

# STACKS Hurricane Prep Information



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### Hurricane Preparation:

It is extremely important to have a plan when preparing for a hurricane or named windstorm. Properly preparing for a storm not only protects your vessel from being damaged, but many insurance carriers require action to take place to be compliant with their hurricane or windstorm guidelines. Please refer to your insurance policy and become familiar with the hurricane requirements.

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Here are some recommendations when preparing for a storm:

If your vessel is stored in a marina / storage facility, it is crucial that you become familiar with their facility policies and be compliant with them as well.

### **Attaching Lines**

Double all lines. Rig crossing spring lines fore and aft from a tangential. Attach lines high on pilings to allow for tidal rise. Ensure lines will not slip off pilings. Wrap lines twice around pilings making sure they do not overlap. Cover all lines at rough points. Install fenders to protect the boat from rubbing against the dock, pilings and other boats.

### **On Lift**

Lower a fixed lift 2 feet, tie the boat as if it were in a slip, and then raise the lift to put tension on those lines. Secure the boat to the lift. Cover all lines at rough points. Strip boat of all movable types such as canvas, cushions, deck boxes, biminis, isinglass. Secure outside cabinets, drawers, windows, equipment. Tape shut all exposed drawers and cabinets. If possible, remove vessel from lift & place on trailer in yard or further inland

### **On Trailer**

Place your vessel and trailer in a secure location. Plock off the trailer tires so it cannot roll anywhere and strap your vessel to the trailer with straps. Secure your boat and trailer with heavy lines to fixed objects (such as large trees, utility poles, sturdy buildings) for maximum support.

## **Exterior**

Strip boat of all removable equipment such as canvas, outriggers, radios, cushions, deck boxes, biminis, isinglass. Secure outside cabinets, drawers, windows, equipment. Tape shut all exposed drawers and cabinets. Tape the seams of all windows and hatches to keep the wind from entering the cabin. Check pedestal seats to be sure they are locked securely.

## **Securing Engine Room**

Engine vents should be covered and watertight around edges. Large diesel exhausts can be closed with inflatable balls or stoppers. Generators under open cockpit decks should be covered with plastic sheets. Close water intake sea cocks. Plug exhaust outlets with bungs. Fuel and water tank vents should be taped. Fully charge the batteries and leave the bilge pump on automatic.

The best protection for boats is a well-prepared hurricane plan.