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Mexico Severe Weather Plan:

After being through several storms, I've researched and developed an in-depth plan of action. This is not a complete list of what you could prepare for in heavy weather. However, it is what this marina will require. Any additional safeguards always help.

- 1. Sails lashed to the boom or removed, roller furling wrap and locked.
- 2. Decks stripped of all unnecessary gear.
- 3. Any gear left on deck must be lashed down.
- 4. Dinghies will be lashed on deck or on the dock in a position not interfering with the dock lines (not left in the water).
- 5. Flags and radar reflectors will be removed.
- 6. All halyard lines tied away from the mast.
- 7. All bilge pumps set automatic.
- 8. Hatches will be closed and locked.
- 9. All sunshades and bimminies removed.
- 10. All extra lines left on the cockpit.
- 11. Boat to be centered in slip at least four dock lines per side (proper size for your boat).
- 12. All wind generators removed and stored or locked in off position.
- 13. Solar panels removed and stored or lashed down.
- 14. All canvas covers removed and stored.
- 15. Chafe guards on all dock lines.
- 16. One main dock line across the dock opening holding the boat in the slip.
- 17. Extra water, gas and diesel should be safely stored to last at least a week.
- 18. All electronic disconnected i.e. Radio, GPS, Radar, Depth sounder and Knot log.
- 19. Turn off all propone tanks disconnect.
- 20. Secure all line ends.
- 21. All dock gates secured in open position.
- 22. All dock boxes closed and locked.
- 23. During heavy weather all people on the docks must have handheld radios and life preservers.

<u>Note:</u> At a time determined by the Harbor master, all power and water will be in the docks will be turned off. The Harbor master will also responsible for the decision to evacuate all personnel to a safety location. There will be no exceptions. This will be a hard decision for me to make as my boat is here, but there is no boat worth someone's life.