

Aluminium Trailer Boat Maintenance Schedule



DAILY/AFTER USE

- ☐ Rinse hull, deck, trailer, and bait board thoroughly with fresh water
- ☐ Dry all stainless fittings and alloy joins to prevent tea staining and galvanic reactions
- ☐ Wipe clears and windscreens with a soft cloth and clean, fresh water
- ☐ Inspect bilge pump intake and scuppers for bait debris, scales or fishing line
- ☐ Flush motor with fresh water and Salt-Away or similar product
- ☐ **Angler Tip:** Flush live bait tanks, fish bins, and decks immediately after use to prevent staining and odours. Check for hooks or scales locking scuppers or bilge intakes

WEEKLY

- ☐ Wash hull and deck using a pH-neutral, aluminium safe marine soap
- ☐ Clean clears using a plastic-safe cleaner and microfibre cloth
- ☐ Apply a corrosion-inhibiting protectant to exposed alloy surfaces
- ☐ Check trailer rollers, winch strap, and moving components for wear or buildup
- ☐ Rinse rod holders and wash down bait board hardware
- ☐ **Angler Tip:** Salt and fish residue around rod holders and bait stations can corrode fittings. Use a toothbrush to clean seams and recesses. Rinse reels if they were exposed

MONTHLY

- ☐ Polish stainless fittings to remove surface rust and prevent tea staining
- ☐ Apply UV-Blocker spray to clears
- ☐ Grease trailer wheel bearings and inspect tyre pressure
- ☐ Inspect sacrificial anodes and replace if more than 50 percent depleted
- ☐ Check under-deck areas and storage compartments for moisture or corrosion
- ☐ Check bilges for any metallic objects to stop galvanic corrosion
- ☐ **Angler Tip:** Use a marine-safe degreaser to clean bait boards and fish bins. Pay attention to hinges and latches, which often get sticky from fish oils and salt

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QUARTERLY

- ☐ Apply a protective coating to exposed aluminium surfaces
- ☐ Clean bilge and underfloor storage compartments
- ☐ Remove and clean flooring, mats or decking
- ☐ Inspect steering and throttle cables
- ☐ Check trailer frame, welds, axle mounts, and suspension
- ☐ **Angler Tip:** Flush anchor lockers and drains thoroughly. These areas trap fish scales and bait remnants, especially after anchoring near burley trails or while fishing structure

ANNUALLY

- ☐ Schedule professional hull inspection for signs of electrolysis or cracking
- ☐ Perform full detailing including deoxidising and coating
- ☐ Replace all sacrificial anodes
- ☐ Complete trailer service including brakes, bearings, suspension, and lights
- ☐ Flush and service engine cooling system
- ☐ **Angler Tip:** Inspect through-deck plumbing, rod holders, and bait board mounts for leaks or movement. Heavy fishing use can loosen fasteners and cause water ingress

SECOND OPINION

If you are unsure about the condition of your boat, the team at Total Yacht Care can help with trusted maintenance, detailing and seasonal checks

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