

SPRING START-UP CHECKLIST

welcome to the water

The following are general guidelines. Check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations/procedures particular to your boat.

FUEL SYSTEM

- Inspect hoses, connections and tank surfaces for leaks or damage
- Replace components as needed
- Verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured
- Ensure the engine, exhaust, and ventilation systems are functioning properly

BELTS, CABLES & HOSES

- Check for cracks & brittle areas
- Ensure belts fit tightly & are not worn
- Look for cracks or swells on the outer jacket of control cables, which may indicate a problem

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness & tightness; corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition
- Remove terminals & clean with a wire brush; clean cable ends
- Change battery & ensure it can hold a charge
- Electrical systems should be inspected by a qualified technician regularly

FLUID LEVELS

- Check engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant levels
- Change engine oil, oil filter & drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing

PROPELLERS & HULLS

- Inspect propellers for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion
- Make sure propeller is secured properly; replace bearings when needed
- Check hull for blisters, distortions and cracks
- Clean the hull, deck and topsides
- Ensure the drain plug is securely in place prior to every launch

SAFETY GEAR

- Check life jackets to ensure they are in good conditions; make sure there are enough on board for all potential passengers
- Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, stowed in the proper place and are the correct class for your vessel
- Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), USCG Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons