

## Safety at sea while cruising

**Before starting to sail**, check your boat's conditions through an inspection of equipments, interiors, engine, and instrumentation.

### Essential checks:

**Make sure you have fuel enough** to go and come back, allowing a fuel reserve for any last-minute hitches, and check the engine is in perfect working order;

**Make sure** the drain plug is on. While cruising, check the only open valve is the sea cock valve to cool down the engine. Always bring a sufficient quantity of fresh water with you;

**Always keep aboard** oars, distress rockets, and a lifebelt for each person on board;

**Ensure** the batteries are loaded and check the radio on board is working.

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