Get your boat ready for severe weather

Severe weather season hits Queensland from November to April – be prepared

Use the checklist on the back for your storm season planning.

During severe weather remember:

- Safety is the number one priority
- Look for shelter in rivers or creeks with a mangrove fringe to act as a wind buffer
- Weather conditions will increase the size of the tide
- Follow marina manager’s instructions
- Follow emergency directions issued by the Regional Harbour Master and emergency services
Severe weather checklist

✓ Download your local Extreme Weather Event Contingency Plan from www.msq.qld.gov.au
✓ Organise options to move your boat if you will be away
✓ Update your contact details with authorities
✓ Know when and where your boat needs to go
✓ Prepare your boat for storm activity
  • Use suitable lines to secure your boat
  • Double up on mooring lines – check they are in good condition and the right size and length
  • Check that all mooring fittings are secure
  • Store all loose gear below deck
  • Secure hatches
  • Reduce wind loading and remove furled sails and covers, bimini tops and any clears
  • Deflate and store inflatable dinghies
  • Check all bilge pumps work and that all self draining holes are clear
  • Check your boat is watertight
  • Leave your contact details on your boat for emergency services in case your boat goes adrift
  • Make sure your insurance policy is current

Prepare, plan and follow these simple rules and you may prevent damage to your boat and others.

Where can I get more information?

Visit your local Maritime Safety Queensland office or our website www.msq.qld.gov.au

More information about weather can be found at www.bom.gov.au