

# Get your boat ready for severe weather



## Severe weather season hits Queensland from November to April – be prepared

Use the checklist on the back for your storm season planning.

### During severe weather remember:

- Safety is the number one priority
- Look for shelter in rivers or creeks with a mangrove fringe to act as a wind buffer
- Weather conditions will increase the size of the tide
- Follow marina manager's instructions
- Follow emergency directions issued by the Regional Harbour Master and emergency services



# Severe weather checklist

- ✓ Download your local Extreme Weather Event Contingency Plan from **[www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au)**
- ✓ Organise options to move your boat if you will be away
- ✓ Update your contact details with authorities
- ✓ Know when and where your boat needs to go
- ✓ Prepare your boat for storm activity
  - Use suitable lines to secure your boat
  - Double up on mooring lines – check they are in good condition and the right size and length
  - Check that all mooring fittings are secure
  - Store all loose gear below deck
  - Secure hatches
  - Reduce wind loading and remove furled sails and covers, bimini tops and any clears
  - Deflate and store inflatable dinghies
  - Check all bilge pumps work and that all self draining holes are clear
  - Check your boat is watertight
  - Leave your contact details on your boat for emergency services in case your boat goes adrift
  - Make sure your insurance policy is current

Prepare, plan and follow these simple rules and you may prevent damage to your boat and others.

## Where can I get more information?

Visit your local Maritime Safety Queensland office  
or our website **[www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au)**

More information about weather can be found at **[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)**