

ESSENTIAL SAILING GEAR: PACKING CHECKLIST

#	CLOTHING
	Base layers
	Undergarments (neoprene or wool)
	Deck shoes/boat shoes/sail boots
	Sweater
	Sailing jacket
	Sunglasses
	Hat or cap
	Sailing gloves
	Sailing trousers
	Canvas sailing belt
	Cold weather: dry suit
	Foulies
	Ocean trousers or salopettes
#	CREW GEAR
	Safety gear (1 p.p.)
	life jackets (PFD) - 1 per person
	whistle
	waterproof headlamp
	harness and tether for offshore sailing
	Paperwork (each crew member)
	passport for international trips
	diving certificate
	drivers license
	Toiletries (each crew member)
	towels
	toothbrush and toothpaste
	medications and perhaps medication for seasickness
	soap
	dry shampoo
	deodorant
	Other gear (each crew member)
	dry bag - to protect your precious gear

	swimming/snorkeling/diving gear
	fishing gear
	Additional gear for multiple-day trips
	sleeping bag
	cellphone and charger
	electronics like an e-reader, tablet, laptop, camera, and chargers
	ear plugs
	12V to DC adapters
	power banks and spare batteries for all electronic equipment
	outlet travel multi-adapters for international trips
#	SKIPPER GEAR
	Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)
	utility knife and marlin spike, or mariners knife
	sailing watch
	captains log
	marine binoculars (with rangefinder)
	<u>Paperwork</u>
	International Certificate of Competence (ICC) - for international trips only
	USCG skipper's license
	VHF certificate
	sailing guides on the area
	boat registration document
	photo ID (ie. driver's license)
#	BOAT GEAR
	Bare essentials
	boat compass
	marine chart
	flashlight
	required safety gear
	first aid kit
	small tool kit or multitool
	working anchor and rode
	Cockpit equipment
	wind vane and/or handheld wind meter
	barometer
	Cockpit Mayday procedure card
	compass deviation card
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	flashlight
	boat maintenance log
	Navigation equipment
1	boat compass
	handheld compass
	GPS
	chartplotter - make sure you bring updated charts
	backup chartplotter - this can also be a laptop, tablet, or even smartphone
	sextant & up-to-date navigation almanac
	marine charts
	Communication equipment
	satellite phone
	marine VHF radio
	(handheld) depth sounder
	signaling flags for international waters
	Safety gear
	air horn or whistle
	bosun's chair for rig work
	radar reflector
	flares or LED signaling light
	emergency weather radio
	first aid kit - needs to contain at least
	fire extinguisher
	life sling
	life raft for offshore sailing
	Other gear
	1 anchor for inshore
	at least 2 anchors for offshore (preferably 2 storm anchors)
	tool kit for minor repairs on rigging, sails, and engine
	multimeter for checking the wiring
	full tank of fuel
	spare parts (plugs, fuses, etc.)
	heaving line 50'-70'
#	SUPPLIES
	water
	fresh and canned foods
	fuel