

Yacht and Safety Briefing Checklist

Black – Important for all crew
Green – Primarily for novice crew
Orange – Detail not immediately important for all crew.
Explain at a more appropriate time

Down below

- ☐ Lifejackets & harnesses – Distribute & adjust. **Demonstrate**
- ☐ **Use of heads**
- ☐ **Moving around below – handholds, slipping, galley safety**
- ☐ Gas – risks and precautions, gas tap
- ☐ Fire extinguishers – location
- ☐ Torches – location
- ☐ **Engine and companionway steps – precautions & fire risk**
- ☐ **Hatches – dangers and closing at sea**

Emergencies

- ☐ First aid – location and equipment
- ☐ **VHF –Radio use and mayday procedure**
- ☐ Flares – location, use and precautions

Crew welfare

- ☐ **Clothing – appropriate use and preparation**
- ☐ **Seasickness – background, signs and precautions**
- ☐ **Food and drink – importance. Personal & shared responsibility**

On Deck

- ☐ **Moving around – what you can walk on, what you can hold on to**
- ☐ **Deck hazards – tripping (footwear), hatches and boom**
- ☐ Clipping on - jack stays, guard rails and skipper's policy
- ☐ Lockers – safety and contents
- ☐ **Lines & winches – basic hazards and use**
- ☐ Starting the engine.
- ☐ **Use of instruments and GPS**

Emergencies

- ☐ MOB –location and purpose of equipment - horseshoe buoy, Jon Buoy, Dan buoy, throwing line etc. **MOB Procedure.**
- ☐ **Life raft - location, and procedure for use. EPIRB**
- ☐ **Steering failure - location and use of emergency tiller**
- ☐ Flooding - bilge pumps, **stop cocks, plugs and bailing**
- ☐ **Fog – background and procedure**

Other

- ☐ **Everything on a boat has at least one use and reason for being there**
- ☐ **Everything has its place, return it after use**
- ☐ Report any injuries, sickness, concerns, breakages or problems immediately