

## STEP 4

### HAVE AN ITINERARY AND EMERGENCY PLAN

#### Your itinerary should include:

- When: time of departure and return
- Where: destination and route
- Who: will be on board.

#### Your emergency plan should include:

- Telling someone your plans
- Knowing what to do if things go wrong
- Emergency phone numbers.

**NEVER GO ALONE!**

#### Remember:

- A written trip plan is recommended
- The Deckee Phone App
- Discuss trip plan with a support person
- An emergency plan should be understood by the boating party and support person
- The Boat and Gear Safety Check List (MAST Website)
- Read Instructions on Safety Equipment and know where it is stowed on the boat
- Check in with Tas Maritime Radio using the VHF Marine Radio.

VISIT [www.mast.tas.gov.au](http://www.mast.tas.gov.au)  
FOR THE PLANNING YOUR  
TRIP CHECK LIST

**BE BOATWISE**  
There are NO second chances

## MAKE AN INFORMED

*decision*

## ABOUT YOUR BOATING

### TRIP

- Seaworthy boat
- Required safety equipment
- Suitable conditions
- Itinerary/emergency plan

### HAVE ALL THE BOXES BEEN TICKED?

#### Further Resources:

- MAST Website/Guides & Tips
- Youtube.com/MAST.TAS
- MAST Check Lists
- BOM—[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

### IF YOU ARE KAYAKING OR PADDLE BOARDING, REMEMBER...

- Life Jacket required at all times (except in surf)
- Tethering device required if more than 200 metres offshore
- Be aware of your fitness level
- Be very careful in offshore breezes
- Do you have the right craft for the intended trip?

# BE BOAT WISE

*when*

## PREPARING FOR

### TRIPS

A step by step  
guide for  
recreational  
boating



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# A STEP BY STEP GUIDE



A successful boating trip involves sound preparation, careful planning and making informed decisions. This brochure gives a step by step guide to provide the fundamental information required for a safe boating experience. More detailed information can be found on the MAST website.

## STEP 1

### CHECK TO SEE IF THE BOAT IS SAFE

#### What to check:

- Is the boat suitable for the intended trip?
- Is the boat in seaworthy condition?
- Has the motor been serviced and tested?
- Is there enough fuel? (1/3 to get there, 1/3 to get back and 1/3 for an emergency).

**JUST LIKE CARS, BOATS REQUIRE REGULAR SERVICING BY EXPERTS.**

## STEP 2

### CHECK TO SEE IF THE REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS ON BOARD

Equipment		Smooth Waters	Sheltered Waters	Coastal Waters
Anchor, Rope and Chain		✓	✓	✓
Bailer/Bilge Pump		✓	✓	✓
Life Jacket for all on board (AS4758)		✓ Level 50 or greater	✓ Level 100 or greater	✓ Level 100 or greater
Fire Extinguisher		✓	✓	✓
Oars/Aux propulsion (Boat under 6m only)		✓	✓	✓
Flares		Recommended	2 x Orange 2 x Red	2 x Orange 2 x Red 2 x Parachute
Heaving Line		Recommended	✓ Boats over 6m only	✓
Lifebuoy		Recommended	✓ Boats over 6m only	✓
Marine Radio (VHF)		Recommended	Recommended	✓
EPIRB (GPS enabled preferred)		Recommended	Recommended	✓
Radar Reflector		Recommended	Recommended	✓
First Aid Kit and water		Recommended	Recommended	✓

**Smooth water** = Inland lakes, rivers.

**Sheltered waters** = 2nm seaward of land on North and East coast between Cape Grim & SE Cape.

**Coastal waters** = all other waters.

**Note:** It is compulsory to wear an approved life jacket in any recreational motor boat (or motor propelled craft) that is under six metres in length, when under power. Children under the age of 12 years must wear a life jacket in recreational motor boats (or propelled craft) of any length.

## STEP 3

### CHECK THE BOATING CONDITIONS

#### Things to check:

- Weather warnings / conditions
- Wind trends
- Wave conditions
- Tides.

**THESE FORECASTS WILL DETERMINE IF IT IS SAFE ENOUGH TO GO ON THE BOATING TRIP**

#### How to check:

- Internet – the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website. This can be accessed through the QR code or on the website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/tas/forecasts/index.shtml?ref=hdr>



- Mobile phone – The Deckee phone App can be downloaded from the App Store



- TV / radio weather reports
- MAST Phone weather reports.



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