

MacGregor 26M Checklist for Nemo

Prepare to Launch

1. Untie safety rope at bow holding boat to trailer
2. Do not disconnect wiring harness to trailer lights (need connection to back up without enabling surge brakes)
3. Remove safety bolts that hold rudders up for travel
4. Remove Propeller cover, ensure motor is in "up" position
5. Remove ballast tank plug in bow storage area
6. Attach red wind indicator to top of Mast
7. Remove tie-down strap across cockpit that holds boat to trailer.
8. Untie line that holds mast down (across cockpit).
9. Remove bungees that hold mast, jib and mast-raising equipment down
10. Remove Mast bolt at bow, replace so it doesn't get lost
11. Remove temporary life line connection to Mast (if it's connected there)
12. Roll Mast aft and bolt in place at Mast Step
13. Attach Mast raising equip to Mast and attach line to bow left cleat
14. Make sure that side shroud lines are untangled and jib is on top of all lines
15. Crank Mast up, watch for kinks, twists
16. Attach jib fore-stay with text on roller-furler forward
17. Release and lower Mast-raising equipment, remove and stow inside cabin
18. Attach lifeline at bow pulpit
19. Remove jib cover and tie off halyard – put cover in car
20. Thread black jib furler line through black eye rings back to cockpit
21. Route jib sheets back to cockpit through blocks (pulleys)
22. Attach black boom topper line to end of boom on second to bottom clip
23. Attach boom to Mast
24. Thread main sail onto mast and hold in place with Sail Track Stop
25. Thread main sail halyard through blocks back to cockpit
26. Attach main sheet traveler to track – attach boom to left life lines with 2 bungees
27. Optionally install boom vang
28. Put in place cockpit cushions
29. Attach outboard motor steering linkage, test steering operation
30. Attach gas line to gas tank or confirm fuel in connected tank, open tank air vent
31. Get fenders ready to attach to appropriate side (or both) of boat
32. Attach bow and stern lines and have them ready to toss to crew on dock
33. Unattach stern lifelines so that crew can board easily
34. Install fishfinder and GPS, turn on Aux #4 power switch to power them up
35. Load any gear or needed equipment (camera etc) from vehicle into boat

Launching and immediately thereafter

1. Check wind and current – make a plan (read this before driving down ramp)
2. Back trailer into water until wheel wells are covered a couple inches
3. Unhook bow tie-down and gently push boat off trailer, climbing on
4. Toss line to crew on dock, may have them hold boat until motor is running
5. Tilt motor into water, and start motor
6. Have crew park vehicle
7. If ramp is crowded back out into safe depth until ready to pick up crew
8. Pull up ballast valve to open
9. Lower rudders into water
10. Turn on Depthfinder, lower dagger board as much as safely possible
11. Dock to pick up crew
12. Attach all lifelines
13. When ballast is full, close valve and replace stopper in bow storage area
14. When sailing, be sure to lock motor in “straight” position
15. When motoring above 6 mph be sure to have rudders and daggerboard up (this is really important – boat behaves really strange with dagger board at higher speed).

Preparation before coming back to put boat on trailer

1. I recommend docking with a full-ballast tank. Optionally can cruise at >5 mph with ballast valve open and bow ballast stopper removed to empty ballast tank. Close valve when empty. But boat will be more wind sensitive.
to empty
2. Ensure fenders are in place
3. Get dock lines in place
4. Check wind, current and make a plan for docking
5. Using rudders/daggerboard to get to dock adds low speed stability
6. Park boat at dock
7. BEFORE putting boat on trailer, Raise dagger board, and..
8. Raise rudders to at least level position
9. Go get trailer/vehicle, back down ramp and put in place ready for boat pickup

Before driving up ramp

1. Drive boat gently onto trailer (could be done dragging by hand with bow line)
2. Attach bow tie-down and crank in boat. If needed, give it some gas.
3. Add extra tie-down at front as a safety.
4. Kill motor
5. Tilt motor up to raise it out of water
6. Lock motor in straight position
7. Open ballast valve to empty remaining water, if any
8. Raise rudders completely
9. Drive slowly up ramp

Before driving away toward home

1. Ensure boat is squarely and properly on trailer
2. Secure tie-down across cockpit
3. Tie safety line at bow to trailer
4. Connect wiring harness - trailer lights to vehicle
5. Reverse all steps in “Prepare to Launch”
6. Batten down any loose items inside the cabin and cockpit
7. Don't forget to remove the wind indicator