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BOAT QUESTIONS!

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If you owned an airplane the very first thing you would do before you take off is go over every featured required on your airplane. It is drilled into you from day one.

When was the last time you did a safety check on your boat?

It is no different on a boat. The simplest item that you never even think about can be the one that causes you a serious problem.

Do a simple safety check of all systems:

Navigation lights. Are they working,
Bilge pump - does it work, is it on automatic, is the float switch hanging up? (A very common occurrence)
Horn - do you have one, is it working? (this applies differently to different size boats)
Halaron fire extinguisher system. Is it armed, you sure, this could be the most important feature of your boat, depending on the size and requiremen
Co2 fire extilnguisher system the same goes here. Be sure that it is armed and ready to work in case of fire)

Do you have the appropriate number of fire extinguishers for your size boat, can you reach them, are they mounted properly?

The blower or exhaust system that clears the air from your engine compartment. (A number one item to be checked) flip on the switch, listen to it, if you do not hear it, open the hatches, and really listen, as after fueling this is the most important thing to do before turning on the ignition. Depending on the size of the boat this item varies in the application, but always make sure the blower is working.
Simple, sure, but any of these items can lead to a disaster you never dreamed would occur!