**ENROUTE CHECKLIST**

**CONTINUAL**

* Sail
	+ Winds vs sails
	+ Seas vs direction of travel
	+ Configuration of the boat
	+ System status
	+ Comfort of crew/pax
* Navigate
	+ Do I know where I’m going
	+ Am I where I’m supposed to be at this time
	+ Impact of weather/wind
	+ COLREGs for traffic
* Communicate
	+ Comms only after sail & nav are complete
	+ Float plan
	+ Buddy boat(s)
	+ Crew/pax

**ROUTINE CHECKS**

* Line/Sheet Chafing
* Security of dinghy/life raft/horseshoe
* Sky/Wind/Sea Condition
* Engine oil/cooling/Batteries/Bilge
* Note position hourly/log/chart
* Condition of crew/passengers
* Was Float Plan Activated?

**TACK**

* Ready-about
* Leeward Sheet/Lazy Sheet/Mainsheet
* Helm-to-lee/Lee-ho
* Set Mainsheet/Clean up lazy Mainsheet

**GYBE**

* Ready-gybe
* Leeward Sheet/Lazy Sheet/Mainsheet
* Helm down/Gybe-ho
* Set Mainsheet/Clean up lazy Mainsheet

**WAYPOINT**

* TIME – current time vs plan
* TURN – turning to what heading, impact on wind/sails/speed
* TRACK – track/bearing to next waypoint, COG, speed, faster/slower impact/required
* THROTTLES – engines off (throttle reverse), motor w/ one engine, batt/systems check
* TALK – advise port/marina, buddy boat, float plan, advise crew/pax
* ESTIMATE – to next WP, to destination, fuel/water consumption/remaining

**HALF-WAY**

* Verify position/speed vs original plan
* Weather actual/forecast for position and destination:
	+ cloud cover/ precip/ dew point/ winds/ obscuring phenomenon/ local advisories
	+ Ambient light: sunset and rise/ moon rise and set/ phase/ cultural lighting
	+ Tides and Currents
* Wind/ Fuel remaining/ Fuel consumption (1/3 rule)
* Radio listening watch/ position reports

**HIGH WINDS/HEAVY WEATHER**

* Plot/Log position/Mark GPS
* Safety gear location/access
* Clothing/floatation
* Jacklines/Harnesses
* Frequent position logs/reports
* Radio for weather updates/forecasts
* Reflector/AIS/Radar/Nav Lights
* Safe harbours/routes
* Smaller headsail/Reefs
* Secure gear/clutter below/on deck
* Close Hatches/Ports
* Check Anchor/Dinghy

**PRE-NIGHT**

* Speed/Course/Compass Light
* Red Cockpit/Cabin Lighting
* Searchlight Serviceable/Ready
* Remove clutter
* Watch Schedule/experience/ability
* Weather
* Sail Config/shorten
* Batt/Inverter Use
* Reflector/AIS/Radar/Nav Lights
* Hand torch/headlamp/batteries
* Clothing/Food/Drink
* Lifevest/Harness
* When to wake Skipper

**FOG**

* Lifevests on
* Everyone on deck
* Engine on
* Drop anchor?
* Mark position/repeat periodically
* Sound signals
* Navigation Lights
* Lookouts/Listening/Radar/AIS watch
* Watches shortened for alertness
* Ready safety gear
* Verify with charts/plotter
* Head for water clear of shipping
* Monitor appropriate VHF channel

**MAN OVER BOARD (MOB)**

* Shout ‘man overboard’ to alert the crew
* Crewmember to point at the MOB
* Press the MOB button on the GPS
* Immediate crash-tack/ crash-gybe?
* Throw a life buoy/dan-buoy/horseshoe to the MOB
* In poor vis consider smoke flare
* Send a DSC distress alert and a Mayday
* Start motor/prepare a throwing line/handheld torch/flood
* Engine out plan (rehearsed)
* Alongside MOB to windward
* Get a line around the MOB and get them aboard