



NO-TOW CHECKLIST

Pre-Season:

- ☐ Check your battery's age. If it's more than 2 years old, replace it. More than 3 years old and you're just tempting fate.
- ☐ Check your impeller's age. If it's more than 2 years old, you're on borrowed time, and you'll only find out it's dead when your boat overheats. Replace it. Buy a spare and keep it and some tools aboard: It can be pretty easily replaced if the impeller fails while you're on the water. Practice replacing it a couple times at the dock.
- ☐ Buy a portable jump-starter. Keep it charged, and bring it aboard when boating season begins. Goodbye dead batteries!
- ☐ Maintain your vessel. Get on a certified boat mechanic or marina's maintenance schedule. It's worth it.
- ☐ Buying a used boat? Remember old boats have old parts, and it may be due for some replacements.

Pre-Launch:

- ☐ Fill fuel tank. Or plan to fill up as soon as you head out. Never trust the fuel gauge.
- ☐ Designate a sober captain. **Period.**
- ☐ Double-check drain plug is in. Don't be the boater who forgets to do this.
- ☐ Check safety equipment. Emergency kit & fire extinguishers are a must. Bring the fully-charged jump starter aboard.
- ☐ Plan your route. **Don't run out of fuel!** Follow the Rule of Thirds: 1/3 tank out, 1/3 tank in, 1/3 in reserve. What marina will you stop at, to fuel up?

Emergency? Call 911 or the Water Patrol at *55

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*The most common reasons boaters need a tow on Lake of the Ozarks are mechanical problems, a dead battery, running out of gas, overheating, and not having a sober driver! Our No-Tow Checklist can reduce the chances you'll get stranded. Print it or keep it on your phone, and use it every time you're ready to launch.