

BOAT SAFETY CHECK

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Look down the whole boat to ensure there is no damage to the hull. Where applicable make sure you check the bung is in place to stop the boat filling with water.

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Ensure the boat has sufficient buoyancy. Most boats have buoyancy compartments sealed by hatch covers. You should ensure that all the compartments are securely closed so that in the event of a capsize the buoyancy compartments support the boat rather than filling with water.

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Check all the attachments to the boat (such as riggers and gates) are securely attached and will not become loose during your outing.

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Make sure your boat has a bow ball or fender and it is attached firmly and securely.

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Ensure that any pins, rowlocks or swivel gates are in good working order as appropriate and that all parts of the are securely attached.

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Make sure your seat is attached to the boat correctly and where appropriate is running freely on the runners.

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Ensure the blades (oars) have secure collars and handles as appropriate.

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Check that the rudder is correctly attached, working and not damaged as you will need this to steer the boat.