

Pre-Sail Checklist

Pearson 26' - Amore

- ___ 1. Disconnect the shore power cord from the dock pedestal, as applicable.
- ___ 2. Perform a freshwater spray of the boat to remove all residue before getting aboard. Otherwise you may find that the deck will be covered in black footprints.
- ___ 3. Unlock the companionway and stow the panels in the forward v-berth.
- ___ 4. Check the weather channel on the VHF radio, obtain the coastal and harbor weather forecast (this will be a decision point on how you will proceed).
- ___ 5. Perform a general inspection of the boat to determine if there are any discrepancies that may prevent a safe sail.
- ___ 6. Disconnect the battery charger from the shore power cable.
- ___ 7. Stow the battery charger in the battery box located in the starboard sail locker.
- ___ 8. Disconnect the radio charger from the extension cord.
- ___ 9. Disconnect the extension cord from the shore power cable and stow the extension cord neatly in the plastic container beneath the stove.
- ___ 10. Neatly coil the shore power cable and stow in the starboard sail locker.
- ___ 11. Remove the gasoline tank, with hose, from the port side sail locker and stow in the compartment in the aft starboard side of the cockpit.
- ___ 12. Lower the motor to the normal running position.
- ___ 13. Place the throttle in the neutral position
- ___ 14. Connect the gas line to the motor, silver release latch to the port side.
- ___ 15. Ensure the vent on the gasoline tank is open – vent is the black knob on the center of the gasoline gage on tank.
- ___ 16. Pull out the choke on the motor.
- ___ 17. Prime the motor 3 times using the priming bulb.
- ___ 18. Start the motor and let it warm up.
- ___ 19. Bring out the Working Jib and black bungee cord from the cabin and bend it onto the forestay, first fastening the tack of the jib to the fitting at the bow of the boat.
- ___ 20. Stow the bag for the jib inside the cabin.
- ___ 21. Secure the jib at the bow pulpit with the black bungee cord.
- ___ 22. Attach the jib halyard shackle to the head of the jib. Secure the jib halyard to the mast cleat on the port side.
- ___ 23. If not already done, tie the jib sheets onto the clew of the jib using bowline knots.
- ___ 24. Pass the jib sheets on the outside of the lifelines and shrouds, through the fairleads, and secure to a cleat toward the aft of the cockpit. ** Be sure to tie a stopper knot on each of the jib sheets after passing them through the fairleads.
- ___ 25. Bring out the Main Sail, bungee cords, and battens (2 short-white, and 2 long-green) from the cabin.
- ___ 26. 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.
- ___ 27. Feed the foot of the main sail onto the boom, secure with the main sail tack retainer pin.

- ___ 28. Feed the luff of the main sail onto the mast by inserting the slides at the mast slide bracket, and pulling them as far down as they will go until all of the slides are inserted. Secure the mast slide bracket with the cotter pin.
- ___ 29. Snug up the outhaul at the aft end of the boom.
- ___ 30. Attach the main sail halyard shackle to the head of the main sail. Secure the halyard to the mast cleat on the starboard side.
- ___ 31. Insert the battens into the main sail. Starting from the head of the sail, the sequence for inserting the battens is short, long, long, short.
- ___ 32. At this point, push in the choke on the motor, as it should be sufficiently warmed up.
- ___ 33. Review your sail/float plan, and confirm the currents and winds.
- ___ 34. Review your procedure for backing away from the dock.
- ___ 35. Position the crew at their stations for departure (i.e. helmsman, dock line person, safety person(s)).
- ___ 36. ** If assistance is required departing the dock, call the marina on VHF channel 16 for departure. The radio call would be something like “Charleston Harbor Marina, Charleston Harbor Marina, this is sailing vessel Amore”. They would respond with “go to channel 11” (or channel of their choosing). Once on the alternate channel, report, “Charleston Harbor Marina, Amore will be departing dock <dock #> at this time, request departure assistance”. The marina will respond and provide departure assistance.
- ___ 37. Signal verbally to the dock line person to release the applicable dock lines for the departure and come aboard.
- ___ 38. Place throttle on motor in either forward or reverse (based on the situation) and prepare to depart the slip (this is a very controlled event)
- ___ 39. Depart the slip at a speed appropriate for the conditions. The slower the better, as long as you can maintain control.
- ___ 40. Once at a position where you can turn the bow of the boat toward the departure path, straighten the tiller and turn the throttle to the forward position. Give enough throttle to stop your rearward movement.
- ___ 41. Adjust the tiller as required to move the bow to the direction of the departure and increase the throttle to get the bow moving in the desired direction.
- ___ 42. Once you are moving out of the marina at a controlled speed and maintaining clearance from the other boats, the dock line person and safety person(s) can begin bringing the fenders aboard and stowing them. Additionally, this is a good time to tidy up the dock lines, etc. A clean, organized deck is a safe deck to work about (keep things tidy and organized).