

# Rhodes 22 Quick Checklist

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This is a Quick Checklist of tasks needed on the Rhodes 22 from departure preparation through returning and mooring. This checklist is a distillation of the Rhodes Operations manual. **It is not a substitute for reading the Rhodes 22 Operations manual.** Each step is discussed in detail in the Rhodes 22 Operations Manual. If you do not know how to do something or do not understand something, consult the Rhodes 22 Operating manual for details.

## **Pre Departure:**

1. Open boat and store locks
2. Check bilge compartment for leaks.
3. Loosen the rudder, tiller and boom
4. Bring air horn, winch handle and life jackets on deck
5. Check fuel level and refuel if necessary
6. Refer to Tide Table for direction of tide and if it is high or low
7. Review chart for shallow areas and sand bars
8. Note the mooring number (H4) and position for your return
9. Lower Center board

## **Battery and breaker checks:**

1. Set Battery Switch to "ON"
2. Test Marine Radio
3. Test navigation lights if late return is anticipated

## **Starting the engine:**

1. Put the engine in neutral
2. Lower engine into water
3. Connect gas line, open tank vent and prime with bulb
4. Start the engine (pull primer knob out, fast idle, pull starter)
5. Check for cooling water flow

## **Leaving the mooring:**

1. Plan direction / method of departure
2. Assign responsibilities to crew. Bow watch and anchor attendant is important.
3. Untie the pickup Pendant from the boat (Do **NOT** untie the pendant from the mooring; do **NOT** take it with you!)
4. Keep watch on the mooring lines so you don't run them over
5. While the engine is running check frequently for cooling-water flow.
6. Tune VHF radio to channel 9 / 16.
7. Call bridge attendant on CH 13 when nearing Oceanic Bridge if necessary to request on-demand opening
8. Once past the bridge be careful to stay in channel.

**Dinghy lock combination is 9509**

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## Getting Ready to Sail

1. Proceed to safe area out of main channel
2. Stow any loose gear that will not be used
3. Verify center board is down
4. Put sails up and turn off engine by stopping with switch.
5. Lift engine out of water

## Preparing to re-start engine or return:

1. Proceed to safe area outside of channel
2. Lower engine
3. Put the engine in neutral before starting the engine
4. Check for cooling water flow.
5. Furl jib and lower main
6. Check wind, current and plan for mooring pickup. (Hint – look to see which direction moored boats are facing and parallel them for pendant pickup)
7. Assign bow person anchor responsibility
8. Determine mooring technique and communicate it to crew.
9. Pickup pendant, retrieve mooring line and fasten mooring lines to cleats by going under bow railing. Secure pickup pendant on deck.

## After Mooring:

1. Secure mooring lines and pendant.
2. Stop engine with switch
3. Raise engine out of water.
4. Disconnect gas line, close vent on gas can
5. Check remaining fuel tank levels and replenish (buy some) fuel if there is less than one full tank
6. Secure sails, lash down tiller and boom
7. Raise the centerboard and rudder
8. Return/Stow all gear in their designated place (winch, life jackets, etc). Gear charts indicate designated area.
9. Complete LOG entry for days usage and note any maintenance items

## Leaving Boat:

1. Walk the boat to ensure everything is secure
2. Pump bilge if necessary
3. Ensure that all gear and lines are where they belong
4. Pack up and take garbage with you
5. Arrange to clean port-a-potty if used
6. Summon FHYW launch on CH -9. "Fair Haven Yacht Works Launch– Fair Haven Yacht Works Launch – this is *Rhodes less Traveled* requesting a pickup on mooring H4". If they fail to respond try 3 blasts on the air horn.
7. Turn OFF VHF Marine radio
8. Turn battery switch OFF
9. Closeup and lock boat
10. Prepare to board launch. (Its customary to tip the younger drivers)

Rest Room / Shower Combination is 4 5 2 in sequence