

# 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club

## Preparation for sea checklist

### Below decks

- All personal and other equipment stowed
- Personal safety equipment ready in known location
- Food, thermos flasks prepared if required
- All hatches closed, doors fixed, gas off
- Bilges checked and, if necessary, pumped once out at sea
- Navigation equipment switched on (inc. auto pilot)
- GPS, Navtex, SeaMe and VHF all on
- Charts required made ready and cleaned
- Log prepared, weather checked plus waypoints etc.
- Engine checks completed
- Crew briefed and briefing logged

### On deck

- Visual check of safety gear, strong points
- Instrument and sail covers off, main halyard moved to head of main sail
- Winch handles in pockets
- Disconnect shore power
- Shorten up mooring warps ready to cast off, **check for trailing lines**
- Battery on to No 1, start engine, check exhaust for water
- Battery on to both while motoring
- When engine off switch to battery to No 2

### **If no shore power make sure fridge is always off when engine off**

No 1 battery reserved for starting engine, No 2 for domestic use.  
Battery management system (in wet locker) should allocate charge to each battery according to need.