

# 3 handy reminder cards

Have you ever driven all the way to the coast then found you've forgotten your boat keys, or your outboard, or your wallet? PBO's cut-out reminder cards are designed to do the remembering for you

**KEEP IN THE CAR**

## Before leaving home

- Boat keys
- Key code (for marina gates)
- Dinghy stuff (oars, rowlocks, outboard, fuel etc)
- Food, drink, ice etc
- Kids' stuff
- Lifejackets, oilies, wellies etc
- Weather forecast
- Passports, ship's papers
- Charts
- Glasses
- Medication
- Sun block, hats, sunglasses
- Coastguard form CG66
- Mobile phone, wallet, purse

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## Before leaving mooring

- Stow padlocks (so you know where to find 'em)
- Unlock liferaft
- MOB gear out of cabin onto rail
- Check MOB lights
- Check gas leak detector
- Check bilge
- Turn on batteries, check voltages
- Passage plan (SOLAS requirement)
- Radar reflector up (SOLAS requirement)
- Check GPS position
- Log free of weed?
- Charts, waypoints, tides, Navtex
- Sail covers off
- Sails ready to hoist in case engine gives out
- Check navigation lights
- Hatches and portholes shut
- Ready-for-sea stow
- Heads, sinks seacocks off
- Anchor ready
- Battery change-over switch
- VHF radio check (friend, marina or harbour control, not CG)
- Watch rota
- Enough water, food
- Does someone ashore know your plans?

**Engine checks**

- Check engine levels (oil, water)
- Grease stern gland
- Open engine seacock
- Enough fuel?
- Engine blowers on
- Warm up engine
- Check cooling water, charging
- Check forward/reverse before untying

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## Crew safety brief

**Check that your crew know how to:**

- Make a MAYDAY VHF call** Explain the step-by-step guide by the radio
- Read ship's position** Explain the step-by-step guide by the GPS
- Start engine** Explain the step-by-step guide by the engine panel
- Carry out a basic man overboard drill and come back for you under engine**

**Check crew can locate and use:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flares/EPIRB       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifejackets/MOB gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire-extinguishers | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liferaft           | <input type="checkbox"/> Harnesses            |

**Other reminders**

- Non swimmers must wear lifejackets/harness
- Anyone need seasick tablets?
- Anyone on medication?

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