

Winter Lay-Up and Launch Checklist

Put the autumn lay-up jobs and the spring launch checks on the same page, so what you did in October is in front of you in April.

The same jobs in both directions — what to do when the boat comes out in autumn, and what to check before it goes back in the water in spring. One sheet per season, signed at both ends.

YARD AND LOCAL RULES ON ANTIFOULING

Where you may work on a boat ashore, what antifouling you may apply, and how the washings and old paint have to be collected and disposed of are set locally and by the yard. Ask before you start scraping.

Vessel		Season / year		Stored where	
Laid up on	By	Launched on	By		

LAYING UP — AUTUMN

- ☐ Engine flushed, oil and filter changed while warm
- ☐ Coolant and raw water side protected against frost
- ☐ Fuel tanks left full and treated against condensation
- ☐ Gear oil drained and checked for water
- ☐ Batteries off, charged, and on a maintainer
- ☐ Seacocks closed, freed off and greased
- ☐ Bilge dry, and the bilge pump left able to work
- ☐ Water system drained down completely
- ☐ Hull washed off before the growth dries hard
- ☐ Sails, ropes and canvas dried before they are bagged
- ☐ Electronics, flares and papers taken home
- ☐ Cover fitted so it sheds water and cannot flog

BEFORE LAUNCH — SPRING

- ☐ Anodes replaced, and the old wear noted
- ☐ Antifouling applied and the yard's rules followed
- ☐ Skin fittings, hoses and clips checked from inside
- ☐ Seacocks opened, then watched for weeping
- ☐ Impeller replaced or inspected before first start
- ☐ Belts, hoses, oil and coolant levels checked
- ☐ Batteries refitted, terminals cleaned and greased
- ☐ Water system refilled, sanitised and run through
- ☐ Steering, throttle and gear controls full travel
- ☐ Safety gear back aboard and in date
- ☐ Bilge pump and float switch tested with water
- ☐ Engine run and cooling water seen before leaving the berth

Laid up — signed	Launched — signed	Date