

BEFORE YOU **CROSS A BAR**

THERE ARE **10 IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS**
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW

- 1 Check the weather, tide and bar conditions
- 2 Contact coastguard or maritime radio immediately prior to crossing
- 3 Ensure adequate stability
- 4 Batten down
- 5 Lifejackets must be worn and all crew must be awake
- 6 Approach at moderate speed
- 7 Post a lookout to monitor sea conditions astern
- 8 Communicate your successful crossing to coastguard or maritime radio
- 9 If in doubt — don't cross
- 10 Avoid ebb tide

