



# STORM PREPAREDNESS

## Plan for Boat Owners



**Perform a trial run to know how long preparations will take.** Include driving time in this trial run. Boaters should be prepared 48 hours before the storm is scheduled to hit.



**Keep boating paperwork** (marina lease agreement, deed, insurance policy, & registration number) in your possession and in a safe place such as a waterproof box. Keep an inventory of all equipment left on the boat and take photos of it.



**If boat is on a trailer move it away from water, trees, and power lines**, and if possible, move it indoors or to a high and dry location and secure the boat to the trailer with at least ½" thick lines and place wooden blocks between frame members and wheel axles. Fill the boat halfway with water and secure the trailer to the ground in all four directions.



**If your boat will remain in a docked slip, check the strength of the back plates** on all cleats and chocks. Make sure the bilge pump is working and remove all other electronic equipment and triple all lines at various lengths and heights on the pilings. Use chafing gear on the lines and fenders to prevent contact with pilings and other boats.



After you have made anchoring or marooning preparations it is important to **remove all movable equipment** such as canvas, sails, dinghies, radios, cushions, Bimini tops, and roller furling sails. Seal all openings with duct tape or other suitable tape.



**Take photos of the boat once you have secured it**, if you will be leaving the boat and evacuating the area. This is good to have for documentation if an insurance claim will be made after the storm has passed.



After the storm has passed, and it is safe to return back to where the boat was left, **check for damage and take photos** if submitting to insurance and make necessary repairs.

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