailer & Launch Prep

- Tires: Inspect tread, pressure, and sidewalls
 - Lights: Test brake, signal, and running lights
 - Brakes: Check operation (if applicable)
 - Wheel Bearings: Grease if needed
 - Winch & Straps: Inspect for wear and proper function
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7. Miscellaneous

- Clean Hull & Deck: Remove dirt, algae, or debris
- Wax: Apply protective wax (optional but recommended)
- Tool & Repair Kit: Ensure essential tools and spares are onboard
- Documentation: Registration, insurance, and manuals updated

Notes / Observations:

Signature of Boat Owner / Inspector: _____