


Boat Trip

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Tasks

- ☐ Sailboat355: Prep for the next boat trip, update [Boat-Trip-Next](#) #Q1  2025-11-28
- ☐ #Q1 text MA when leaving the dock

Every Trip

Prep

- ☐ charge camera and tool batteries
- ☐ check handheld radio batteries
- ☐ Sailboat323: organize tools #Q2  2025-11-28
- ☐ Rigging box, rope box, ladder
- ☐ Clothing - Hat, spare set for full change, extra shirts for hot/cold weather, shorts, boat shoes
- ☐ bathing suit and beach towel
- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ keys, cash, cards, ID
- ☐ backpack, books, iPad, charging cords
- ☐ Food and drinks for daytime - lots of water/Gatorade for hot weather
- ☐ Water for washing until fresh water system is working
- ☐ Protein drinks
- ☐ paper charts
- ☐ feed the cat
- ☐ Review notebook
- ☐ drone
- ☐ climbing gear incl boots
- ☐ Sailboat355: glue the knife sheath  2025-11-22
- ☐ Sailboat355: check for low tide + NW wind
- ☐ bring the deck brush
- ☐ jumper cables - use windlass battery as emergency engine start
- ☐ n.b. [shop vac is on the boat](#)

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Every Trip

Checks

- ☐ Check leaks and lines
- ☐ exercise 4 seacocks - engine, AC, sink, head
- ☐ check bilge pumps and float switches
- ☐ chafe on lines and caprail
- ☐ fenders and fenderboards
- ☐ run engine
- ☐ windlass battery charge
- ☐ general walk-through

Close up

- ☐ turn off AC
- ☐ close hatches
- ☐ check circuit breakers
- ☐ turn off NMEA power switch to autopilot
- ☐ close seacocks
- ☐ Lock the wheel
- ☐ Trash
- ☐ bring the deck brush and boat hook home
- ☐ Update [SC323.D001-Sailing-and-Maintenance-Log](#)

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This trip

Prep

Do

- ☐ n.b. 20251023 disconnected NMEA cable behind nav cushion
- ☐ check paint, continue painting #tbt
- ☐ scrape/wash cabintop and deck
- ☐ inspect engine work
- ☐ get winterizing report and cost from Marshall

tbt

- ☐ check oil absorb pads under engine #tbt  
- ☐ check paint, continue painting #tbt  
- ☐ check/charge windlass battery each visit #tbt  
- ☐ Sailboat355: check/clean rear bilge pump #tbt  
- ☐ Sailboat355: Inventory/video stbd setee and cockpit lockers #tbt  
- ☐ Sailboat355: wash foul docklines #tbt  
- ☐ Whip the dock line I cut #tbt  

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Projects and Tasks

Cabin

- ☐ Organize
- ☐ general cleaning, Clean mold, Clean waterline

Cockpit

- ☐ Sailboat355: Adjust bimini, **rig** to fold back front edge for visibility and egress  2026-03-15
- ☐ Sailboat355: Mount the cockpit table

Climbing

- ☐ try climbing pull through for spreaders
- ☐ set messenger line on spare block on main mast, tension test block to 4kn with climbing line
- ☐ plan backup dyn climbing line
- ☐ climbing - free wrapped line on mizzen; evaluate for replacement

Deck Cockpit, and Cabintop

- ☐ wash deck
- ☐ prep for deck painting
- ☐ vacuum deck drains
- ☐ Sailboat355: practice with penetrating epoxy
- ☐ address leaks - explore deck joints, winches, under head liner
- ☐ Project: repair/rebuild hatch cover
- ☐ seal speaker covers

Docking

- ☐ test bow control w/friction saver and rings
- ☐ Pump fenders

Electrical

- ☐ Sailboat355: *plan/prep* Improve main batteries physical condition, check monthly
- ☐ Document fuses
- ☐ get DC ground correct Nigel Calder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjYMLP0mVc>
- ☐ new smart shunt
- ☐ galvanic isolator
- ☐ Add water tank inspection port
- ☐ Install LED lights
- ☐ mount vberth fan

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Electronics

- ☐ check handheld batteries for corrosion and charge them monthly

Engine

- ☐ Sailboat355: measure fuel level
- ☐ clean engine fuel filters
- ☐ install engine thermostat
- ☐ replace engine raw water impeller
- ☐ Project - engine oil change and set schedule. See Leaktite buckets and lids at Home Depot for oil disposal
- ☐ Inspect heat exchanger re engine temp

Galley

- ☐ test microwave - tea
- ☐ set up for cooking - incl pots and pans

Ground Tackle

- ☐ Inspect chain on stbd anchor

Head

- ☐ measure for composting head, install

Instruments

- ☐ install radar
- ☐ new wind meter, multi-displays for cabin and cockpit
- ☐ DST app config - confirm DST dist over keel
- ☐ chartplotter config and practice

Inventory

- ☐ strap clamps - in box with bilge pump float switches
- ☐ Sailboat355: Inventory/video stbd setee and cockpit lockers #tbt
- ☐ Sailboat355: sikaflex the cabintop/cockpit edges

Licensing, Registration, Insurance

Misc

- ☐ Sailboat355: mount the dragonflies

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Plumbing

- ☐ Sailboat355: check/clean rear bilge pump #tbt
- ☐ Project: replace front bilge pump - epoxy, wood block, saw, multitool, angle grinder, small vise, waterproof switch
- ☐ Clean water tank - flush tank

Safety and Security

- ☐ 20251117W Sailboat355: Buy new security camera
- ☐ annual inspection of boat equipment - fire extinguishers, flares, etc. according to USCG rules
- ☐ Check safety and comm gear
- ☐ Sailboat253: test PLBs at home, bring if sailing 📅 2025-11-24

Sailing

- ☐ Sailing - practice chartplotter, autopilot
- ☐ Sailing - practice anchoring, backing

Sails and Rigging

- ☐ check mainsail, halyards, sheets
- ☐ Whip the dock line I cut #tbt
- ☐ explore spinnaker pole - use for hauling dinghy? How
- ☐ Examine, repair/replace mizzen lazy jacks
- ☐ change staysail halyard to all line
- ☐ examine spreader ends, measure for boots
- ☐ Chafe guards
- ☐ Sailboat355: wash foul docklines #tbt
- ☐ Measure length of main mast to deck and height above water
- ☐ measure height of mizzen mast
- ☐ Mount second reef lines on mainsail
- ☐ add flag halyard to top spreader - ring in rigging box
- ☐ Make pulls for the stack pack zippers and shackles

Spring Commissioning

- ☐ De-winterize see <https://www.westmarine.com/west-advisor/How-to-Dewinterize-a-Boat.html>

Skills and Practice

- ☐ Sailboat355: practice port anchor
- ☐ test small blue float for anchor trip line - need weight, find article
- ☐ chart plotter and Active Captain
- ☐ course planning and charting
- ☐ autopilot and raising main
- ☐ anchoring

Sailing Trips

Prep

- ☐ cruising prep - see accumulated research

Close Up

- ☐ Skippertips post-sail inspection
- ☐ Update paper logs for time and activities
- ☐ Update USCG CG-719S sheet for time on water for previous month
- ☐ review success and challenges

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Overnight trips

Prep

20250420 (sailing paper?) notes has overnight checklist items

- ☐ Clothing - 2 days, incl thermal top/bottom, gym shorts, sleepwear
- ☐ toiletries, meds, sandals/crocs
- ☐ cpap, distilled water
- ☐ cat food, catbox/litter/scoop/mat, collar, harness, leash, bed, tuna+meds
- ☐ bedding
- ☐ cloths for temp window shades
- ☐ food, drinks, and snacks for dinner, breakfast; large cooler/ice
- ☐ ipad, stylus, kbd; kindle; books, booklight
- ☐ All sailing notes
- ☐ NUC, monitor, kbd, mouse, headphones, printer, printer paper
- ☐ bfst - matzo
- ☐ lunch - protein drink
- ☐ Dinners - restaurant, canned foods/soup - microwave
- ☐ snacks - skittles
- ☐ Coke; I have water
- ☐ large cooler, ice

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