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
- Bailor 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)*