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Motor Yacht Storm Preparation Checklist

Before the Storm Hits

- ☐ Monitor weather forecasts continuously.
- ☐ Review your yacht insurance policy and ensure storm coverage.
- ☐ Create a detailed storm plan (locations, responsibilities, contacts).
- ☐ Check fuel, water, and battery levels; ensure systems are operational.

Securing the Motor Yacht

- ☐ Move to a safe marina, hurricane hole, or haul-out facility if possible.
- ☐ Double all dock lines with extra chafe protection.
- ☐ Use long spring lines to allow for tidal surge and movement.
- ☐ Secure or remove all canvas, covers, and external cushions.
- ☐ Remove or lock down tenders, jet skis, and other gear on deck.
- ☐ Close and secure windows, hatches, and doors tightly.
- ☐ Add fenders in strategic positions to protect from dock and other vessels.

Protecting Systems & Equipment

- ☐ Disconnect shore power and unnecessary electrical systems.
- ☐ Ensure bilge pumps are operational and strainer is clear of debris.
- ☐ Secure engine room and electronics compartments against water intrusion.
- ☐ Check and seal all access panels, vents, and exhausts.
- ☐ Lubricate hinges, latches, and moving parts.

Interior & Personal Items

- ☐ Remove valuables, documents, and portable electronics.
- ☐ Stow breakable or loose items securely.
- ☐ Inventory all systems and equipment onboard.
- ☐ Backup navigational and communication data if possible.

Safety & Documentation

- ☐ Take photographs of the yacht and key systems for insurance.
- ☐ Store copies of registration, insurance, and identification off the boat.
- ☐ Share your storm preparation plan with marina or harbor staff.
- ☐ Verify VHF radios, handheld units, and emergency gear are accessible.

After the Storm

- ☐ Check for structural damage, water intrusion, and flooding.
- ☐ Photograph and document all damage before cleanup or repair.
- ☐ Inspect engines, batteries, and navigation systems for function.
- ☐ Ensure fuel systems are secure and no leaks are present.
- ☐ Notify your insurance provider and follow claim procedures if needed.

Recommended Equipment Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anchors & Sea Anchors | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Tool Kit (Testers, Tape, Connectors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Anchor Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Tool Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Dock Lines | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chafe Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape (Duct, Repair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fenders | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooks & Snubbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotlights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shackles | <input type="checkbox"/> Foul Weather Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Plugs / Drain Plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses and Tethers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Fuel Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Jackets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Bilge Pumps, Strainers, Switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket Re-Arm Kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilge Alarm | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Utility Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Bilge Pump | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Straps/ Tie Downs (Bimini, General) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights and Headlamps | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld VHF Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |