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TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR BOAT SAFE THIS WINTER



1 Check jackstands, cradle, or trailer to ensure the boat hasn't shifted



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



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



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



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



6 Check for leaks and water stains



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



8 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