MAJOR STORM PREPAREDNESS
Aware Boaters Checklist

Advance awareness
Do you know what to expect?
☐ ☐ Are you continually updated on what the storm is doing?
☐ ☐ location? top winds? surge? direction of movement? time
directions? storm direction? 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
upgrading 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? tending?
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 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/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?

continued on reverse
Boat preparedness items...

- 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
ch WX1..............162.550
ch WX2..............162.400
ch WX3..............162.475
24 hr/day

MOORING ALONGSIDE A DOCK OR BARGE

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: ____________________________

Mooring Data
Type: ____________________________
Size: ____________________________
Bottom: ____________________________
MHT Depth: ____________________________
Scope: ____________________________ ft
Chain: ____________________________ ft

Alternate Skipper's Address:
Phone: ____________________________
Second Alternate Skipper's Address:
Phone: ____________________________