

Passage planning checklist

Weather

- Have you obtained a suitable marine forecast for both your outward and return passages?

Crew

- Do you and your crew have enough experience for the intended passage?

Boat

- Safety equipment check
 Engine check
 Is the boat suitable for the intended passage?

Fuel

- Have you got enough spare fuel?

Pilotage plan

- Have you made proper pilotage plan?

Passage plan

- Have you considered all hazards en-route and produced a proper passage plan?

Tidal height

- Have you extracted the tidal height information for the passage and related this to any shallows?

Tidal stream

- Have you marked up the tidal stream atlas and considered the affect of tidal stream on passage time and sea state?

Ports of refuge

- Have you considered and noted suitable ports of refuge should the weather turn foul?

Crew briefing

- Have you given the crew a safety briefing?