



# WINDSTORM PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Windstorm means tropical depressions, tropical storms or hurricanes as designated by the National Weather Service and/or National Weather Center.

**This document shall serve to provide an overview of your windstorm plan. Please keep a copy of this document for your records.**

Quote/Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Watercraft Year/Manufacturer/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and complete address of primary mooring between 6/1 and 11/1:**

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**Name and complete address where boat will be moored/stored when watches or warnings are issued:**

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**Description of storm mooring** (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marina / Commercial Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Residence         | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchored in "Hurricane Hole"   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ashore in covered building  | <input type="checkbox"/> ashore outdoors   | <input type="checkbox"/> on boat lift                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> in dry stack                | <input type="checkbox"/> on blocks/stands  | <input type="checkbox"/> on trailer                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> afloat in slip              | <input type="checkbox"/> afloat on mooring | <input type="checkbox"/> afloat cross-tied in a channel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____                |  |   |

**Please consider the questions on the next page, and then describe your detailed plan here:**

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**Please attach a diagram of lines, fenders, anchors, etc. that you and others can reference when preparing for a storm and a copy of any prepaid haul-out contracts or agreements.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Please consider the following when drafting your windstorm plan:**

- Who will prepare the boat for an approaching storm?
- Do you have a caretaker, captain or alternate arrangement to secure the boat if you are away?  
If so, is there a written agreement detailing responsibilities?
- When will storm preparations be initiated?
- Will any service work or storage arrangements make it difficult to initiate storm preparations?
- Have you experienced a storm at this location?
- How well have boats survived storms at this location in the past?
- How will your neighbors prepare their boats for a storm?
- What characteristics of the location help to protect the boat from the effects of wind, waves and extreme tides?
- Where will the tender, electronics, fishing gear, sails, canvas and other removable items be stored?
- Will shore power be disconnected, all seacocks closed and fuel lines shut off?
- Will you plug the main engine/generator exhaust, engine room vents and fuel tank vents?
- Will you check the condition of batteries and bilge pumps?
- If transporting inshore, do you have a suitable vehicle & trailer to move the boat?
- How far is the storage location from coastal waters?
- Will power lines, bridge/lock closures or official actions affect your plan?
- If ashore indoors; what is the age, construction and storm rating of the storage building?  
Do you have a prepaid haul-out contract?
- If ashore outdoors, will the boat be secured so it can't be upset or carried away by wind and extreme storm surge? Do you have a prepaid haul-out contract?  
Are there trees or other object near that could blow down on the boat?
- If on a boat lift, does the lift manufacturer have recommendations on how to secure a boat on the lift for a storm?
- If afloat in slip, how old is the dock?  
Are docks floating or fixed?  
Are piling tall enough to handle an extreme storm surge?  
Are the spare fenders, chafing gear and extra lines available at this time?  
How many, what size and what lengths? .
- If afloat on a mooring or in a hurricane hole, when was ground tackle last inspected?  
Do you have multiple anchors with chain and rode to allow for 10:1 scope at extreme tide?  
Will there be other boats in the area that could break loose and drift down on you?
- What are your second and third options if your primary plan cannot be carried out?

## **Other resources to help you develop your plan:**

USPS Hurricane Preparedness For Your Boat, [www.usps.org/localusps/marblehead/PDF/Preparing-for-a-storm.pdf](http://www.usps.org/localusps/marblehead/PDF/Preparing-for-a-storm.pdf)

Lessons learned from recent hurricanes in Southeast Florida, by David Pascoe [www.yachtsurvey.com/hurricane.htm](http://www.yachtsurvey.com/hurricane.htm)

Hurricane Preparation for Cruisers [www.callipygia600.com/callnugget/allcruising/hurricane.htm](http://www.callipygia600.com/callnugget/allcruising/hurricane.htm)