

# Electrical Budget Worksheet (Chesapeake - Outbound 46)

1 Calculate your DC Loads:

Lighting	Amps	Hours	AH/Day
Running Lights	3.5		0.0
Masthead Tricolor Light	0.5	9	4.5
Anchor Light	0.5		0.0
Strobe Light	0.5		0.0
Spreader Lights	3.5		0.0
Cabin Light (small)	0.9		0.0
Cabing Light (big incandescent)	0.9		0.0
Cabing Light (flourescent)			0.0
Instrument Lights	0.2	9	1.8
Handheld Spot Light	2.0	0	0.0
Other			0.0
<b>Lighting AH</b>			<b>6.3</b>

Galley	Amps	Hours	AH/Day
Refrigeration	6.4	3	19.2
Prop Solenoid	0.9	1	0.9
Other			0.0
<b>Galley AH</b>			<b>20.1</b>

Electronics	Amps	Hours	AH/Day
Autopilot	6.0	18	108.0
VHF (receive)	0.5	24	12.0
VHF (transmit)	4.2	0.1	0.4
SSB (receive)	1.5	2	3.0
SSB (transmit)	28.0	0.5	14.0
SSB Digital controller	0.2	2	0.4
GPS	0.2	24	4.8
Instruments	2.0	24	48.0
Weather fax receiver	0.0	0	0.0
Radar (standby)	3.0	24	72.0
Radar (transmit)	6.2	4	24.8
AIS	0.2	24	0.0
Energy Monitors	0.8	24	19.2
Stereo	1.0	1	1.0
Computer (screen off)	1.5	2	3.0
Computer (screen on)	2.1	0.5	1.1
Computer (serial adapter)	0.2	2	0.4
Other			0.0
<b>Electronics AH</b>			<b>312.1</b>

Plumbing	Amps	Hours	AH/Day
Fresh Water Pump	4.2	0.1	0.4
Bilge Pump(s)	2.8	0.1	0.3
Other			0.0
<b>Plumbing AH</b>			<b>0.7</b>

Calculate using average water consumption.  
This should be zero unless the boat leaks.

Inverter	Watts	Hrs/day	AH/Day
Microwave	116.0	0.2	2.3
Chargers (nicad)	1.0	24	2.4
Other			0.0
<b>Inverter AH</b>			<b>4.7</b>

All values assume inverter efficiency = 85%.  
Power factor may mess up this estimate.

Gross Energy Consumption AH/Day **343.9**

2 Alternative Energy Sources	Device	Amps	Hrs/day	AH/day
	Solar, avg	5.0	9	45.0
	Wind, avg	0.0	0	0.0
	Water, avg.			0.0
	<b>Contribution of AES AH/Day</b>			<b>45.0</b>

Assumes one large panel.  
Assumes AIR Marine wind turbine in good location.

3 Net Energy Consumption, AH/Day **298.9**

4 Desired Hours Between Charging **24**

5 Range of Battery Use **0.35**

For example, from 50-85% state of charge.

6 Recommended Battery Capacity **854**

7 Alternator Output, Amps **200**

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 **105**

Assumes alternator runs at full output.