

Offshore Tool Box

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Introduction

This list of tools and spares is intended to be a minimum guide to tools and spares that might be helpful in affecting emergency repairs when outside assistance is not available.

Tools

Socket Set, 3/8" Drive SAE, min. 3/8 thru 13/16"	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Socket Set, 3/8" drive, Metric, min. 10 thru 17mm	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Flex T- Handle, 3/8" drive	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Ratchet Wrench, 3/8" drive	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Extension Bars, 3/8" drive, 3", 6", 10"	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Socket Set, 1/2" Drive, SAE 3/8" Thru 1-1/4"	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Socket Set, 1/2" Drive, Metric, 9mm Thru 18mm	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Ratchet Wrench, 1/2" Drive	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Extension Bars, 1/2" Drive, 3" 6", 10"	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Combination Wrenches, SAE, 1/4" thru 7/8"	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Combination Wrenches, Metric, 7mm thru 18mm	Snap-on, Cornwell, Craftsman, etc.
Philips Screwdrivers, Size #0, #1, #2, #3 & Stubby	any QUALITY brand w/hardened tips
Slotted Screwdrivers, Size #0, #1, #2, #3 & Stubby	any QUALITY brand w/hardened tips
Hex Head "Allen" Wrenches SAE & Metric	any QUALITY brand
Dead Blow or Soft faced Hammer	any QUALITY brand
20-24 Oz Hammer with hole in handle	any QUALITY brand
Adjustable Wrenches: 6, 8, & 12 inches	any QUALITY brand
Strap Wrenches	any QUALITY brand

Nut Drivers, 3/16" thru 1/2 "	any QUALITY brand
Needle Nose Pliers	any QUALITY brand
Offset screwdriver	any QUALITY brand
Locking Pliers: Lg. Jaw, Curved Jaw, Needle Nose	"Vise-Grip" only Models: 12LC, 7CR, &4LN
Sidecutting Pliers "Dikes"	any QUALITY brand
"Slip Joint" Adjustable Pliers 4" capacity	any, but "Channelock" is good (bigger=better)
25 foot Tape measure	any QUALITY brand
High Tension Hacksaw, 12"	any QUALITY brand
12 Hacksaw Blades Bimetal and carbon	any QUALITY brand
Drill bits in a case 1/16 to 1/2 inch in 64ths	any QUALITY brand
"Spade" bits for wood 5/8 to 1 1/4"	any QUALITY brand
Holesaw Set (up to 4 inch)	Heavy Duty with substantial mandrill
Tap and Die set standard up to 1/2"	any QUALITY brand
Cordless drill (Highest Voltage)	any heavy duty brand 1/2" Chuck
Cordless Sawzall (Highest Voltage)	Heavy Duty
Assorted Sawzall blades inc. Carbide Blades	any QUALITY brand
Hydraulic Cutter	Huskie Tools models-208
Digital Voltmeter	Fluke model 179
Wire Stripper 22gauge to 10gauge wire	Anchor# 702030 (West Marine)
Quality Ratchet Crimping Tool	Anchor# 701030 or Dearborn #KT2-2026
Battery Cable Cutters or Shears	Anchor #70205 or equal
12' Jumper Cables	any QUALITY brand
1/2 Round Cabinet Maker's Rasp	Get Coarse cutting(will be used on fiberglass or wood.
8, 10, 12inch Half round and flat files (Bastard)	Nicholson or quality (get comfortable handle)
Assorted cold chisels, pin punches, drifts, etc.	any QUALITY brand

Set of tapered Punches- Small, Medium and Large

2 Or 3 different sizes, any QUALITY brand

Wood Chisels (Couple of Sizes)

get plastic handles

Utility Knives and razor knives

any QUALITY brand

Assorted Pry bars

any QUALITY brand

Sharp AWL

any QUALITY brand

Head lamp- Quality LED w/ spare batteries

for working in tight quarters, frees up both hands

Gas powered torch

for heat shrinking

It is important to put holes or to tie safety lines on the large maul, tapered pins, Saws and any other tool that you might be using on deck in rough conditions. Any tool that you are using will be useless if it goes overboard. Make sure that the proper tether is made to it before you leave port.

Spares, supplies and useful bits.

Drywall screws 1", 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2", 3", 4"

A quick fastener with many applications, Get Galvanized

Hard wood block or hard rubber-

To cushion hammer blow

Depending on size of boat Larger wrenches

Larger boats= larger tools.

10 feet of 36" wide Sticky back

Can be used to repair a variety of problems

4 rolls of quality Duct tape

Need we explain this?

30-80 foot lengths of electrical wire

14/2, 12/2, 10/2, 8/2

Assorted quality connectors (CNS)

Butt, various ring, spade, etc

5 tubes silicone sealant

any QUALITY brand

5 tubes Boatlife or 101

Cures underwater

10 rolls rigging tape

any QUALITY brand

Various sizes of Spectra or Vectran

50' lengths of 1/8", 1/4" 3/8"

Assorted Hose Clamps

ABA or Norma

Hose Couplers, Sized to your boat

PVC is preferred

Assortment of hoses, Sized to your boat

Minimum Nylon reinforced

4- 5 min epoxy kits

Good for quick repairs

Mask and Fins to fit 3+ Crewmembers

Necessary for prop/ rudder clearing and underwater repairs.

West Marine G Flex and cloth 1708 1808

Cures in wet conditions.

1 Qt Acetone

Dries water for repairs.

Boat Owners Mechanical & Electrical Manual

Nigel Calder McGraw-Hill

How Boat Things Work: An Illustrated Guide

C. Wing McGraw-Hill

Notes:

Offshore Rigging Equipment

In addition to the normal offshore tool kit the following items should be included in a Rigging Ditty Bag for normal running and standing rigging maintenance:

- Marlinspike
- Rigging knife
- Splicing Fids and Pusher
- Sharpening stone
- Seizing wire
- Assorted Cotter pins
- Rigging Tape
- Whipping Twine
- Sailmaker's Needles
- Small Vice Grips
- Small Dyneema/Spectra Lashing lines, 3-5mm
- Small Felco Wire cutters

For Going Aloft:

- Bosun's chair with Safety Hook or Shackle
- Lirakis or Climbing Harness
- Canvas Bag for tools
- Safety line to tie off to rig

Emergency Spares and Tools for rigging repairs:

- Length of 1x19 Wire (length and diameter of longest stay or shroud)
- Appropriate sized Norseman or Sta-Lok mechanical wire terminals
- High Resistance D Shackles to fit tangs or chainplates for lashings
- Cable Clamps
- Hacksaw and blades (32 teeth/in high quality) for cutting rod
- Hydraulic Wire Cutters like Huskie Model # S-16A or Felco Hand Cutter Tool
- Long length of Dyneema line, 6mm or larger

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