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Outfitting a boat – to keep you, your boat, and your family safe – is a process that can be confusing and intimidating. To begin, take a minute to realistically assess your boat, your crew, where you intend to go, and in what sort of conditions. Next, thinking backwards, imagine what might go wrong and what you might be able to do about if you only had... Now use the videos and checklist below as a set of prompts for outfitting tailored to your very own purposes (and your own peace of mind).



OUTFITTING VIDEOS AT OffCenterHarbor.com

Outfitting for Camp Cruising
Outfitting a Small Sailboat
What's in Your Ditty Bag?
Self Rescue in an Open Boat

Outfitting for Cold Weather Camp Cruising
Outfitting a Small Cruiser for Voyaging, Parts 1-3
A Good Boat, Up Close - The Folkboat LORRAINE

OCH's OUTFITTING CHECKLIST

MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW

(For details, see *US Coast Guard regulations* for your size/type boat)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PFDs (1 for each person onboard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throwable (PFD) device | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration numbers & certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn and/or whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nav. lights (after sundown) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation device for boats w/toilets |

COMMON-SENSE "MUST-HAVES"

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oars or paddles | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof VHF | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor & rode | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bailer &/or pump | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Tide chart | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools & spares for boats w/ engines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nautical chart w/
dividers & parallel rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/Headlamp | (consult your mechanic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Tapered wooden plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Footwear (for rough shores) |
| | (if seacocks break) | |

RECOMMENDED &/or WORTH CONSIDERING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Onboard flotation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tow line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boathook | <input type="checkbox"/> Second anchor & rode |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fenders & docklines | <input type="checkbox"/> Gear hammocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sea boots & foul weather gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Small lines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drybags for gear & clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Roller (fender to roll boat up beaches) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radar reflector | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditty bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse, friends, kids, dogs, etc. |

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