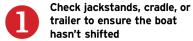
## TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR BOAT SAFE THIS WINTER







Check scuppers & drains for blockage, and ensure the drain plug is pulled if the boat is on a trailer



Examine your boat cover for tears, loose fittings, and chafe



Make sure that all doors, companionways, and hatches are secured and locked, and any liquor is removed



Take a sniff for mold, gasoline, propane, vermin, or electrical odors. If so, find the source and fix it



Check for leaks and water stains



Look for signs of pests like scat, squeaking noises, and signs of forced entry from claws or teeth



Make sure your ladder is firmly planted and secured to prevent shifting. Move tools and supplies with a bucket tied to a rope to leave hands free

