

Going afloat.....at sea

Pre- departure checklist

Weather

Obtain weather forecast	www.met.ie, www.mmet.ie	
Are forecast conditions appropriate for planned activities?		

Boat & Equipment

Is boat fit for use?		
Do you have appropriate equipment with you?		
Have you sufficient fuel for planned activities + 1/3 spare?		
Engine checked before leaving?	Cooling, oil, controls	
Do you have a suitable means of calling for help?	VHF radio, phone, flares, EPIRB, PLB(s)	

Personal Equipment

Do you have adequate clothing for all on board?	Warm, waterproof, footwear, hats	
Do you have a lifejacket for everyone on board?		
Have lifejackets been fitted properly?		
Have lifejackets been checked / maintained?		

Planning

Have you planned where you want to go?		
Have you checked that conditions will be suitable?	Wind - waves, Tide - water levels, flow / currents.	
Are you aware of any landmarks, navigation aids you will need to use to get there and back?		
Are you aware of any particular hazards you might need to be aware of and watch out for?		



Details on planned activities.....

to be left with responsible person ashore

Name of boat:	Call sign, MMSI number, Mobile phone number:
Name of skipper:	Number of people on board
Point of departure:	Time of Departure
Point of arrival/return:	Time of arrival/return:

If no contact made by me by*

Please contact the Coast Guard on 999 or 112 and advise them I am overdue and give them the details above.

* insert time allowing for reasonable delays