

spring start-up checklist

The following are general guidelines. Check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations or procedures specific 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 and brittle areas
- Ensure belts fit tightly and are not worn
- Inspect the outer jacket of control cables for cracks or swells, which may indicate a problem

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness; corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition
- Remove terminals and clean with a wire brush; clean cable ends
- Change battery and 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 and 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 if 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

- Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition; make sure there is one for each potential passenger
- Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, properly stowed 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 U.S. Power Squadron