

# Best Practices Safety Checklist



- First Aid Kit**
- Ditch Bag** (waterproof kayak bag with handheld VHF, handheld EPIRB, flares, small first aid kit)
- Man Overboard Sling and man overboard retrieval system** (Game Hoist, self-locking, 4:1 reduction, 500-lb maximum lift, just \$30)
- Deck-hose extension with quick-connect** for dewatering (long enough to reach into your fo'c'sle as well as your lazarette. Also, can be used to assist in dewatering of other vessels)
- Water-activated PFDs** for ALL crew to wear during unloading, rough weather, and while on the bow tying up and anchoring.
- Damage Control Kit** (wooden plugs, inner-tube rubber in 1-inch rolls and sheets, splash zone)
- Check all running lights**, deck lights, engine room
- Have waterproof flashlights** with fresh batteries stored in key locations ready for use (engine room, fo'c'sle, lazarette)
- Test ALL alarms** (bilge high water, smoke, carbon monoxide, etc.)
- Inspect anchor gear**  
Replace worn anchor rode, wire shackles with SS wire
- Maintenance on all watertight deck hatches** (grease rubber seals and mechanical opening/closing handles)
- Drill Instructor Card/Current First Aid Card**
- Current Renewal of life raft** (if applicable)
- EPIRB if required** (current registration/battery)
- Carbon monoxide detectors** in living areas
- Smoke detectors** in living area, engine room