

Your Vessel and Storm Protocol

When you have a boat in the water you are responsible for its safety and the safety of surrounding vessels. When storm conditions are forecast the following items are critical to the safety of your vessel and vessels downwind of you. This is a basic list. Your vessel probably has additional items requiring attention. Complete your preparations before the storm when it is safe to do so.

1. Haul out your vessel if at all possible.
2. Move your vessel to a safe location.
3. Check your mooring tackle including the chafe gear on your pennant.
4. Use an additional storm pennant.
5. Do whatever you can to reduce windage such as removing sails and biminis.
6. If you are on an anchor increase your scope and deploy a second anchor.
7. Make certain bilge pumps are operational and batteries are charged.
8. Be certain hatches are closed and secured.
9. Consult the Town waterways regulations at tisburyma.gov.
10. If you are uncertain contact the Harbormaster.