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El Niño Storm Preparations

We may get some dangerous weather conditions in the next few months - are you prepared?

Getting your boat ready to ride out a storm is largely just common sense, and many of these items apply even if the boat is stored in the yard.

Although not a complete list, a few actions to consider include:

- Make sure your canvas is secure or remove it.
- Consider removing sails and stowing them below.
- Remove any items from topside (paddle boards, kayaks, deck chairs, etc.)
- Take off bird deterrents.
- Consider removing your inflatable from the boat. If not, add extra tie downs.
- Examine all of your lines for condition and positioning.
- Check fenders for proper location.
- Inspect dock/boat cleats and add chafe guards if needed.
- Check power cords.
- Have a look at all hatches to ensure they are sealing.
- Make sure your dock box hatch is secure, so it doesn't blow open.
- Check operation of bilge pumps and make sure batteries are fully charged.
- Inspect the bilge soon after every hard rain (including boats in the yard).
- If you have a small vessel (paddle board, kayak, etc.) in the yard, check that the cover is securely tied down.
- If you store a dinghy on the dinghy rack, tie it and any canvas down.
- Chock trailer wheels.

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