



MATE, GOT YOUR SHIP SORTED?

HERE'S A SIMPLE CHECKLIST TO HELP YOU GET READY TO HIT THE WATER.

FILL YOUR FUEL TANKS

With the boat having been out of the water for a while, it pays to *replace old fuel with clean, fresh fuel* and check the hose connections.

CHARGE YOUR BATTERIES

Are they good to go? Terminals clean and connections all tight?

TURN THE MOTOR OVER

Give your engine(s) a start, check that there are no blockages and that everything works just as it should.

CHECK YOUR LOCAL MARINE WEATHER

See what's going on out there before you hit the water - it's quick and easy with the Coastguard App. Free for download from *Google Play* and the *App Store*.

BE KIND AT THE BOAT RAMP

Everyone is likely to be a little rusty reversing the trailer down the ramp! Please be patient, and be kind.

CHECK YOUR LIFEJACKETS

Self-service your inflatable lifejackets and check foam jackets for wear and tear. Have you got enough for all your mates that are lining up to get out there with you?

UNTANGLE YOUR TACKLE

LUBE YOUR ROD AND REELS

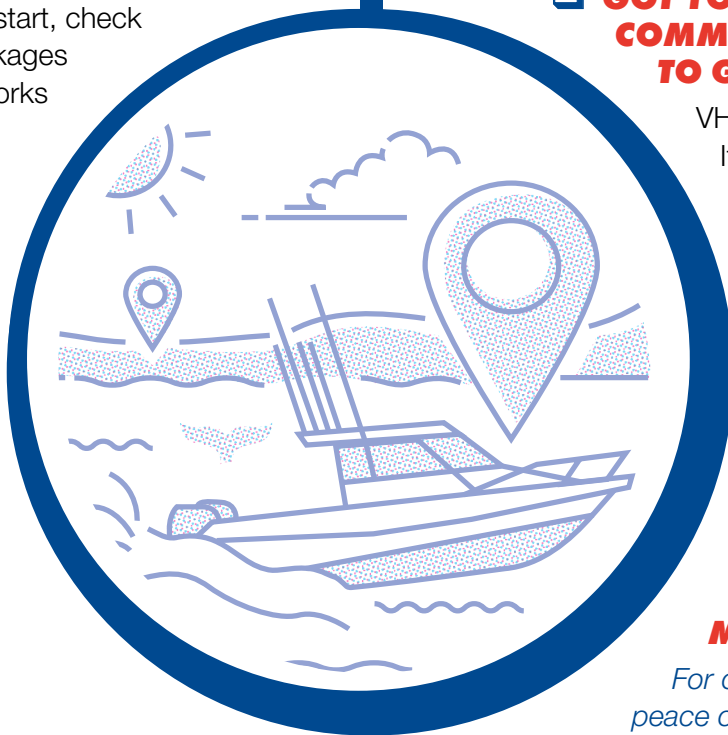
GOT YOUR TWO FORMS OF COMMUNICATION READY TO GO?

VHF charged and working?

It's simple and easy to do a radio check with us from home just call Coastguard Radio on *your local Coastguard VHF channel* and request a radio check.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ONE ALREADY, GRAB A COASTGUARD MEMBERSHIP

For only \$115 you've got peace of mind when getting your pride and joy back out on the water, with free assists for when things don't quite go to plan.



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