

# ARE YOU BAR SAFE? A CHECKLIST



## In preparation have you:

- Local bar experience
- Obtained weather reports
- Checked current bar conditions
- Checked the tide
- Checked engines and controls
- Secured hatches and loose items, eg. the anchor
- Logged on with a coastal radio base?

## Before crossing have you:

- Briefed passengers
- Made sure everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket (compulsory)
- All safety gear ready
- Stopped near the bar and observed wave conditions
- Decided if it is safe
- Considered how bar conditions may change for your return?



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**CAUTION: If in doubt, DON'T GO OUT.**

**For more details refer to Boats 'n' Bars brochure, the Boating Handbook and the website: [www.maritime.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au)**