

PANTAENIUS STORM PREPARATION CHECKLIST

IS YOUR BOAT READY FOR BAD WEATHER?

A few simple checks before severe weather arrives can help reduce the risk of damage. Use this checklist as a starting point, taking into account your own boat, berth and storage arrangements.

STAYING AFLOAT

- ☐ Inspect mooring lines for wear, damage and chafe
- ☐ Check lines are correctly positioned and consider additional lines where appropriate
- ☐ Check fenders are secure, correctly positioned and sufficient for the berth
- ☐ Inspect cleats, fairleads and other load-bearing fittings
- ☐ Secure or remove loose deck equipment
- ☐ Check sails, covers and canopies are properly secured
- ☐ Make sure cockpit and deck drains are clear
- ☐ Check bilges and bilge pumps
- ☐ Ensure through hull fittings are in good working order and closed where appropriate
- ☐ Check batteries and shore power arrangements
- ☐ Look for potential sources of water ingress
- ☐ Consider whether neighbouring boats could present a risk
- ☐ Arrange for someone to check the boat if you are going to be away

STORED ASHORE

- ☐ Check that the boat is properly supported
- ☐ Inspect the cradle or stands and the ground beneath them
- ☐ Secure or remove loose equipment
- ☐ Check covers are secure and consider the windage they create
- ☐ Secure halyards, booms and other equipment that could move in high winds
- ☐ Make sure cockpit and deck drains are clear
- ☐ Check for potential water ingress
- ☐ Look around the storage area for unsecured equipment or other potential hazards
- ☐ Arrange regular checks throughout the winter



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WHEN SEVERE WEATHER IS FORECAST

- ☐ Check the latest weather forecast and any advice from your marina, harbour or boatyard
- ☐ Visit the boat early enough to make preparations safely
- ☐ Recheck lines, fenders, covers and exposed equipment
- ☐ Remove or secure anything that could come loose
- ☐ Make sure hatches, windows and lockers are properly secured
- ☐ Take photographs of the boat and its condition
- ☐ Make sure your insurance and emergency contact details are readily available
- ☐ Once conditions deteriorate, don't put yourself at risk trying to reach or protect the boat

AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Check the boat for signs of damage
- ☐ Inspect lines, fenders, covers and fittings
- ☐ Check for water ingress and inspect the bilges
- ☐ Photograph any damage you find
- ☐ Take reasonable steps to prevent further damage where it is safe to do so
- ☐ If an incident may result in a claim, contact Pantaenius as soon as possible

Preparation can't control the weather – but it can help reduce the risk of preventable damage.

This checklist provides general guidance only. Every vessel, berth and storage arrangement is different. Owners should consider the particular requirements of their boat and follow relevant advice from their marina, harbour, boatyard or other marine professionals.