



CHECK LIST FOR FIRST TIME OPERATION

1. Take a “buddy” with you
2. Go to launch area, but away from the ramp
3. CHECK TO BE SURE THAT DRAIN PLUG IS INSTALLED
4. Attach mooring lines and lead them to the side of the boat where dock will be once boat is launched.
5. Attach fenders to same side of boat where dock will be
6. Check to be sure you have all safety equipment (maybe before you leave home)
 - a. Life jackets for each person – include potential passengers
 - b. Anchor and anchor line
 - c. Paddle and throw cushion
 - d. Fire extinguisher and distress flag
 - e. Whistle/horn and first aid kit
7. Check to be sure that fresh water sea cock is open
8. If boat has battery switch, be sure it is turned on
9. Check engine oil level
10. Check fuel level
11. Remove all tie down straps except one on the bow eye
12. Proceed to launch ramp, back up to just short of the water
13. Remove line from trailer to bow eye
14. Have “buddy” pick up dock lines and walk on dock as you back up trailer
15. Back up trailer so that boat/trailer are parallel to dock about one yard away from dock
16. As boat floats off of trailer, “buddy” pulls it back and free of trailer, then brings it in to dock
17. Pull tow vehicle and trailer slowly out of water and to proper parking spot

18. Join “buddy” at the dock and snugly tie boat to dock preventing it from moving forward
19. If equipped, turn on bilge blower
20. If no bilge blower, lift engine box/hatch to smell for gas fumes
21. If no gas fumes, put gear shift in neutral
22. If boat is equipped with manual choke, pull it out completely
23. Crack open the throttle about ¼”
24. Press starter, as soon as engine starts, depress choke
25. Go to back of boat to observe that there is water being expelled from exhaust pipe. Do not proceed if there is no discharge
26. Back in driver seat; observe that you have oil pressure. Do not proceed if you do not have oil pressure
27. If boat is creeping forward on the mooring line, touch the shifter with a little reverse
28. Have your “buddy” release lines and place in the boat. He/she should board boat as you back out
29. “Buddy” should secure lines so they are accessible, but won’t accidently go into the water
30. As you clear the dock, have “Buddy” remove the fenders, then sit down
31. Most straight inboards back to the left. Use this trait to help you turn – back to the left and forward to the right
32. As you move out of the “no wake” zone, begin to apply throttle, slowly increasing rpm to 2-2.5K
33. Observe oil pressure, amp, and temp gauges
34. Lift floor board or engine hatch to see if you are taking on water
35. Have FUN and be SAFE

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