

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

WATCH VS. WARNING ACTION CHECKLIST

Prepare for the Peak: September 10 marks the climatological peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. Knowing the difference between a **Watch** and a **Warning**—and executing the correct phased approach—is your vessel's best defense. Complete this checklist to ensure your boat is fully protected.

HURRICANE WATCH

48 HOURS OUT

Conditions are possible. This is your cue to move from planning to action.

☐ **Initiate Phase 1 Storm Plan**

Brief your marina team, review haul-out reservations, and actively monitor marine forecasts.

☐ **Secure the Deck**

Remove canvas, biminis, and secure or stow all loose gear that could be affected by wind.

☐ **Increase Dock Cushioning**

Double up on AERÉ inflatable boat fenders. Ensure they are properly positioned and inflated to provide broad contact area against storm surge.

☐ **Prepare & Inspect Lines**

Begin securing lines. Add chafe protection where needed. Review how the boat will move with the tide and wind (think in terms of load, not neatness).

☐ **Communication Check**

Ensure all comm systems are functional, batteries are fully charged, and bilge pumps are operating correctly.

HURRICANE WARNING

36 HOURS OUT

Conditions are expected. The threat is immediate; finalize preparations.

☐ **Execute Haul-Out (If Applicable)**

If your selected safety strategy is to haul out, this decision must be executed immediately.

☐ **Finalize Dockage Configuration**

Spring lines, breast lines, and surge allowances must be locked in without hesitation.

☐ **Deploy Storm Lines**

If remaining in water, configure durable, double-braided nylon dock lines to allow for massive tidal surge while keeping the vessel centered.

☐ **Clear All Projectiles**

Remove any remaining items from the deck and dock area that could become dangerous airborne projectiles.

☐ **Verify Redundancy**

Guarantee multiple points of contact, verify all knots/splices, and ensure proper load distribution to survive severe tension.

Trust your gear. Ensure peace of mind. Visit aeredockingsolutions.com for your storm-ready docking solutions.