

Rhodes 22 Quick Checklist

This is a Quick Checklist of tasks needed on the Rhodes 22 from departure preparation through returning and mooring. This checklist is a distillation of the Rhodes Operations manual. **It is not a substitute for reading the Rhodes 22 Operations manual.** Each step is discussed in detail in the Rhodes 22 Operations Manual. If you do not know how to do something or do not understand something, consult the Rhodes 22 Operating manual for details.

Rest Room / Shower Combination is 5 1 2 in sequence (both bathrooms)

Dinghy:

If you came out to the boat by dinghy, be sure to securely tie the dinghy, using a bowline through one of the mooring lines splices on the forward cleat. Make sure you bring the dinghy painter through the same opening in the bow pulpit that the mooring line comes through, so they will both drop away together when you cast off.

Pre Departure:

1. Check log book for entries from prior trips to see if there are any issues you should be aware of
2. Check bilge compartment for water, pump out if necessary
3. Check fuel level and refuel if necessary (gas/oil ratio is 50:1, use measuring bottle to get the correct amount of oil)
4. Refer to Tide Table for direction of tide and if it is high or low
5. Review chart for shallow areas and sand bars
6. Untie the tiller and lower the rudder
7. Lower centerboard
8. Note the mooring number (H3) and position for your return

Battery and breaker checks:

1. Set Battery Switch to "ON"
2. Test Marine Radio (switch to wx channel to make sure you get a broadcast; return to channel 16)
3. Test navigation lights if late return is anticipated

Starting the engine:

1. Put the engine in neutral
2. Lower engine into water
3. Connect gas line, open tank vent and prime with bulb
4. Start the engine:
 - a. Pull primer/choke knob out and turn it right for fast idle
 - b. Pull starter cord
 - c. Push choke back in within a couple of seconds
 - d. Check for cooling water flow
 - e. Lower idle speed after about a minute

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Leaving the mooring:

1. Plan direction / method of departure
2. Assign responsibilities to crew. Bow watch is important.
3. Have crew member remove the two mooring lines from the cleat and drop them and the mooring pendant (white float and stick) overboard (Do **NOT** untie the pendant from the mooring; do **NOT** take it with you!) Also do not untie the line that joins the two mooring lines together around the bow of the boat. This line enables you to pick up the second mooring line when you return.
4. Keep watch on the mooring lines so you don't run them over
5. While the engine is running check frequently for cooling-water flow.
6. Tune VHF radio to channel 9 / 16.
7. If going out through the Oceanic Bridge, call bridge attendant on CH 13 when nearing to request on-demand opening
8. Once past the bridge be careful to stay in channel.

Getting Ready to Sail

1. Proceed to safe area out of main channel
2. Stow any loose gear that will not be used
3. Verify center board is down
4. Raise sails and turn off engine by pressing red button in forward end of engine tiller
5. Lift engine out of water (must be in forward gear to be raised)

Preparing to re-start engine or return:

1. Proceed to safe area outside of channel
2. Lower engine
3. Put the engine in neutral and start the engine
4. Check for cooling water flow
5. Furl jib and lower main
6. Check wind, current and plan for mooring pickup. (Hint – look to see which direction moored boats are facing and parallel them for pendant pickup)
7. Assign bow person responsibility
8. Determine mooring technique and communicate it to crew.
9. Pickup pendant, retrieve mooring line and attach mooring lines to cleats by going under bow railing. Secure pickup pendant on deck.

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After Mooring:

1. Pull the gas line off the engine and leave it running until it stops on its own by running out of fuel. This ensures that the engine will not have deteriorating gas in it which will make it difficult or impossible to start next time
2. Raise engine out of water (pull up on bracket and tilt engine)
3. Wrap gas line around the stanchion, close vent on gas can
4. Check remaining fuel tank levels:
 - a. Consolidate fuel into one tank; if there is an empty tank, take it ashore, get it filled at a gas station, and return it to the boat
5. Raise the centerboard and rudder
6. Secure sails, cover and lash down tiller
7. Return/Stow all gear in their designated place (winch, life jackets, etc). Gear charts indicate designated area
8. Complete Log entry for day's usage and note any maintenance items
 - a. If there were any incidents, or any equipment failed, was broken or got lost, in addition to noting it in the log book call the dockmaster at the end of the trip to report it

Leaving Boat:

1. Walk the boat to ensure everything is secure
2. Pump bilge if necessary
3. If fenders and docklines were used, make sure they are removed and stowed correctly
4. Ensure that all gear and lines are where they belong
5. Pack up and take garbage with you
6. Arrange to clean port-a-potty if used
7. If the launch service is operating, summon FHYW launch on CH -9. "Fair Haven Yacht Works Launch– Fair Haven Yacht Works Launch – this is *Rhodes less Traveled* requesting a pickup on mooring H3". If they fail to respond try 3 blasts on the air horn.
8. If using the dinghy, move it from the mooring line to a stern cleat to enable boarding and transfer of gear
9. Turn battery switch OFF
10. Close up boat
11. Prepare to board launch (It is customary to tip the younger drivers), or dinghy