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# Pre-Boating Checklist

1. Conduct a visual inspection of the Trailer to include:

**Bunks** – Make sure they are securely intact with no physical damage or obstructions.

**Trailer Lights** – Make sure they are functioning properly (brakes & blinkers).

**Winch Strap** - Make sure the winch is secure and the strap has no physical damage.

**Tires** – Make sure the tires are fully inflated to the proper level and that there are no objects or damage that is threatening the integrity of the tire.

Check for grease on the inside rim of the tire. If there is grease, more than likely it is leaking from the seal of the hub and the bearings may need attention.

2. Check the Engine and Drive Fluids.

This may be a pain, but a complete motor rebuild or replacement is too.

3. Run the boat in the driveway until the engine warms up. This will show you many possible problems that you would rather discover at the house than at the boat ramp.

Things to look for:

- Is the battery charged?
- Is the starter/engine cranking properly?
- Is the engine properly cooling?
- Are all systems and gauges functioning properly?
- Are the controls functioning properly, such as the shift, throttle, and steering?

4. If your boat is equipped with a water-separating fuel filter, these are some reasons why you would need to check it.

- Has the boat sat for a few months?
- When was the last time you did check the filter?
- Do you have over 50 hours of current runtime on the filter?
- Is there excessive corrosion on it? (This could cause a fuel leak or fire hazard)

By checking these few simple things can make any day on the water run smoother.

For a more in depth list of things to check over, please feel free to contact us via phone or email. Talon Marine Services, where the boating lifestyle is personalized.