

Please consider the following when drafting you hurricane plan:

- Who will prepare the boat for an approaching storm?
- Do you have a caretaker, captain or alternate arrangement to secure the boat if you are away?
If so, is there a written agreement detailing responsibilities?
- When will storm preparations be initiated?
- Will any service work or storage arrangements make it difficult to initiate storm preparations?
- Have you experienced a storm at this location?
- How well have boats survived storms at this location in the past?
- How will your neighbors prepare their boats for a storm?
- What characteristics of the location help to protect the boat from the effects of wind, waves and extreme tides?
- Where will the electronics, fishing gear, sails, canvas and other removable items be stored?
- Will shore power be disconnected, all seacocks closed and fuel lines shut off?
- Will you plug the main engine/generator exhaust, engine room vents and fuel tank vents?
- Will you check the condition of batteries and bilge pumps?
- If transporting inshore, do you have a suitable vehicle & trailer to move the boat?
- How far is the storage location from coastal waters?
- Will power lines, bridge/lock closures or official actions affect your plan?
- If ashore indoors; what is the age, construction and storm rating of the storage building?
Do you have a prepaid haul-out contract?
- If ashore outdoors, will the boat be secured so it can't be upset or carried away by wind and extreme storm surge?
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Are there trees or other object near that could blow down on the boat?
- If on a boat lift, does the lift manufacturer have recommendations on how to secure a boat on the lift for a storm?
- If afloat in slip, how old is the dock?
Are docks floating or fixed?
Are piling tall enough to handle an extreme storm surge?
Are the spare fenders, chafing gear and extra lines available at this time?
How many, what size and what lengths? .
- If afloat on a mooring or in a hurricane hole, when was ground tackle last inspected?
Do you have multiple anchors with chain and rode to allow for 10:1 scope at extreme tide?
Will there be other boats in the area that could break loose and drift down on you?
- What are your second and third options if your primary plan can not be carried out?

Other resources to help you develop your plan:

Lessons learned from recent hurricanes in Southeast Florida, by David Pascoe <http://www.yachtsurvey.com/hurricane.htm>

Hurricane Preparation, Cruisers <http://www.callipygia600.com/callnugget/allcruising/hurricane.htm>