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 mail 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