



First Mate Checklist

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- Does everyone on board have a **life jacket** that fits?
Help your shipmates put their life jackets on!
- Where are the fire extinguishers, emergency flares and first aid kit on the boat?
Make sure everyone else knows too!
- Double check that your navigation lights and horn work before leaving the dock.
- Help your captain perform a radio check to make sure the VHF radio is working properly.
Use **Sea Tow's Automated Radio Check Service**.
- Check the bilge. You want to make sure it isn't filled with water.
- Check the gas gauge and let your captain know how much **fuel** you have.
- How does the weather look? You don't want to head out on the water if it looks like it's going to storm.
Download the Sea Tow App to help track the weather.
- Make sure you have drinking water and **sunblock** on board.
- Ask your captain about the safest way out of the harbor, and for help in using a compass to set the course.
- Last thing to check:
Is everyone ready to have FUN?

