Preparing to Sail

On the Water · 40 tasks · a 36' sailing boat

Area	Task	
Cabin	Bow thruster battery on	☐
	Check bilges	☐
	Check water tank level	☐
	Close all hatches	☐
	Diesel heater off	☐
	Engine battery on	☐
	Ensure all lockers secure	☐
	Ensure PLB worn or at companionway	☐
	Lockers secure	☐
	Move milk frother to locker	☐
Cockpit	Check bow thruster operating	☐
	Check fuel tank status	☐
	Ensure life raft and grab bag accessible	☐
	Ensure lines untangled and run freely	☐
	Ensure more than hoseful of water in exhaust	☐
	Fasten solar panels	☐
	Record engine hours	☐
	Remove helm/table/winch canvas	☐
	Remove instrument covers	☐
	Shut off gas regulator	☐
Crew	Briefing on weather and tides	☐
	Gloves ready	☐
	Life jackets on	☐
	Tethers ready	☐
Deck	Check gates closed	☐
	Disconnect shore power	☐
	Ensure dinghy tied down and not fouling sheets	☐
	Secure anchor with safety wire	☐
Engine Room	Check coolant level	☐
	Check engine bilge & fanbelts	☐
	Check oil level	☐
	Open engine sea cock	☐
Heads	Check toilet switched to pump out only	☐
Nav Station	Turn on compass, navigation	☐
	Turn on VHF and tune to CH 16	☐
Provisioning	Lunch on the go ready	☐
	Snacks ready	☐
Rig	Check both sail covers off	☐
	Ensure no lines in the water	☐
	Re-attach halyard	☐