

Electrical Budget Worksheet (adapted from Pacific Cup)

1 Calculate your DC Loads:

| Lighting | | Amps | Hours | AH/Day | |
|--------------------|--|-------|---------|--------------|---|
| | Running Lights | 2.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Masthead Tricolor Light | 1.5 | 8 | 12.0 | Planning to adapt to LED so should be less still |
| | Anchor Light | 1.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Strobe Light | 0.8 | | 0.0 | |
| | Spreader Lights | 8.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Cabin Light (small) | 1.0 | | 0.0 | Small battery powered LED cabin lights (8) |
| | Cabing Light (big incandescent) | 1.2 | | 0.0 | |
| | Cabing Light (flourescent) | 2.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Instrument Lights | 0.3 | | 0.0 | |
| | Handheld Spot Light | 10.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Other | | | 0.0 | |
| | Lighting AH | | | 12.0 | |
| Galley | | Amps | Hours | AH/Day | |
| | Refrigeration | 4.0 | 8 | 32.0 | |
| | Prop Solenoid | 0.6 | | 0.0 | |
| | Other | | | 0.0 | |
| | Galley AH | | | 32.0 | |
| Electronics | | Amps | Hours | AH/Day | |
| | Autopilot | 4.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | VHF (receive) | 0.5 | 24 | 12.0 | |
| | VHF (transmit) | 5.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | SSB (receive) | 1.5 | 2 | 3.0 | |
| | SSB (transmit) | 28.0 | 0.5 | 14.0 | |
| | SSB Digital controller | 0.2 | | 0.0 | |
| | GPS | 0.4 | 24 | 9.6 | |
| | Instruments | 2.0 | 2 | 4.0 | |
| | Weather fax receiver | 1.5 | | 0.0 | |
| | Radar (standby) | 3.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | Radar (transmit) | 4.0 | | 0.0 | |
| | AIS | 3.0 | 8 | 24.0 | Includes laptop computer, serial adapter & GPS receiver |
| | Energy Monitors | | | 0.0 | |
| | Stereo | | | 0.0 | |
| | Computer (screen off) | 1.5 | | 0.0 | |
| | Computer (screen on) | 2.1 | | 0.0 | |
| | Computer (serial adapter) | 0.5 | | 0.0 | |
| | Other | | | 0.0 | |
| | Electronics AH | | | 66.6 | |
| Plumbing | | Amps | Hours | AH/Day | |
| | Fresh Water Pump | 8.0 | 0.3 | 2.4 | Calculate using average water consumption. |
| | Bilge Pump(s) | 5.0 | | 0.0 | This should be zero unless the boat leaks. |
| | Other | | | 0.0 | |
| | Plumbing AH | | | 2.4 | |
| Inverter | | Watts | Hrs/day | AH/Day | |
| | Microwave | | | 0.0 | All values assume inverter efficiency = 85%. Power factor may mess up this estimate. |
| | Chargers (nicad) | | | 0.0 | |
| | Other | | | 0.0 | |
| | Inverter AH | | | 0.0 | |
| | Gross Energy Consumption AH/Day | | | 113.0 | |

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| 2 | Alternative Energy Sources | | | | |
| | Device | Amps | Hrs/day | AH/day | |
| | Solar, avg | 10.0 | 9 | 90.0 | Assumes 3-50 watt panels |
| | Wind, avg | | | 0.0 | Assumes AIR Marine wind turbine in good location. |
| | Water, avg. | | | 0.0 | |
| | Contribution of AES AH/Day | | | 90.0 | |
| 3 | Net Energy Consumption, AH/Day | | | 23.0 | |
| 4 | Desired Hours Between Charging | | | 96 | |
| 5 | Range of Battery Use | | | 0.35 | For example, from 50-85% state of charge. |
| 6 | Recommended Battery Capacity | | | 263 | |
| 7 | Alternator Output, Amps | | | 105 | Target would be 25% flooded, 40% gel, of capacity. |
| 8 | Charge Efficiency Factor | | | 0.85 | Gels = 95%, flooded cells = 85% |
| 9 | Minimum Minutes to Charge | | | 62 | Assumes alternator runs at full output. |