Cruising Spares and Consumables

As any experienced skipper will tell you, having spares parts onboard can be the differences between an inconvenience and a bad few days. Things will invariably fail either out at sea, or when tied up at shore and finding out the spares that you need are a few days away.

Having critical spares onboard can save a holiday, or allow you to repair your engine while you are far out at sea. You should consider that having spare parts onboard is as critical as having flares or lifejackets. The longer, or the more remote your trip, you should consider increasing your spares accordingly.

Component	Rough Amount
Engine Oil - Correct grade for the engine and your location	4 litres
Gearbox Oil – if different to the Engine Oil	2 litres
Coolant – especially if cruising around remote parts of Australia	4 litres
WD40 or CRC	2 cans
Light Marine Grease	1 can
Diesel Engine Fuel Injector Cleaner Fuel Additive – it is easier to try this than to pull the injectors out if you suspect that they are dirty.	1
Oil Filter	1
Primary Fuel Filter Element	1
Secondary Fuel Filter Element	1
Seawater Pump Impellor	1
Spare Hoses. Water, radiator, fuel	At least 1metre of each type
Seawater Strainer	1
Drive Belts	1 of each size you need
Gasket material	Min 30cmx30cm
Jubilee Clamps – dias to suit your smaller hoses	5 of each
Hose Clamps – dias 10mm, 20mm, 50mm	5 of each
Screw (BluePoint) Electrical Connectors	1 pack

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Fuses – Get a fuse kit that carries the right ratings and style that you need. Check the switchboard, and engine systems for fuses.	1 Kit
Pack of Cable Ties – length at least 200mm	1
Insulation Tape – You will use this for everything.	3 rolls
Washers for the Banjo Bolts – check which size you need	
Spare nuts and Bolts of the size your engine predominantly uses	Kit
Air Filter Element – if doing an extended cruise	1
Thermostat - if doing an extended cruise in remote area. You would be very lucky if you found the right thermostat for your engine when you needed at a small harbour.	1
Glowplug – if doing an extended voyage	1