

## **BoatUS Spring Commissioning Safety Checklist - Useful Information for Your Own Group Newsletter**

Whether you have a powerboat or sailboat, inboard or outboard, big boat or small, this Spring Commissioning Safety Checklist from Seaworthy is an easy way to get ready for the season. You can print out the entire checklist at this link: [BoatUS.com/seaworthy/spring\\_checklist.asp](http://BoatUS.com/seaworthy/spring_checklist.asp)

### **BEFORE YOU LAUNCH:**

- Inspect and lubricate seacocks. Hoses and hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary.
- Replace deteriorated anodes.
- Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
- Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all through-hulls for leaks.
- Use a hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
- If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.

Visit the BoatUS Website at [BoatUS.com/seaworthy/spring\\_checklist.asp](http://BoatUS.com/seaworthy/spring_checklist.asp) for more Spring Commissioning details on these topics:

- **OUTDRIVES AND OUTBOARDS**
- **ENGINES AND FUEL SYSTEMS**
- **SAILBOAT RIGGING**
- **TRAILERS AND TRAILER TIRES**
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