

WAGGONER CRUISING GUIDE

Preparing for the Boating Season To-Do List

1. Bilge

- a. Clean sea strainer baskets
- b. Inspect thru-hulls and ensure seacocks are working
- c. Check the stuffing box for abnormal leakage
- d. Check auto and manual operation of Bilge Pumps
- e. Check thruster reservoir for leaks
- f. Check trim tab reservoir for leaks
- g. Check steering reservoir level
- h. Replace absorbent pad in the bilge and check for sign of fluid leaks
- i. Test bilge blower to ensure proper operation
- j. Ensure bilge pumps are operational

2. Engine(s)

- a. Close coolant pit-cocks if drained in the fall
- b. Inspect raw water pump impeller
- c. Check engine oil and transmission fluid condition and level
- d. Replace fuel filters
- e. Check drive belt condition and tension
- f. Inspect belt tension bearing
- g. Inspect for fluid leaks
- h. Check coolant overflow bottle fluid level
- i. Check engine coolant condition
- j. Check coolant hose condition
- k. Check condition of zinc in cooling system
- l. Flush raw water side coolant heat exchanger
- m. Inspect and clean air filter/spark arrester
- n. Ensure engine mounts and drive coupling nuts are tight
- o. Check exhaust clamps and hoses
- p. Inspect spark plug cables, if applicable, for cracking or brittleness
- q. On non-electric ignitions change points, condenser, rotor and distributor cap
- r. Ensure seawater discharge at exhaust when engine is running
- s. Test engine alarms to ensure operable

3. Electrical System

- a. Check battery condition, fluid level and clean the terminals
- b. Check D.C. electrical panel and terminal connections to ensure all connections are clean and tight
- c. Check engine gages
- d. Check operation of all electrical appliances
- e. Check cabin, anchor and navigation lights
- f. Test horn to ensure it is operational
- g. Service generator

4. **Furnace/Air Conditioner**
 - a. Run to ensure proper operation
 - b. Check for fuel and fluid leaks
 - c. Check fluid level on hydronic units
 - d. Replace fuel filter
5. **Deck Hardware, Hull & Dingy**
 - a. Check deck hardware fittings for tightness
 - b. Check sacrifice zinc
 - c. Inspect dingy and davits
 - d. Check window wiper blades for cracks and deterioration
 - e. Remove anchor rode from locker, and inspect rode, shackles, and length markers
 - f. Clean and lubricate Windlass
 - g. Check O-ring on water and fuel-fill caps
 - h. Clean, inspect for cracks and apply light coat of oil to hatch gaskets
 - i. Inspect shore-power cord and connections
 - j. Service dingy motor
 - k. Inspect dock lines
6. **Freshwater System**
 - a. Flush tank
 - b. Ensure air vent line is clear
 - c. Inspect waterlines for leaks
 - d. Test pump operation
 - e. Replace in-line filter
7. **Head**
 - a. Check operation
 - b. Inspect hoses and clamps
 - c. Replace holding tank breather tube filter
 - d. Ensure breather vent is not blocked
 - e. Check Y-valve and macerator operation
 - f. Clean shower sump pump filter
8. **Refrigerator/Freezer**
 - a. Defrost freezer
 - b. Check 12- and 110-volt operation
9. **Range and Stove**
 - a. Filled and inspected propane bottle
 - b. Check range and stove operation
 - c. Inspect for gas leaks
10. **Safety Equipment**
 - a. Replace CO2 detector batteries
 - b. Check flares expiration dates
 - c. Service and inspect fire extinguishers
 - d. Service life raft
 - e. Replenish the first-aid kit and replace expired items
 - f. Check PDFs are in good condition and operational
 - g. Ensure all required safety equipment is onboard
11. **Spares Parts and Tools**
 - a. Replenish all essential spares for the season (hoses, belts, impellers, fuses, bulbs, filters, etc.)
 - b. Ensure at least the basic tools are stored on-board