Dialing In Your Trawler

Suggestions on how to track and monitor the gear and systems on your trawler / motor yacht



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Welcome!

This is a collection of ideas and photos I have seen other trawler owners use that you should be able to apply to your own trawler.

WARNING – I am a yacht broker!

20+ years of selling new and used trawlers and training owners. I've been on hundreds of boats and found some great ideas.

TODAY'S TAKE AWAY

Learn some new ideas, I welcome your suggestions. Do you keep your maintenance log up to date?

MAINTENANCE

Weems & Plath

Pick up something from every boat...

Every Trawler has a number of components that require attention and observation, we are all "in the same boat"

Hold that thought...

Paying attention to details will help you monitor your systems and better understand your boat.

Please jot down questions so I can answer at the end, I may cover what you want to know.

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HANDOUTS

- USCG inspection Vessel Safety Check
- Performance Chart RPM, burn, range
- Main engine maintenance log
- Engine room temperature watch N47
- Summary Dialing in Your Trawler articles
- SDMC / JMYS Maintenance

CHECK UPS

Your Trawler is "alive" (at the dock AND underway) and if you think of it that way and relate to your body it should make sense that regular "checkups" will help your boat run smoother.

Unlike annual human medical exams, a trawler should have many inspections (hourly at first) to keep track of operations.

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To track your boat you first have to establish baselines, and these initial impressions need to be cataloged so you can learn what the NORM is.

Boat "SENSES" – You are a <u>diagnostic tool</u> Imprinting is developed through your senses.

Senses provide "First alert" warning signals...

Sight/Vision

- We use our eyes as our primarily means to process and understand information. At sea you may need prescription glasses, make sure you have a spare pair. 0
- You should have sun glasses.
- Protective goggles are a smart idea. •
- Even magnifying lenses for small print on • charts Binoculars or FLIR night vision.

Hearing

- New to you pumps, beeps, clicks
- Alarms
- Vibrations
- High pitch
- Wear ear muffs in the engine room
- Buzzing outside
- Snap crackle pop = shrimp

Smell

• Burning?

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- Smelly or stinky?
- Something unusual?

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• A change in what the "normal" smell is can be an early warning sign of something amiss...

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Touch (and what not to touch)

- Lots of hot parts be careful of burns
- Fingers and Toes...
- Gloves hot parts, sharp parts paravane fish, even up to manage anchoring or handling dock lines (wood dock splinters)
- Shoes windlass and chain

Taste (let's call this "non-sense")

Don't use this sense except for food consumption.

Moral: Surveyor who dipped finger in bilge and became violently ill.

Common Sense

- Be observant
- Pay attention
- You typically have time to think through a good solution, don't rush to judgement

Understanding Your Boat

You need to become familiar with your boat to better understand it.

Your trawler is a finite space, there is no reason why you should not know what EVERY piece of equipment is and what the NORMAL operating condition should be.

GET YOUR TRAWLER ON TRACK

Let's see what other trawler owners do to stay on top of things.

Machinery with temperatures to monitor and many reminders or quick reference ideas.

Tools – you will need Metric and Imperial; nut drivers, sockets, etc. Find key service items and keep that tool nearby!







Spare Parts and Service Manuals (When you get a spare replace the existing item)



Organize your manuals

- Keep them in organized bins
- Go online to get <u>electronic PDF versions</u>
- Keep a list of <u>vendors with contact</u> information – phone and email
- Manuals help with spare parts and service intervals

The more familiar you are with your boat the more you learn what to look for...

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Where is your autopilot rate gain compass?

How about your GFCI outlets and shore power breakers?



Temperatures to monitor

What other temperatures should we record?

- Stuffing box
- Engine coolant
- ER forward and aft bulkhead
- Class input?

Example of "tide mark" level



Analog "needle marks"

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Mark normal needle position. Do you have a bicycle pump?

MODEL No's. R-06, R-07, R-12

Beering Fluid (HA5430) or a light viscosity hydraulic mathydraulic fluid spec. MIL H-5606C, such as lere Fluid #41, Esso Univis N15, Chevron Aviation the HFA Heavier Fluids such as automatic transmission a flu, may be added but will cause harder steering. Know your flow...



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Get a Label Maker and use it!







Bow Thruster ON/OFF



CHECKLISTS We all have fantastic memories, but give yourself some back up, create checklists!

Routines Develop a "return to the boat" routine that is the same each time, here is a quick run through of what L do.



At The Dock

- Let's start by approaching your trawler tied up at the dock-what should you look for?
- Shore tower breaker still ON?
- Shore power cord plugged IN? In the water?
- Dock lines secure? Any chafing on lines?
- Fenders properly positioned?

On Board

Can you be contacted in an emergency? Do you have a key for access to the boat?

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Emergency Contact Information

M/V Convexity USCG #1186437 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL OR TEXT 415-420-8800

Is your lazarette hatch lockable?



Combination lock box for key



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Inside- My First Two Priorities

 Electrical – Do I have shore power coming in and are my batteries charged?

 Bilge – How much water do I have in the bilge?



AC IN = Good!

Walk Through

Anything out of place or different from last time on board?
Port lights and hatches?
Windows and Doors?
Lockers and Drawers?

General Did I leave any lights on? Any machinery noises that seem different? Warmer climates – leave air con running? If so, is intake strainer clean?

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Exterior

All lines secure?
All canvas covers in place
Water in the tender?
Anything out of place?

USCG Vessel Safety Check

 See the handout* This is a great way to make sure you are in compliance

Ship Shape

One common theme I have noticed – whether the owner is an artist, engineer, doctor or farmer – keeping things clean and tidy makes it easier to notice when something goes wrong

Performance

You need to understand how fast your boat will go at various RPM's and how much fuel you are burning to determine your range. RPM performance handout*



RPM, Speed and fuel burn summary at helm

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1500	8.5	1.17	6.2	1.4	2,7	_,
1600	9.1	1.25	7.5	1.2	2,3	_,
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Anchoring Ideas

Anchoring

- Length of chain (flake for easy deployment)
- Chain marking (HundRED)
- Bitter end line, cut away on deck
- Nav Com anchor alarm settings
- Windlass auto/manual, clutch, release bar
- Chain stoppers, take shock load off windlass



Hund-RED's



Color code summary right by windlass



Anchor Bridle

Load off windlass. Rubber snubbers and line soften shock



Stop Slop

Handle, I'd tie a leash to this...

Chain tensioner, snug anchor on roller

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What is your plan if your windlass fails?

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MAXWELL WINDLASS CHAIN MARKINGS CLUTCH WRENCH

Spare Fortress anchor on foredeck

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Spare Fortress anchor on swim platform

Chain color coding by windlass control



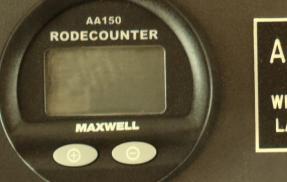
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Last 50' feet or anchor at waterline. Can you disconnect from bitter end?





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Hull ideas

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Folding pad eye for clipping on fenders





Mark your fins for haul out







Deck and Dinghy Tips



Life raft – lock it? Positioning, how launch it?

EMERGENCY LIFE RAFT INFLATION PROCEDURE

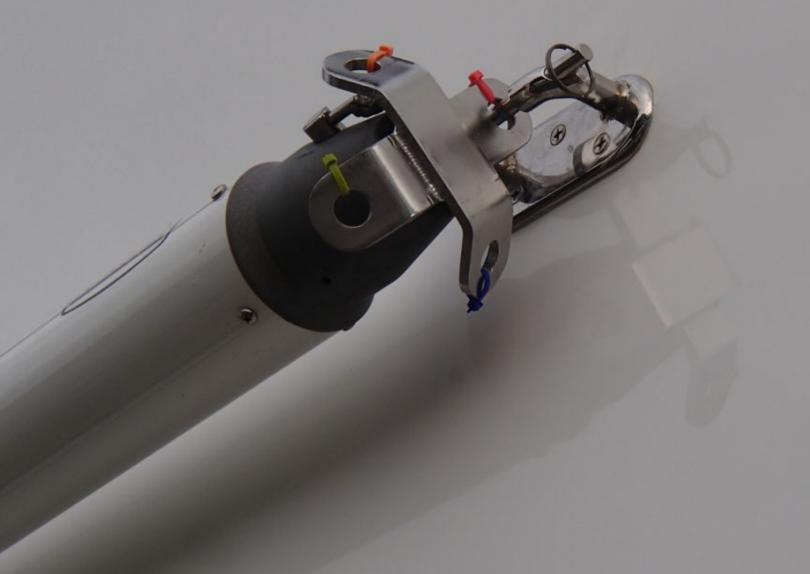
1. PULL BLACK AND WHITE LANTARD TO RELEASE PAINTER LINE FROM SNAP ON SHARKLE 2. ATTACH TO NEAREST STRONG POINT ON VESSEL 3. THROW LIFE RAFT IN CANISTER OVERBOARD. 4. LIFE RAFT WILL INFLATE AFTER 30 FEET OF LINE IS OUT. 5. IF CALM SEA, YANK LINE TO INFLATE. 6. PULL LIFE RAFT ALONGSIDE VESSEL AND BOARD. 7. KEEP LIFE RAFT AUAY FROM SNAP PROTRUSIONS.

WINSLOW LIFERAFT COMPANY 11700 WINSLOW DRIVE LAKE SUZY, FL 34266 (800)838-3012



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Flopper stopper – color code line attachments



Reflective tape on flopper pole

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Dinghy launch with crane – level gauge



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Mark crane pick up to simplify line-up at return

Center crane and pick up/return rotation





Boom winch lines can be marked with a Sharpie – Amsteel or Dyneema

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Dinghy Cover Opening



Outboard skid plate

Dock Tips

- Dock lines color code red/green
- Extra lines and chafe protection
- Surge areas chain on cleats
- Fenders clips on hull, fender boards
- Inflatable fenders (need air pressure)
- Fender hooks
- Shore power connections secure?

Color markings or numbering of dock lines

Dock Lines Short – White whipping Medium – Red whipping Long – Black whipping



Simple rodent guard

Power cord tied off to stay out of water

Keep lines coiled and ready to go

Loop around horn (chafe protection)







Fender Boards

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Boat Hook Ready!

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Canvas wrap and snap



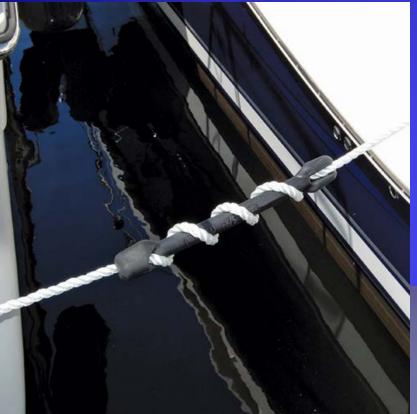
Inflatable Fenders, Fender Hooks





Sailboat Traveler track for fenders

Line Snubbers and Chafe Guards





Shore Water: Filter Before Adding To Tanks

Hardware store cartridges sediment removal, charcoal – remove impurities

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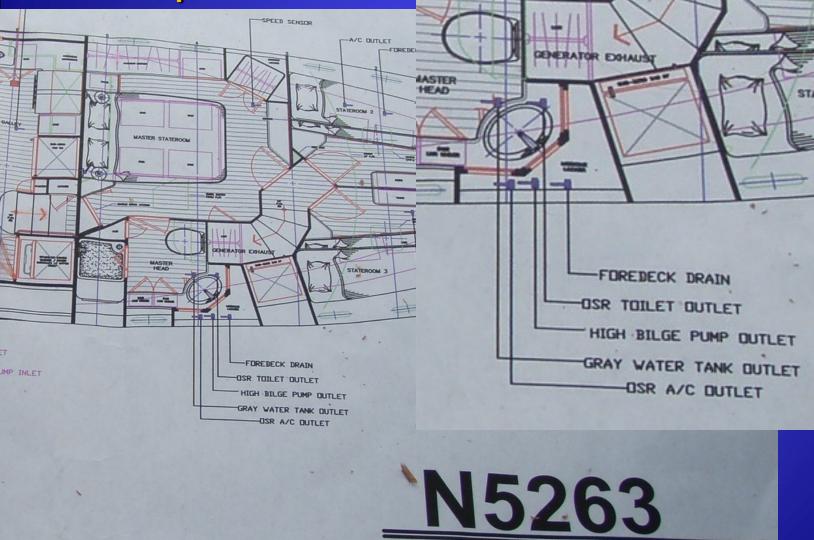
Maintenance Log - Records

Note any repairs or upgrades Track oil changes and all other service, repairs • This is an important record and sales tool when you are ready to sell your boat

Main Engine Maintenance Log See handout Nordhavn 55*

This example is for a main engine. I recommend you create an individual log for all major pieces of machinery: Transmissions, Generator, Windlass, Crane, Watermaker, Stabilizers, etc.

Through hull Map Example from Nordhavn 52 *Dirona*



SEACOCK/THRU-HULL LOCATION DWG

Webbing tab for quick thru-hull reminder





Exercise and PVC pipe for leverage

Through hull labels, close direction

Some Interior Suggestions

Clear plastic protects wood surfaces

Refrigerator organization – bars and tubs





Thermometer and baking soda in refrigerator

Nutrition Facts de Brand 5924 TAYLOR. 20 -20 -10 Story - leave boat, ice cube test...

Refrigerator door lock

Ready for rocking and rolling at sea?

Shelf levels create more storage space





Soft rubber mesh protects

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Peg system for plates and bowls

Kadey-Krogen peg system for pots and pans



Acrylic base with permanent pegs



Stem ware protection





Organized home style drawer caddy



Label Under Cushion Boards



Stop things from "rattling"

Soft items to wedge lockers and line drawers
 "Nerf" football, bubble wrap, Noodles, Liners



Ready for sea You need to have a plan to stow everything when you set out to sea!





Clear tubs for storage





Storage bins "Lock and Lock"

On the

Really Useful Boxes





LOOSE Parts Bin (you'll identify where it goes later)











Dust buster small vacuum

(Kelp flies story)

Swiffer Sweeper Vacs are great for wood floors





Squeegee and Shower Spray





Shower drain cover



3M adhesive mounting



Head essentials

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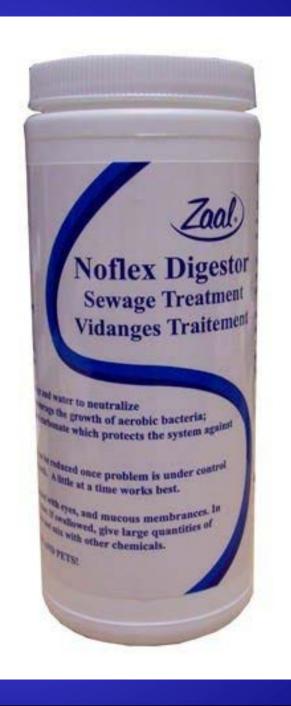
Cleans Potties

Toilet treatment and holding tanks (non chemical bioactive formula)









Special toilet paper is not a bad idea – Single ply, biodegradable, fast dissolving, ultra soft...



Black Water holding tank valve lock



Carbon Monoxide, Smoke Detector/Fire Alarms





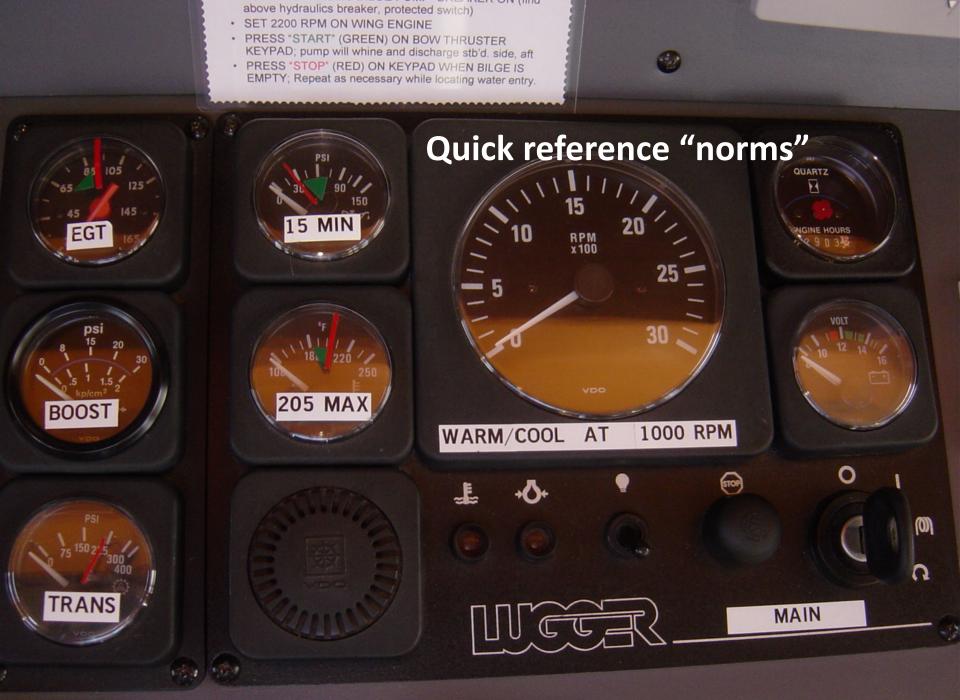
Pilothouse Suggestions

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Pilothouse – mark your gauges







Keep your display screens clean

and West Coast to Mobile Bay, Alabama

rain.x for windshields







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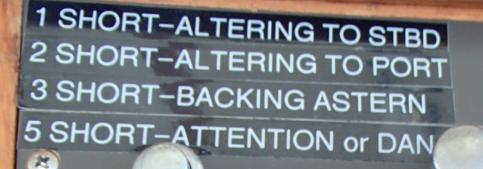


HEAD ON PORT TO PORT



OVERTAKING BOAT PUTTING SLOWER BOAT TO PORT

OVERTAKING BOAT PUTTING SLOWER BOAT TO STBD



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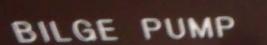




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HOLDING TANK PUMP

GRAY WATER PUMP

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HOLDING TANK

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Toggle guards on "permanent" breakers

EXHAUST STACK COOLING P/H CHEST FREEZER SH COMPACTOR MICROWAVE / SALON TV STOVE TOP IGNITER GARBAGE DISPOSAL WATERMAKER E / ROOM BLOWERS

GALLEY FRIDGE/FREEZE

MAYDAY procedure

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To Broadcast a MAYDAY. a) Make sure bottom RIGHT RADIO-602 is on b) Turn SQL all the way to the left c) Turn volume right until you hear static d) Lift the RED cover, Press the button for 5 seconds e) When talking, use correct microphone (center) f) Press push to talk button, wait 1 second speak slowly g) Say Mayday Mayday Mayday h) Say three times "Strickly for Fun" i) Whiskey Delta Bravo niner, zero five eight. j) get GPS location off GPS top above the radio k) Say latitude ## degrees ## minutes, decimal # north 1) Longitude ## degrees, ## minutes decimal # West. m) State problem and requested help. n) The boat is 50 feet long, white with blue canvas. p) Wait one second then release push to talk button. q) Repeat every minute till acknowledgement.

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Recreational Vessels

EMERGENCY RADIO CALL PROCEDURES

- 1. MAKE SURE RADIO IS ON
- 2. ON DSC RADIOS, LIFT COVER AND PRESS DISTRESS **BUTTON FOR 5 SECONDS AND RELEASE**
- 3. VERIFY RADIO HAS SWITCHED TO CHANNEL 16 AND **GO TO STEP 5**
- 4. ON NON-DSC RADIOS, CHANGE TO CHANNEL 16
- 5. PRESS AND HOLD TRANSMIT BUTTON
- 6. CLEARLY SAY: "MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY"
- 7. ALSO GIVE: C VESSEL NAME AND/OR DESCRIPTION
 - D POSITION AND/OR LOCATION
 - I NATURE OF EMERGENCY
 - I NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON BOARD
- 8. RELEASE TRANSMIT BUTTON
- 9. WAIT 30 SECONDS IF NO RESPONSE, REPEAT "MAYDAY" CALL.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS

Intentional hoax calls are an offense and subject to prosecution.





www.uscgboating.org

U.S. Coast Guard Infoline (800) 368-5647





Organize dash console for convenient access to gear



Drink holders

Portable caddy for important "stuff"

Channel buoy reminder Easily reversible!



Make your own

When you depart,

leave yourself a reminder...

Thru Hull Closed !!	
Ven Uling Water Maker	
Start Charger - OFF	



Engine Room



Engine room "must haves"

- Ear muffs
- Working gloves
- Temperature gun
- Flash light
- Knee pads
- Proper tools for adjustments
- Trash Can

- Tapered wooden plugs
- Open pipe for thru hull leverage
- Duct tape
- Paper towels
- Dry erase board and pen

Ear Muffs – Noise Cancelling a must for the engine room get two pair



Infrared Temperature Gun





EXHAUST ELBOW 12

FRESHWATER FLUSH DONE: MON 12-7-09 X DONE: MON 12-7-09 X DONE: MON 12-28-09 X Dry erase message boards (quick reference to keep track of things)

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FWD STBD 320

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- PORT SIDE M.E. RACOR IS NEW-READY TO USE. Fuel management...





Engine Room Inspection

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ER: What to Check (Trip to ER two part Ocean Navigator articles series)

- Inspect Fuel valves
- Bilge water level
- Temperature of stuffing box
- Under Engine Drips? Belt Chafe?
- Racor vacuum gauges

Engine room inspection Temperatures / Visuals

Mark single point to shoot

and a highlight and

Temperature Watch items

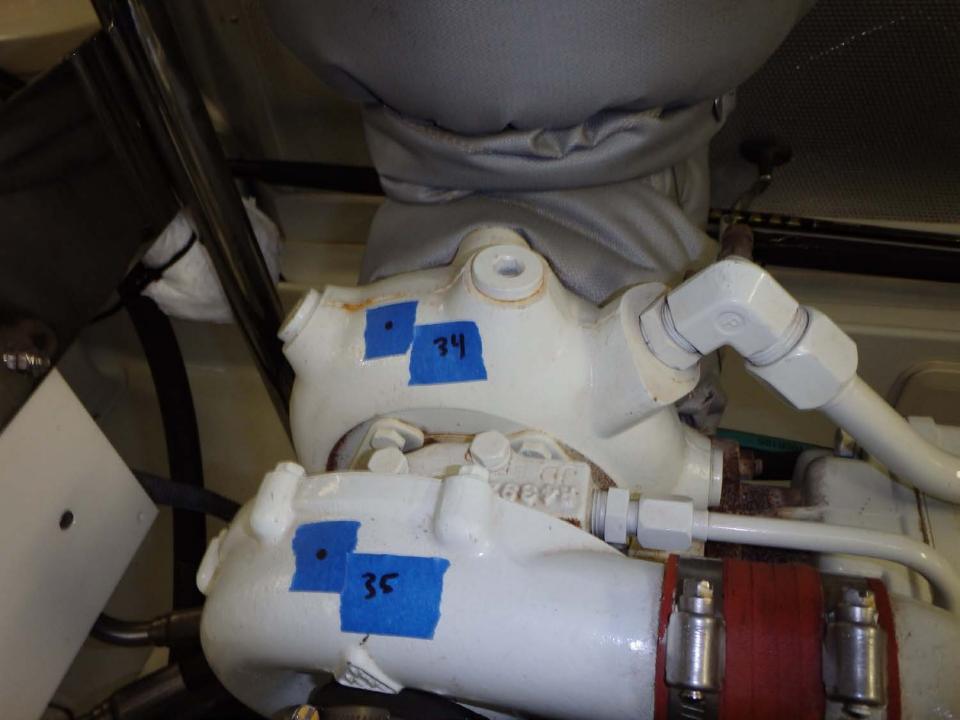
"Merrillpox" blue tape and Sharpie

Hold Gun 2 – 6" away



American Bow Thrush

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Visual inspection <mark>"(*)"</mark> Eye

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A numbering system is easier to follow

ER: Keep it clean! Make it easy to find small problems early before they escalate

- Look for belt chafe
- Monitor your temperatures targets
- Drips, leaks, changes?
- Engine mounts torqued and marked?
- Fuel sight glasses open to check.

Torque wrench and mark your mounts

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-3/2 WRENCH.

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Check Strainers

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Laminated fuel diagram by manifold

ENGINE LUBE OIL MANIFOLD



The sharp end points to desired bowl

Pointer on Racor select valve Note it is secured

Velcro straps so valve handle isn't bumped





Replacements sized and hours noted





Fuel transfer pump and timer

TEST MARKS

FUEL OIL TRANSFER PUMP

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STILE

Racor pet cock drains







Pipe cleaners on connections help identify leaks

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Nail polish or red Sharpie to mark Zincs



Mark fuel filter for bleeding

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YENGINE WITH AN TROLLED FUEL SYSTEM

FILTER

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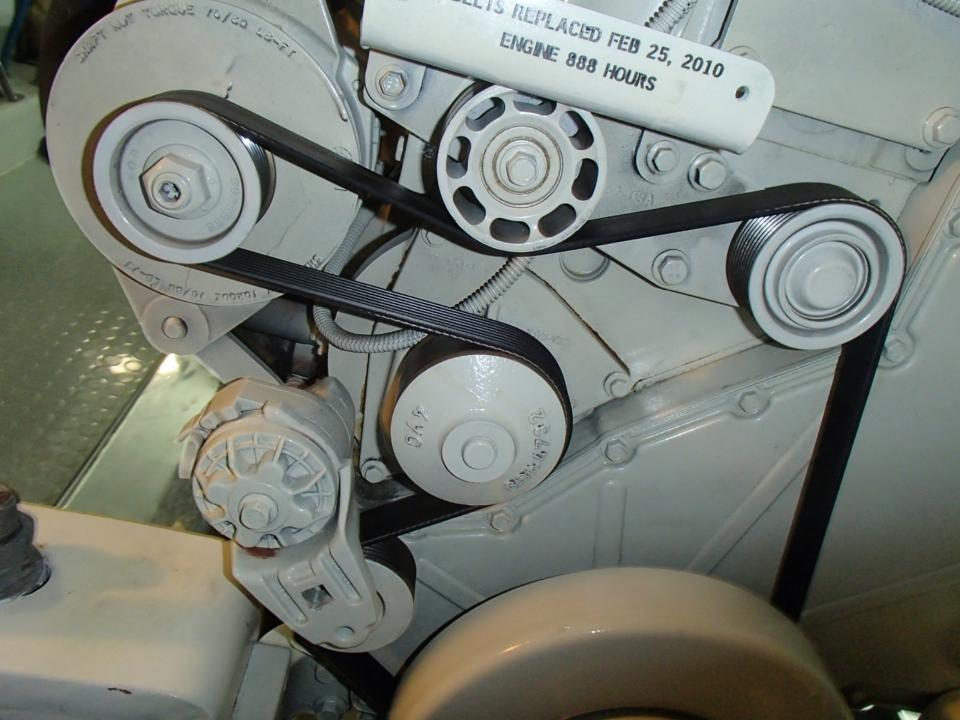
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And primer lever

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Potential trouble, will yours drain?

Install a drain valve



Storage hammock

Hydraulic Oil – note level



FULL

Anodes (pencil zincs) and hydraulic oil weight

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ISO 32 HYD FLUID

Coolant over flow catcher



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Coolant overflow recovery

DELO 400 15W-40 4 GALLONS

Brand of oil, viscosity weight and quantity. Make it easy!

BIESEZ ALIMENTE

SEE OWNER





Label filters for next change



Righty Tighty, Lefty Loosey

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Impeller – temp and rotation

Bilge Pump Power Source (50A Fuse)

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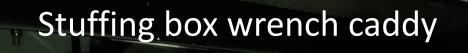
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Secure spare fuse near active one

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Stuffing box temp, drips?







Fresh water tap and bucket

Cleaning product shelf

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Engine room temp and clothes line





Air circulation fans – move air/air flow

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Engine Room Bilge Tips

Plug leaks, absorb oil









Suction mesh bag for through hull bungs

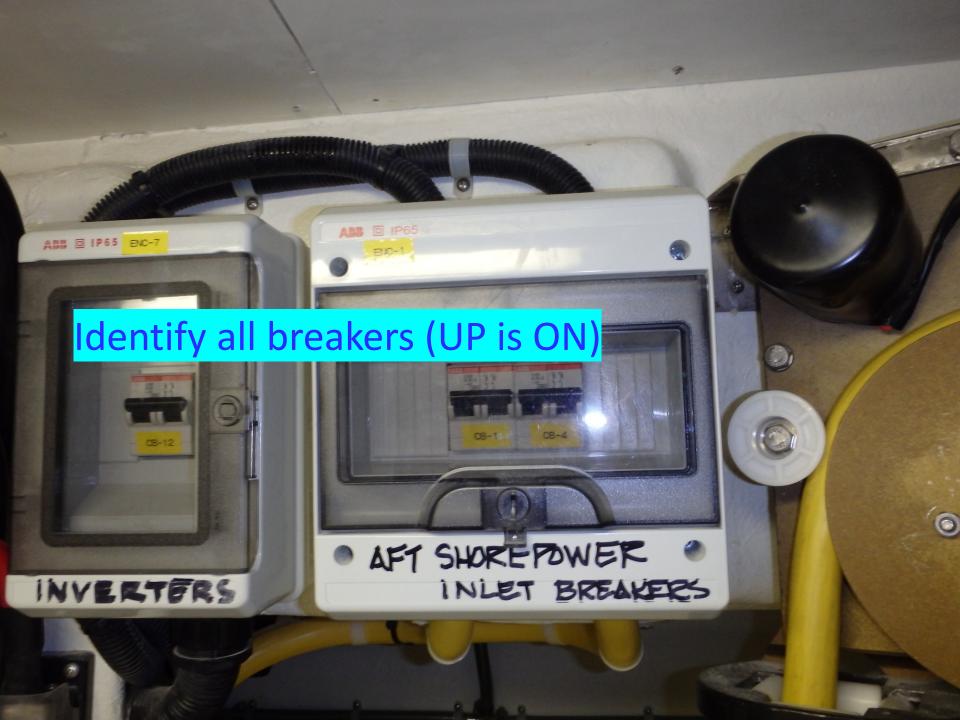
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Zippered pillow bag for engine diapers

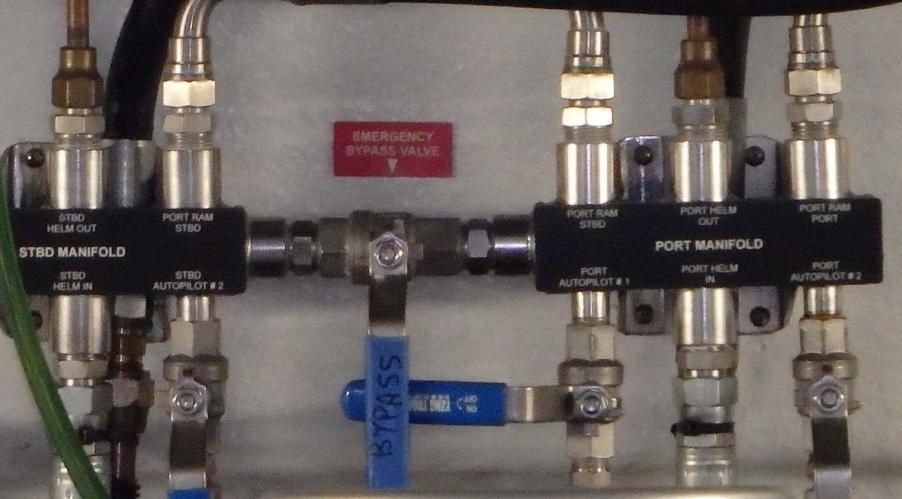
Strive for a clean, dry bilge

Wet Vacuum





Steering manifold – bypass valve – emergency tiller operation



Night lights

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Questions? Other ideas?

SDMC / JMYS Maintenance sheet*

PS - I am always on the hunt looking for other ideas, if you have any recommendations please let me know.

Thank you! Please fill out the sign-up sheet Dial-In-Your-Trawler series PDF on www.JMYS.com