

Propulsion Failure Safety Campaign

6 checks for a safe and successful season



Fail to prepare,
prepare to fail



Don't grind
your gears



Lost your
spark?



Running on
fumes?



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1 Preparation is key for a stress-free season.

Pre-season checks can be broken down into 3 stages:

Pre-launch - a visual check of the boat out of the water

Post-launch - a full systems check

Shakedown - a final check, from raising sails to dropping anchor

2 Before you set out for a days sailing, doing some basic engine checks is important.

It is a good idea to keep a maintenance log to help you remember which checks you have completed

3 Proper battery checks will make sure you get the most out of the season and your batteries. When charging your batteries, always make sure you charge them to full each time, and check that the battery is holding the charge

4 One of the most common causes of propulsion failure in the Solent is boats running out of fuel or issues with the fuel system. Make sure to check the fuel filters regularly. Fuel does have a shelf life, and old fuel can cause major issues

5 Following the basic principles of passage planning will ensure you have a successful voyage, even if you're just heading out for the day. Check the weather forecast at regular intervals Check fuel levels, allowing for tides and weather

6 If you do breakdown, you can get attention via:
VHF 16
999 and ask for the Coastguard Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)
It is best to do a radio check before departure, and make sure your mobile phone is fully charged

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