Safety Briefs

- Use of life jackets and harness lines.
- Position and use of harness points and jack stays etc
- How to send a Mayday and use of the VHF
- Use of cooker and gas
- Life raft launching
- Use of M.O.B. equipment
- Location and use of fire extinguishers and fire blanket
- Action to be taken with an engine fire
- Location and use of flares
- Location of the first aid kit
- How to start the engine
- Location of engine spares, such as oil, salt water impellers, oil and fuel filters and spare fan belts
- Position of emergency VHF aerial if available
- Location of rigging cutters
- Getting on and off the boat
- Use of the heads
- Use of radar reflectors
- On a yacht, the hazards of gybing
- Use and location of an EPIRB or SART

Passage plan - who to tell

- Radio your voyage plan to coastguard
- Your club or organisation may have a process to record this such as a movement form or reporting procedure
- A contact ashore or the coastguard who can raise the alarm should you not call in
- Some apps exist to carry out elements this function, such as the RYA's Safetrx app

Remember: The more people you tell the better

Passage plan - what to include

- The start and end point of your voyage, including any ports to be visited.
- Your ETA at each destination, along with an outside latest time of arrival.
- Proposed ports of refuge.
- Details on the type of vessel, number of crew, provisions etc.
- Details on the safety and communication equipment carried on board.

When planning your passage remember to account for leeway and incorporate any extra time the trip may take due to leeway and tides.

Factors that increase leeway

- Increased displacement
- Stronger tides
- Lighter winds
- Slower speed
- Increased surface area exposed to wind/tide

Sponsored by **Readable.com**
Measure your website readability!
https://readable.com