

## New supplies

Make sure you have all the essentials onboard and if not stock up on supplies before you set sail:

- Docking ropes and breakaway cables - these can become damaged after time left exposed to the elements so may need to be replaced
- Anchor and chain - If you feel the anchor is not big enough or not the right type you should change or upgrade it
- Toolbox - Carrying a basic toolbox is a good idea so make sure it is up to date and includes any tools you may need while out on the water

## Safety equipment

Checking your safety equipment before departure is essential. You should ensure you have the following onboard at all times:

- Non-slip footwear
- Life jackets - Whilst these do not expire the materials used can lose their buoyancy over time, most vests have a lifespan of 1-3 years
- Fire extinguisher - Remember to check the expiry date on your extinguisher, most have a life span of 5 - 12 years but each one may differ
- First aid kit - It is ideal to have two well-stocked kits onboard; one for day to day use and one for incidents. You should know how to use them and keep the contents up to date

## Maintenance check

If your boat has been sitting idle during lockdown you should perform a thorough boat maintenance check before getting back out on the water. Items to include in your maintenance check include:

- The engine
- Oil levels
- Bilge pumps
- Leaks
- Loose bolts or pipes
- Cables and control equipment

You must comply with the latest Government guidelines at all times

For any advice you may need relating to your boat insurance, please get in touch with the Admiral Marine team

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