

Hurricane Preparation

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With Hurricane season approaching fast, your friends here at Boat lift Doctor and Coastal Marine Construction want to be sure you are prepared and safe. Please take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of your family as well as your boats, docks, and lifts. The safest place for your boat is to be on a trailer inland, however if this is not possible for you then follow the helpful tips listed below.

Boat tips for relocation:

- If possible, boats on lifts should be stored ashore or moved to a safer location in the water.
- Make sure your boat lines are strong & in good condition.
- Leave the drain plug in the boat
- If on a trailer, tie the boat to the trailer & place blocks around the wheels to prevent the trailer from rolling.
- Check your bilge carefully to be sure nothing will interfere with the operation of the float switch

Tips for your Docks, Boats & Lifts:

- Never Stay Aboard in a Hurricane! This is a major safety risk.
- Make sure all drains & bilge pumps are working properly.
- Position boat to allow water to drain from the boat
- Remove items from dock & boat (sails, canvas, dodgers, anchors, antennas, bimini frames, dock boxes, décor, lights, etc)
- Make sure boat is watertight and close all interior valves
- Remove portable gas and other hazardous materials from boat & docks
- Tie the boat securely to its lifting machinery to prevent the boat from swinging or drifting away. Some boats survived on their lifts when their owners used heavy straps to

attach them to well-secured cleats on the dock. Plug the engine's exhaust outlet and strip the boat. Make sure cockpit drains are free of debris.

- Make sure your boat lines are strong & anchor is in good condition. Take a good look at the dock to make sure no ropes will rub the dock. Ropes could potential break with rubbing. If there is rubbing, duct tape can be used.
- Take pictures before the storm

Make sure you have a plan and supplies:

- Non-perishable food (can goods, crackers, peanut butter, etc)
- Manual can opener
- Water (enough for 3 days)
- Personal hygiene items (wet wipes, toothbrush, etc)
- Keep cash and important documents in a dry safe place (most ATMs, debit credit machines will not work after the storm)
- First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need)
- Gas (vehicles in case of evacuation & for generators)
- Flashlights
- Battery operated radio
- Batteries

Generator tips

Tip 1: Never operate a generator in or too close to your house

Tip 2: Let the generator cool down before refilling

Tip 3: Run it on a level surface

Tip 4: Limit cord length to prevent appliance damage

Tip 5: Keep gas handy

If you have a Hurricane Emergency please call us at (386) 237-0774, leave a message with your name and a call back number and we will be sure to reach out and help you.

Thank you and stay safe this Hurricane season,

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