



My staff and I wish to thank each and every boater who has docked in our marina for their fine cooperation and support during the season. As summer approaches, we are reminded that this beautiful paradise is vulnerable to hurricanes. The following checklist will be useful as you prepare your boat for an approaching tropical storm or hurricane. There are two things to remember: First, there is no such thing as a safe harbor in a hurricane. If Marco Island takes a hit, expect damage. Second, a boat is replaceable – people are not. It is mandatory that all boaters leave the marina during a storm. You may NOT ride out the storm on your boat. No exceptions.

We cannot assist you with this checklist after the storm alert, as we will be preparing the marina and facility for the storm. If you are not in town at the time of an approaching storm, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT YOUR OWN YACHT MANAGER OR OTHER PEOPLE TO PERFORM THE TASKS ON THE CHECKLIST. Please furnish a copy of this letter to your yacht manager or notify us and we will provide them with a copy. During the storm, the marina will be in contact with the yacht management companies so please contact them for updates.

If in the judgement of the dockmaster, a vessel and surrounding area has not been properly secured when a hurricane watch has been declared, the owner of the vessel will be charged a service fee of \$500.00 plus the costs of all lines and other materials deemed necessary for the dockmaster to adequately secure such vessel and surrounding area.

Let's hope for a season free of severe storms.

Named Storm and Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Double all dock lines• Use chafe protectors at all abrasion points• Tie boat tight to dock to prevent chafing of lines• Take down canvas, isinglass and secure bimini top. Remove or secure dinghies and other non-permanent objects• Fill fuel and water tanks• Remove boat's papers for safekeeping• Close all sea cocks except a/c cock if leaving air on• Check bilge pumps | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position numerous fenders along the hull• Fully charge batteries• Remove non-essential electronics• Stow sails and secure sailboat tiller• Replace old worn or chafed lines. Suggest a minimum of 5/8" diameter• Do not tie lines to wooden piling• 48 hours prior to storm if you are not docked bow in, make sure the stern of your boat is at least 2 feet forward of the dock box• Sailboats tend to lay over and can damage a | <ul style="list-style-type: none">nearby vessel. If water levels fall significantly consider your mast and rigging with other boats around you• Hurricane plan amendment to include vessels on D22, C55, B88, A119, A120, A121 and A122 will need to relocate if a storm is predicted to affect our coast at or above category 2. All vessels in these slips should vacate the marina 96 hours prior to the storm |
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In the event of a hurricane watch, you are allowed to extend your vessel four feet away from the dock (two feet from corner of dock box) no earlier than 48 hours prior to the storm. No boats shall enter or exit the marina beyond 48 hours prior to the storm, except at the discretion of the dockmaster and approval of one board member. You may not get on the docks once the ramps are dropped.

Have a great summer!

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