



# Anchoring

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## 1. BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Check your anchor for condition and securing
- Check your spare anchor
- Check the anchor rope/chain for condition
- Check the anchor windlass for operation, if any

## 2. BEFORE ANCHORING

- Find best available anchorage area
- Check the depth
- Check the weather and wind forecast for the stay
- Check the type of seabed for good anchor hold; sand good
- Make sure there is enough space for the boat to swing around the anchor
- Check the nautical chart and shore for possible cable and pipeline signs in anchorage area

## 3. THE ANCHORING

- Set bow against the wind
- Speed off or use small astern speed to prevent anchor rope going under the boat
- Drop the anchor in order
- Lower the anchor rope until 3-5 times the depth of the water
- Secure the anchoring rope
- Observe the hold of the anchor, you may need to start from the beginning

## 4. AT ANCHOR

- Observe your position for anchor hold
- Use possible alarming devices (GPS, depth limit)

## 5. HEAVING UP THE ANCHOR

- Bow against the wind
- You can assist the hoist with engine
- Prevent anchor rope from going under the boat and to propeller
- Secure anchor well