

■ Anchoring Checklist – Are You Deployed Long Enough?

A calm, practical checklist for safer and more comfortable nights at anchor.

Before You Relax

- ■ Anchor is well set with steady resistance
- ■ Adequate scope for depth, tide, and forecast
- ■ Snubber or bridle correctly attached to the chain
- ■ Load transferred off the windlass

Snubber / Bridle Setup

- ■ Nylon line used (stretchy, not stiff)
- ■ No obvious chafe points
- ■ Chain hook sits well below the bow

Length & Load Check

- ■ Boat accelerates and slows gradually
- ■ No loud bangs, jerks, or deck creaks
- ■ Bridle or snubber looks relaxed, not tight
- ■ Gusts do not cause sudden shock loads

Weather & Overnight Check

- ■ Forecast reviewed for wind strength and shifts
- ■ Enough stretch for overnight gusts
- ■ Extra length deployed if strong winds expected

Final Question

- ■ Would I sleep better if I added more length? If yes — add it.

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