

CHECKLIST: LAYING UP

Checklist for end of season

General

- Diesel tank:** Fill to reduce chance of condensation.
- Set up **dehumidifier** or heating on the boat if possible.
- Portable valuables:** Remove binoculars, portable radios etc, unless they are quite secure on board.
- Remove **gear** from the boat that may get damp.
- Water tanks:** Empty. Before next season flush through with specialist cleaning product.
- Toilets:** Flush through thoroughly, then close seacocks & winterise according to maker's instructions. Stripping & refitting is usually advised.

Mast & standing rigging

- Mast:** If it is to be unstepped:
- Electrical leads:** Tallied to ensure easy reconnecting.
- Standing rigging:** Labelled before taking off mast.
- Mast & spars:** Marked with boat's name before stowing ashore.

Electrical

- Batteries:** Unless they are to be kept on charge aboard, remove ashore for care.
- Dry batteries:** Remove from torches, radios, lifebelt lights & any other equipment.
- Spray battery connections with WD40 or similar.

Sails & running rigging

- Sails:** Send to sailmaker for repairs and / or laundry.
- Running rigging:** Un-reeve, check for wear, label & stow.
- Self-furling gear:** Un-rig & follow maker's instructions for seasonal maintenance.

Engine

- Close sea water intake, having made sure that the engine cannot be started. If needed, flush cooling water system with fresh water, drain & winterise according to maker's instructions.
- Check recommended maintenance schedule. Regardless of hours run it is sensible to change engine oil & filter & fuel filters during lay-up.

Safety equipment

- Liferaft:** Send for servicing if needed.
- Lifejackets:** Inspect & service.
- Flares:** Check for expiry date.
- First aid kit:** Remove for checking.
- Jackstays:** Remove to prevent deterioration & inspect for wear.

Domestic

- Food:** Remove ALL food, including dry provisions & canned goods.
- Cool box or fridge:** Empty, clean & leave open.
- Toilet & shower compartment:** Clean with sanitizer to reduce mildew.
- Sleeping bags & towels:** Remove for washing.
- Waterproofs:** Remove to wash.