

After you've pulled your boat out of storage, and before you hit the water, use this handy check-list to assure a fun and safe boating experience.

I/O Motors:

- ✓ Check your battery to be sure it is fully charged
- ✓ Check oil levels if you did not do this in the fall
- ✓ Change oil, and filters
- ✓ Check lower unit lube levels, and change if not done in the fall
- ✓ Check trim fluid levels
- ✓ Pull prop and check for fishing line, or any wear or damage, and grease prop shaft
- ✓ Remove grease and oil from bilge
- ✓ Check water pump impeller (should be changed every 3 to 5 years)
- ✓ Make sure steering and control cables move freely and smoothly
- ✓ Check beneath the engine cover for any leaks that may need repair
- ✓ Start and run your motor, with water connected, to assure motor is running smoothly and pumping water, add stabilizer/ cleaner to first tank of fuel
- ✓ Check your trailer lights and replace if needed
- ✓ Check your trailer wheel bearings and grease if needed

2-Stroke Outboard Motors:

- ✓ Check battery to be sure it is fully charged
- ✓ Check oil level and add if needed on oil injected outboards
- ✓ Check lower unit lube levels, and change if not done in the fall
- ✓ Check trim fluid levels
- ✓ Make sure steering and control cables move freely and smoothly
- ✓ Check water pump impeller (should be changed every 3 to 5 years)
- ✓ Check spark plugs (these should be changed every 2 years)
- ✓ Check alternator belt for wear
- ✓ Pull prop and check for fishing line, or any wear or damage, and grease prop shaft
- ✓ Start and run your motor, with water connected, to assure motor is running smoothly and pumping water, add stabilizer/ cleaner to first tank of fuel
- ✓ Check your trailer lights and replace if needed
- ✓ Check your trailer wheel bearings and grease if needed

4-Stroke Outboard Motors

- ✓ Check your battery to be sure it is fully charged
- ✓ Check oil levels if you did not do this in the fall
- ✓ Check lower unit lube levels, and change if not done in the fall
- ✓ Check trim fluid levels
- ✓ Check for leaks
- ✓ Change plugs if not done
- ✓ Make sure steering and control cables move freely and smoothly
- ✓ Pull prop and check for fishing line, or any wear or damage, and grease prop shaft
- ✓ Check water pump impeller (which should be changed every 3 to 5 years)
- ✓ Check timing belt for cracks and stretching
- ✓ Start and run your motor, with water connected, to assure motor is running smoothly and pumping water, add stabilizer/ cleaner to first tank of fuel
- ✓ Check your trailer lights and replace if needed
- ✓ Check your trailer wheel bearings and grease if needed