

Boat Out of Water - Checklist

Here are some simple tips to help put your boat into hibernation so that re-commissioning in Spring will be much more straightforward.**

1. Give the bottom a thorough power-wash and also wash down the topsides and deck. []
2. Give the interior a thorough wash down with a disinfectant solution to prevent any build up of mould and mildew whilst laid up. []
3. Winterize your engine:
 - a. Top off your fuel tank to prevent build up of condensation. []
 - b. Drain and flush the cooling system before replenishing with anti-freeze mix. []
 - c. Change the oil and the oil filter. []
4. Winterize plumbing by either draining it completely or refilling with anti-freeze . Water and holding tanks should be flushed with anti-bacterial solution and drained. []
5. Disconnect and remove the battery - alternatively set up a battery charger to maintain it through any long period of inactivity. []
6. Check the hull for any damaged paintwork or cracks - repair and reseal with a good wax coat. []
7. Provide your boat with a properly fitting cover to protect it from rain, snow and frost. []
8. Ensure that, although protected, there is always good airflow to prevent build up of damp and mildew. []
9. Keep the sea cocks and drains open to prevent build up of any water from rain or leaks. []
10. Grease all parts that require it to protect from corrosion. []

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