

# **Rockhold Creek Marina**

## **Spring Vessel Safety and Commissioning Checklist**

Be sure to keep these items in mind during your spring vessel commissioning and outfitting:

- Ensure all hoses and belts are tight and not dried out, brittle or cracked.
- Ensure all through hull fittings have double hose clamps (stainless steel).
- Ensure seacock valves operate easily and are accessible (with handles attached).
- Ensure bonding cables and straps are connected and in good condition.
- Ensure there are no oil, water, MSD, or antifreeze leaks.
- Inspect all fuel lines and systems thoroughly. Clean or replace filters.
- Ensure cooling water strainers are clean and tight (and seacocks open before use).
- Ensure all electrical system wires are neatly run and in good condition.
- Ensure all electrical terminals are clean and tight.
- Ensure all bilges are clean and dry. Use oil absorbent materials in all bilges.
- Ensure all safety and navigation equipment is serviceable including PFDs.
- Ensure flares are still “in date”.
- Ensure fire extinguishers are operable and charged. Have them serviced annually.
- Ensure bilge blowers operate correctly.
- Ensure bilge ventilation hoses are run properly and have no holes or crushed areas.
- Ensure stuffing boxes are adjusted properly and do not leak excessively.
- Do not count on your automatic bilge pump to keep your boat afloat.
- Ensure propellers and drive shafts are straight and serviceable.
- Have your engine and drive shaft aligned after about one week back in the water.
- Ensure all MSD equipment is clean, tight, and serviceable.
- Ensure batteries are well secured against movement and covered (in a battery box).
- Ensure all battery cables and terminals are clean and tight. Beware of battery acid spills.
- Ensure batteries are watered, charged, and still hold a charge. Load test if questionable.
- Ensure bilge pump and float switch actually pump water out of the boat.
- Ensure all navigation and other lights operate.
- Ensure horn and bell, or whistle operate.
- Ensure mooring lines, anchor and line are in good condition and proper size for your boat.
- Ensure sacrificial zinc anodes are renewed and properly installed in electrical contact.
- Ensure all sailboat running and standing rigging is in good condition and properly run.
- Lubricate all winches and other deck machinery.
- Ensure the helm, steering system, and rudder are inspected, tested, and operable.
- Ensure all radios and electronics are tested and operable.
- Ensure engine spare parts kit is complete and onboard.
- Ensure shore power cables and fittings are clean and serviceable.
- Ensure all fuses and circuit breakers are functional, and spare fuses are onboard.

**Have a safe and enjoyable boating season!**