



# MAJOR STORM PREPAREDNESS

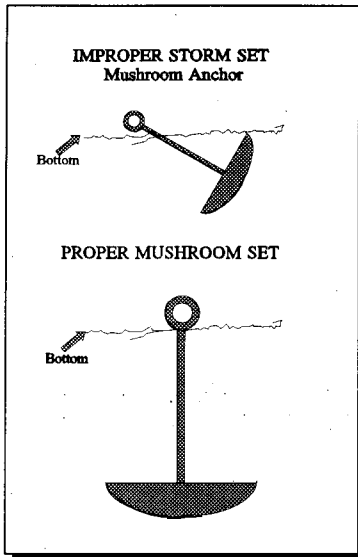
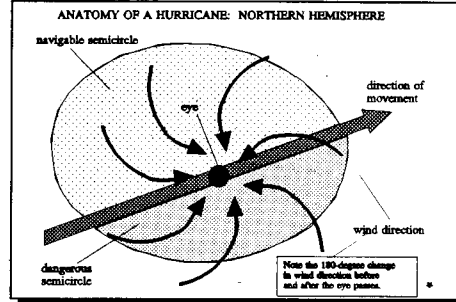
## Aware Boaters Checklist



### Advance awareness

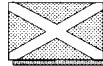
Do you know what to expect?

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- Are you continually updated on what the storm is doing? location? top winds? surge? direction of movement? time predictions/onset? eye? backside? tides height and times?
  - Are you familiar with storm damage quadrants?
  - Do you monitor NOAA VHF FM weather at home as well as on the boat?
  - Do you have a plan for coverage of daily long-range tropical weather forecasts?
  - In the 24 hours before the storm, are you continually updating your position and preparedness plan as they relate to predicted storm direction? Get off boat 4 hrs. in advance.



### Are you ready to meet the challenge?

- Have you made a storm preparedness plan?
- Has it been reviewed by a qualified authority?
- Is it posted at home and on the boat?
- Does your caretaker/marina, etc. have a copy?
- Have you studied alternative plans like: hauling? trailoring? hurricane hole?
- Do your plans have sufficient time built into them for completion before the storm?
- Have you followed and passed a pre-season equipment checklist?
- Have you reviewed your plans with your boat yard, if they are involved?
- Do you know the preparation status of all neighboring boats (360°)?
- If they are not prepared for a storm, are you doing something about it?
- Have they filed a storm preparedness plan?
- Do you have a relief skipper who is familiar with your boat and is prepared to stand in your absence?
- Do you agree with your yacht club's/marina's preparedness plan?



### Mooring items

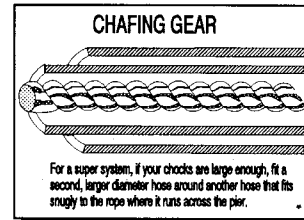
- Do you know for certain the size and type of your mooring?
- Has it been inspected within 6 months?
- What type of bottom exists at mooring?
- Do you have proper mooring for above?
- Is mooring set for all likely wind velocity and directions?
- Will scope and slack/extra line allow clearance for all likely wind velocity and directions?



### Boat preparedness items

#### Pre-season Checklist

- Is all power and electric gear in working order?
- All batteries (flashlight and engine) charged?
- All exterior lights operable?
- All cleats checked for security and backing?
- Full sets of chafe gear stored and labelled?
- Do you have sufficient line for two pennants?
- Do you have at least two anchors of appropriate size and design for your boat, with at least 300' oversized rode and sufficient chain for each anchor?
- Do you have working auto bilge pumps of proper size for your boat?



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## Boat preparedness items

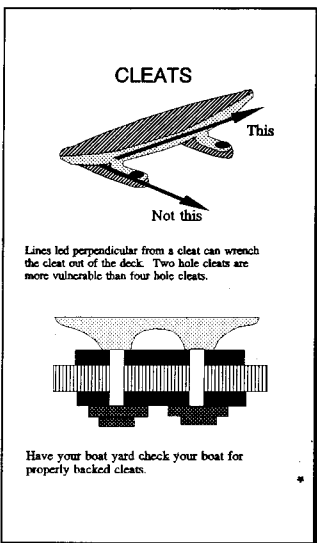
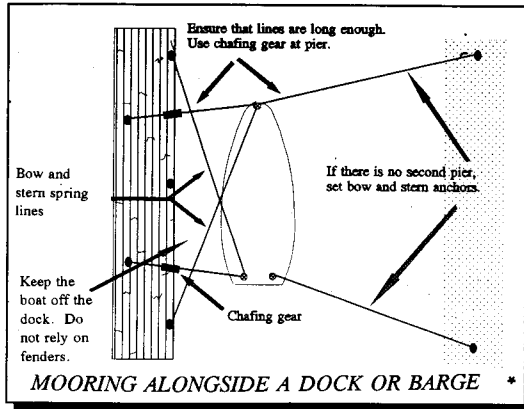
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- Are self-bailing cockpit drains clear?
- Do you know how to remove your jib quickly?
- Do you have a location chart for all thru-hulls?
- Do you know how to shut them off or plug them?
- Do you have plugs?
- Have you checked all hatches for watertight seal?

**NOAA WEATHER**

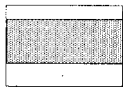
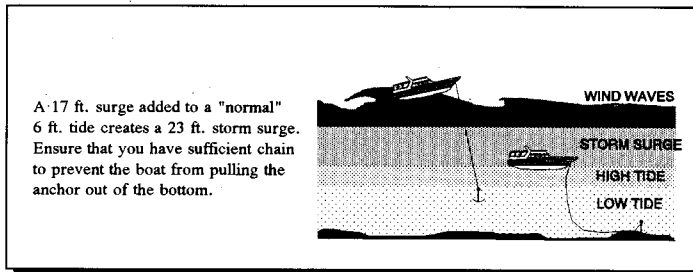
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**24 hr./day**



## Check before the storm

- STORM ANCHORS SET AND CHECKED**, if boat is at anchor.
- Fuel tanks shut off.
- Remove all spare rigging, sails, dodgers, canvas, deck gear, etc.
- Remove all ship's papers and personal gear.
- Set chafe gear at all points of possible contact with boat.
- Close all thru-hulls except self-bailing drains.
- Remove all portable fuel and oil storage containers.
- Leave anchor light and auto bilge pumps on. All other switches off.
- Have you included a post-storm vandalism protection element into your emergency plan?
- Check status of neighboring boats.
- If at hurricane hole, do you have permission?
- Know bottom, material and depth of the hurricane hole.



## Data on file

Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beam: \_\_\_\_\_ Power: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mooring Data**  
 Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bottom: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MHT Depth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scope: \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
 Chain: \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Alternate Skipper's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Alternate Skipper's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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