

Saltwater Fishing Checklist

Preparation:

- Fishing license and appropriate permits
- Float plan
(left with a reliable person)
- Check weather
- Tide chart
- Fish identification guide
- Regulations
- Update electronics
(charts/maps/locators)
- Check all batteries
- Check motor and pumps
- Check trailer and safety chains
- Gas up boat
- Prepare tackle and fishing equipment
- Check fishing line and replace if worn

Boat Equipment:

- Anchor rope and anchor
- Bailer or bilge pump
- Drain plug and a spare plug
- Fender rope and fenders
- Gas and oil
- Navigation lights and bulbs
- Pole or paddle
- Spotlight
- Trolling motor
- Deck lines
- Drift anchor

Health/Safety:

- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Cooler and ice
- Food
- Water

Clothing:

- Hat (wide-brimmed)
- Buff or bandanna
- Polarized sunglasses
- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Rain gear

Electronics:

- 2-way radio (VHF Radio)
- GPS
- Fish finder
- Cell phone
- Camera

Fishing Equipment:

- Buckets
- Cast net
- Bait and livewell
- Rods and reels
- Fishing line and leader line
- Rubber-coated knotless landing net
- Tackle box
- Circle hooks
(if fishing w/natural bait)
- Pliers or line cutters

- Lures
- Sinkers
- Swivels
- Lip grip
- Dehooking tools
- Venting or descending devices
(if fishing for deep-water species)

- Measuring device
- Towel
- Fish sling
- Scale
- Fillet knife

Safety Gear:

- First-aid kit
- Flares
- Flashlight
- Personal flotation devices
(for each person)
- Audible signaling device
- Fire extinguisher, if required
- Throw cushion or ring, if required
- Dive flag
(if diving or snorkeling)
- EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon)