

Get your boat ready for severe weather



Severe weather season hits Queensland from November to April – be prepared

Use the checklist on the back for your storm season planning.

During severe weather remember:

- Safety is the number one priority
- Look for shelter in rivers or creeks with a mangrove fringe to act as a wind buffer
- Weather conditions will increase the size of the tide
- Follow marina manager's instructions
- Follow emergency directions issued by the Regional Harbour Master and emergency services

Severe weather checklist

- ✓ Download your local Extreme Weather Event Contingency Plan from **www.msq.qld.gov.au**
- ✓ Organise options to move your boat if you will be away
- ✓ Update your contact details with authorities
- ✓ Know when and where your boat needs to go
- ✓ Prepare your boat for storm activity
 - Use suitable lines to secure your boat
 - Double up on mooring lines – check they are in good condition and the right size and length
 - Check that all mooring fittings are secure
 - Store all loose gear below deck
 - Secure hatches
 - Reduce wind loading and remove furled sails and covers, bimini tops and any clears
 - Deflate and store inflatable dinghies
 - Check all bilge pumps work and that all self draining holes are clear
 - Check your boat is watertight
 - Leave your contact details on your boat for emergency services in case your boat goes adrift
 - Make sure your insurance policy is current

Prepare, plan and follow these simple rules and you may prevent damage to your boat and others.

Where can I get more information?

Visit your local Maritime Safety Queensland office or our website **www.msq.qld.gov.au**

More information about weather can be found at **www.bom.gov.au**