

# Post-Sail (Returning to the Dock) Checklist

## Pearson 26' - *Amore*

- \_\_\_ 1. If not already, lower the motor to the normal running position.
- \_\_\_ 2. Ensure the vent on the gasoline tank is open – vent is the black knob on the center of the gasoline gage on tank.
- \_\_\_ 3. Place the throttle in the neutral position
- \_\_\_ 4. Start the motor and let it warm up. Pull out the choke if need be, but push it back in once the motor is running for a minute or so.
- \_\_\_ 5. Get the main sail and jib bungee cords from the cabin and secure the main sail bungee cords topside in the vicinity of the mainsail. Secure the jib bungee cord(s) near the jib.
- \_\_\_ 6. Head the boat directly into the wind.
- \_\_\_ 7. Let the jib down, gather the jib and secure it to the bow pulpit with the jib bungee cord(s).
- \_\_\_ 8. Attach the topping lift to the shackle on the aft end of the boom.
- \_\_\_ 9. Let the main sail down, flaking it to the boom as it is brought down. Secure the main sail to the boom with the main sail bungee cords.
- \_\_\_ 10. Coil the main sail halyard and secure to the mast cleat.
- \_\_\_ 11. Position the crew at their stations for arrival at the marina and docking (i.e. helmsman, dock line person, safety person(s)).
- \_\_\_ 12. Once you are moving toward the marina at a controlled speed and maintaining clearance from the other boats, the dock line person and safety person(s) can begin setting the fenders on the appropriate side of the boat for docking. Additionally, this is a good time to prepare the dock lines on the appropriate side of the boat for docking (as a minimum, cleat one spring line at the beam cleat, and one dock line aft). As a reminder - a clean, organized deck is a safe deck to work about (keep things tidy and organized).
- \_\_\_ 13. If docking assistance is required, call the marina on VHF channel 16 for arrival. The radio call would be something like “Charleston Harbor Marina, Charleston Harbor Marina, this is sailing vessel *Amore*, over”. They would respond with “go to channel 11” (or channel of their choosing). Once on the alternate channel, report “Charleston Harbor Marina, *Amore* is approaching the marina entrance, requesting docking assistance at < slip # >, over”. (Currently post 7 on the breakwater) The marina will respond and advise of time to expect docking assistance.
- \_\_\_ 14. Motor into the marina at a speed appropriate for conditions. As you get into the marina, keep the speed as slow as possible while still maintaining steering control with the tiller.
- \_\_\_ 15. Once at a position where you can turn the bow of the boat toward the dock, put the throttle of the motor in neutral and adjust the tiller as required to ease the boat into the slip alongside the dock. If necessary, use reverse or forward throttle (as required) to facilitate docking.
- \_\_\_ 16. Signal verbally to the safety person to step (not jump) off and secure the dock spring line to the bow cleat, and dock line person to step (not jump) off and secure the beam cleat spring line to the dock cleat.
- \_\_\_ 17. The helmsman can then maneuver the boat alongside the dock using the tiller and motor as required.

- \_\_\_ 18. The crewmember holding the dock line cleated to the stern cleat can now step off and secure this dock line to the dock.
- \_\_\_ 19. Once the boat is initially secured to the dock, the remaining dock lines can be uncoiled and cleated to fully secure the boat.
- \_\_\_ 20. Bring out the main and jib sail bags from the cabin and secure on deck where they will be used for stuffing the sails.
- \_\_\_ 21. Remove the battens from the main sail and put the battens in their designated storage area in the cabin.
- \_\_\_ 22. Remove the main sail halyard shackle from the head of the main sail. Temporarily secure the main halyard while the main sail is being taken in.
- \_\_\_ 23. Untie the outhaul at the aft end of the boom.
- \_\_\_ 24. Remove the cotter pin from the mast slide bracket, and main sail tack retainer pin from the gooseneck, put these two items in your pocket or a safe place where you won't lose them.
- \_\_\_ 25. Begin removing the main sail from the mast by unseating the slides at the mast slide bracket, and pulling them out one by one. As you are doing this, stuff the main sail into the main sail bag
- \_\_\_ 26. Slide the foot of the main sail from the boom and into the main sail bag.
- \_\_\_ 27. Remove the cotter pin and main sail tack retainer pin for the gooseneck from your pocket and re-install them where they belong. (Don't take these two items home with you, or the next sail crew will not be pleased).
- \_\_\_ 28. If not already done, store the Main Sail, bungee cords, and battens (2 short-white, and 2 long-green) in their designated place in the cabin.
- \_\_\_ 29. Untie the stopper knot on each of the jib sheets and pull them forward through the fairleads. Neatly coil each jib sheet and set them on the deck near the clew.
- \_\_\_ 30. Disconnect the jib halyard shackle from the head of the jib. Secure the jib halyard on the port side and secure the end of the halyard to the mast cleat.
- \_\_\_ 31. Begin stuffing the jib into the jib bag starting with the jib sheets first, then work your way stuffing the jib toward the forestay.
- \_\_\_ 32. Begin disconnecting the hanks on the Working Jib from the forestay, and continue stuffing the jib into the bag as you unfasten each hank from the forestay.
- \_\_\_ 33. Disconnect the gas line from the motor by pressing the silver release latch to the port side.
- \_\_\_ 34. Remove the gasoline tank, with hose, from the compartment in the aft starboard side of the cockpit, and stow in the port side sail locker.
- \_\_\_ 35. Once the motor stops running, tilt the motor up (be sure the throttle handle is upward before tilting the motor).
- \_\_\_ 36. Perform a freshwater spray of the boat to remove all residue and use boat soap and brush, as required. Washing the salt spray off from a day's sail will keep the boat in good condition, and looking presentable to the next crew to sail her.
- \_\_\_ 37. Check to ensure the forward hatch is secured.
- \_\_\_ 38. Gather all your belongings and any trash that may have accumulated from the sail and close up the companionway.
- \_\_\_ 39. Lock the companionway and celebrate your enjoyable sail.