CHECKLIST: PREPARING FOR SEA

- ☐ Weather forecast
- ☐ Engine checks
- ☐ Fuel level
- ☐ Safety equipment in place
- ☐ VHF radio & instruments on
- ☐ Passage planned, including route, waypoints, tidal heights, location of hazards & a contingency plan
- ☐ Charts, GPS & chart plotter prepared
- ☐ Crew briefed on safety equipment & passage
- ☐ Compass & navigation lights tested
- ☐ All gear stowed
- ☐ Food prepared & galley tidy
- ☐ All hatches shut
- ☐ Bilges dry
- ☐ Mainsail reefing set up
- ☐ Sail cover off & sails ready to go
- ☐ Radar reflector in position
- ☐ Information about passage left ashore
- ☐ CG66 up to date with HM Coastguard
- ☐ Water full
- ☐ Rubbish ashore
- ☐ Gas
- ☐ Crew ready, waterproofs, boots, lifejackets
- ☐ Anchor ready, with no gear stored on top in case it is needed in a hurry
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