Boat Winterizing Checklist

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Boat: _____ Date: _____ Done by: _____

Fuel

- [ ] Add fuel stabilizer to the gas
- [ ] Fill the tank to about 95%, or empty it
- [ ] Change the fuel filter

Outboard

- [ ] Flush the engine with fresh water
- [ ] Spray fogging oil inside the engine
- [ ] Change the engine oil and filter
- [ ] Change the gear oil in the lower unit
- [ ] Check the propeller shaft and anodes
- [ ] Grease the fittings
- [ ] Store the engine tilted down

Sterndrive or inboard

- [ ] Change the oil and filter
- [ ] Drain the seawater or run antifreeze through
- [ ] Spray fogging oil into gas engines
- [ ] Tilt the drive down

Freshwater system

- [ ] Drain the water tanks
- [ ] Drain the water heater
- [ ] Drain the shower drain box
- [ ] Run nontoxic antifreeze through every tap

Toilet and holding tank

- [ ] Empty the holding tank
- [ ] Pump disinfectant through
- [ ] Add antifreeze if the maker allows it

Battery

- [ ] Charge it fully
- [ ] Clean the terminals
- [ ] Take it home and keep it on a maintenance charger

Interior

- [ ] Remove all food
- [ ] Open lockers and drawers
- [ ] Stand cushions on their sides
- [ ] Close the propane valves
- [ ] Turn off breakers, except bilge pump and alarms

Hull and cover

- [ ] Clean and dry the bilge
- [ ] Choose a vented cover
- [ ] Level the boat, at least three jackstands per side over 26 feet

Paperwork

- [ ] Get a written winterizing contract
- [ ] Confirm your insurance covers freeze damage

Always follow your engine maker's manual. Full guide: https://yachtway.com/news/how-to-winterize-a-boat-and-outboard/