



Before you use a tender, perform a few checks to ensure your safety out on the water



TENDER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Read your Safety Management System

1. Prepare your vessel

- Have a maintenance plan
- Is the tender in good condition?
Does it need any repairs?
- Is your safety equipment fit for purpose and easily accessible?

2. Before you go

- TELL SOMEONE where you are going and when you will return
- Check weather forecast
- Bilges are clean and dry
- Is everything secure?
- Do you have enough food and water?
- Do you have sufficient fuel for the trip?
- Are all batteries charged?

Check your safety equipment:

- Lifejacket
- Communication equipment (VHF, satellite phone etc.)
- EPIRB or PLB
- Flares – red distress and orange smoke
- Anchor and enough rope/chain
- GPS/compass

- Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponder
- Secondary means of propulsion
- Waterproof torch
- First aid kit
- Appropriate clothing and PPE (hat, sunglasses, gloves, sunscreen etc.)
- Bailing system/bucket
- Navigation lights
- Deadman/kill switch
- GPS/compass/plotter
- Fire extinguisher

3. When at sea

- Wear your lifejacket
- Keep a good lookout
- Check your weight. What is the maximum loading of the tender?
- Know the radio channel you are working on
- Know where you are at all times
- Check for navigational hazards
- Monitor fuel use

Find out more about how to prepare a safety management system. Visit amsa.gov.au/sms