

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 seacock - 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 seacock
- Lock the wheel
- Trash
- bring the deck brush and boat hook home
- Update [SC323.D001-Sailing-and-Maintence-Log](#)

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This trip

Prep

Do

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

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

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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=jjYMVLPOmVc>
- 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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