SAN-AIR

Putting the boat away for winter?

Start with a fresher cabin.



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YOUR PRINTABLE WINTER CHECKLIST

Getting your boat ready for winter

A practical New Zealand guide for cabin boats, launches and yachts. Tick off the jobs that apply to your boat, then keep the check log handy.

BOAT NAME

STORAGE START DATE

- [ ] Remove food, rubbish and damp gear; take washable bedding ashore.
- [ ] Clean and dry the cabin, including lockers and the galley.
- [ ] Check for leaks and arrange repairs where needed.
- [ ] Plan suitable ventilation and moisture control for storage.
- [ ] Treat visible mould on compatible surfaces, following product labels.
- [ ] If using SAN-AIR, record each gel location and installation date.
- [ ] Arrange the engine, battery and other service checks on page 5.
- [ ] Check covers and your mooring, marina or trailer arrangements.
- [ ] Nominate who will visit the boat and record the next check date.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Confirm the boat is secure, essential systems are operating as required, and someone knows when it will next be checked.

Use this as a planning checklist alongside your boat and equipment manuals. Storage needs vary with the vessel, its systems and the local climate.

BEFORE YOU CLOSE THE HATCH

Give the cabin a fresh start



Illustrative cabin image created with AI.

01 Empty, clean and dry

Remove leftover food and wet items. Wash and dry bedding ashore. Clean the galley and storage spaces, then allow them to dry before closing up. [1, 2]

02 Find the moisture source

Inspect windows and hatches for water entry. Look under cushions and inside lockers for dampness. Address leaks and keep appropriate ventilation in place. Ask your marine service provider about suitable moisture control for your storage setup. [1, 2]

03 Treat existing surface mould

For compatible surfaces, SAN-AIR Surface Mould Remover RTU is a ready-to-use option. Follow the label and SDS, spot-test first and check the material manufacturer's care instructions. The published method is a 10-minute dwell, wipe clean, then a light reapplication left to air dry. [3]

Moisture management comes first. SAN-AIR gel supports mould and odour control; it does not remove water or repair leaks.

View Surface Mould Remover RTU

WHERE SAN-AIR FITS

A little care between trips

Caravan, Boat & Storage Reactive Gel helps neutralise musty odours and supports ongoing mould control in enclosed spaces. [4]



Gel + air diffuser

The 75g gel needs airflow to disperse. The diffuser helps where the air is still and runs on two AA batteries. Follow the operating instructions and check battery condition during visits. [4, 5]

View the bundle and current options

01 Prepare and position

Remove the seal, replace the lid and open vents as directed for the space. Keep the pottle secure on a stable surface with airflow. If using a diffuser, follow its setup instructions. [4, 6]

02 Consider each separate space

A closed sleeping cabin or locker may need a different placement from the saloon. Ask SAN-AIR for advice on your boat's layout; do not assume one pottle covers every compartment.

PLAN FOR REPLACEMENTS

The published pottle life is typically 6-8 weeks. Check it during visits and replace when the gel has dried into a hard, brown piece. Record dates on page 6. One jar is not an all-winter supply. [6]

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ARRANGE THE WIDER CHECKS

Make a plan for the whole boat

Use these prompts with your owner's manuals or marine technician. The right storage procedure depends on your engine, batteries, plumbing and where the boat is kept.

Engine and fuel

Book servicing if due. Ask your technician for the correct storage and fuel procedure for your engine. [1, 7]

Batteries and essential systems

Agree a suitable charging and monitoring plan. Confirm which systems must remain powered while stored, especially afloat. Arrange a battery check before returning to use. [7]

Hull, fittings and covers

Inspect for wear or damage. Check covers fit securely and shed rain. Recheck after strong winds or heavy rain. [1, 2]

Mooring, marina or trailer

Review securing arrangements with your marina, mooring provider or service technician. Include trailer condition and security if stored ashore. [1, 2]

Before the next outing

Inspect the boat, check safety gear and communications, and address any damage or faults before heading out. [7]

Sources & further reading

1. Coastguard NZ - Winterising your boat
2. Tower NZ - Prepare your boat for winter
3. SAN-AIR - Surface Mould Remover RTU
4. SAN-AIR - Boat & Storage Gel + Diffuser bundle
5. SAN-AIR - Air Diffuser instructions
6. SAN-AIR - Caravans, Boats & Storage FAQs
7. Maritime NZ - You and your boat

Links checked November 2026. Refer to current labels and manuals. Sources are provided for further reading; no endorsement is implied.

PRINT AND KEEP ABOARD

Your winter check log

Use a fresh line at each visit. Check sooner if weather or boat conditions call for it.

BOAT NAME

PERSON CHECKING THE BOAT

Gel installation record

Location / compartment	Installed	Checked / replaced	Next check

Visit record

Date	Cabin / moisture / mould	Actions / gel / batteries	Next visit

Jobs to arrange before the next trip

Print pages 2 and 6 for a simple checklist and log. This page is designed for handwritten notes.