

SAFETY BRIEFING

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Yacht's captain is obliged to inform the crew in detail about all systems related to the safety and functionality of the vessel.

Specifically, the captain must inform the crew about:

1. The location of water inlet and outlet sea cocks or valves of the boat and check if they work
2. The location of the fire extinguishers and the fire blanket
3. The bilge pumps and to check their operation
4. The life jackets, safety harnesses and tethers of the boat that all crew members should adjust to their proper sizes, keeping them in their individual location
5. The position of the life raft and the flares
6. The gas switch off breaker to the kitchen
7. The position of the First Aid kit of the boat. The captain must be informed individually by each crew member health condition (should there is one), the medication used and their location, as well as the contact information of treating doctors
8. The location of the emergency tiller
9. The operation of toilets (W.C.)
10. The location of the heavy weather and storm sails and to indicate the danger of a boom strike
11. The steps taken in case there is a Man Overboard as well as its (MOB) button on boat's GPS system and the procedure for sending out a distress call through VHF