

Suggestions on how to track and monitor the gear and systems on your boat. Tips and Ideas to make boating more fun and enjoyable



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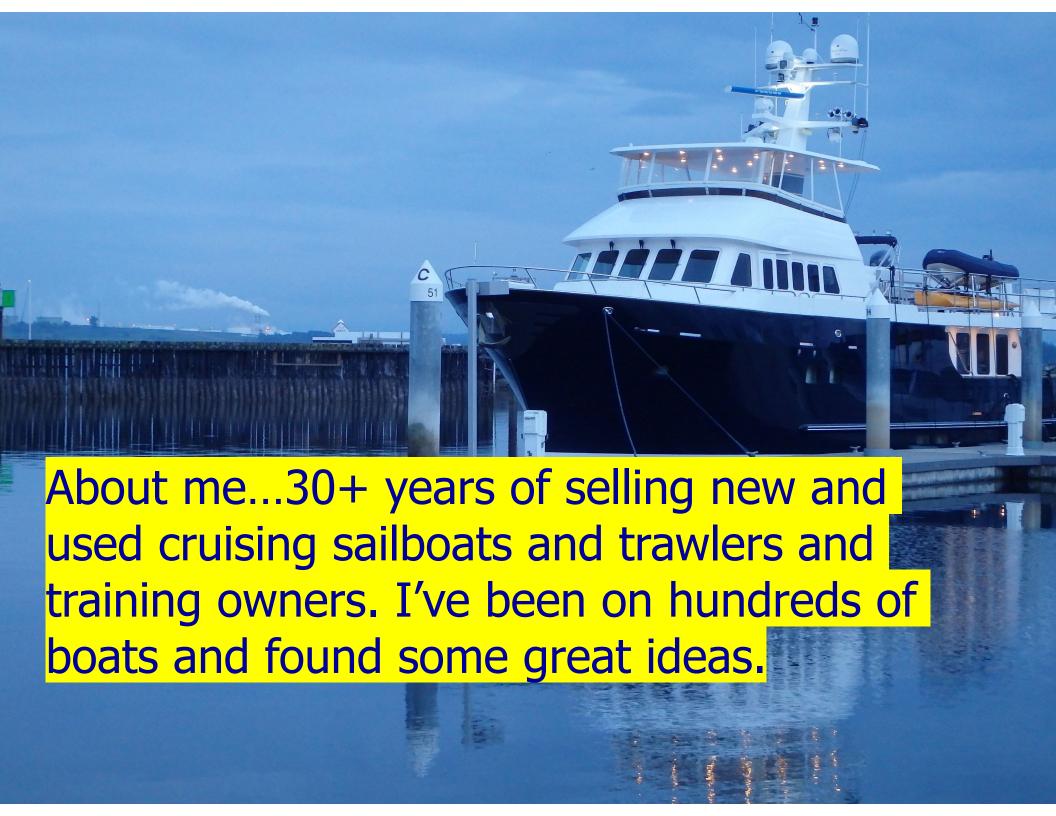
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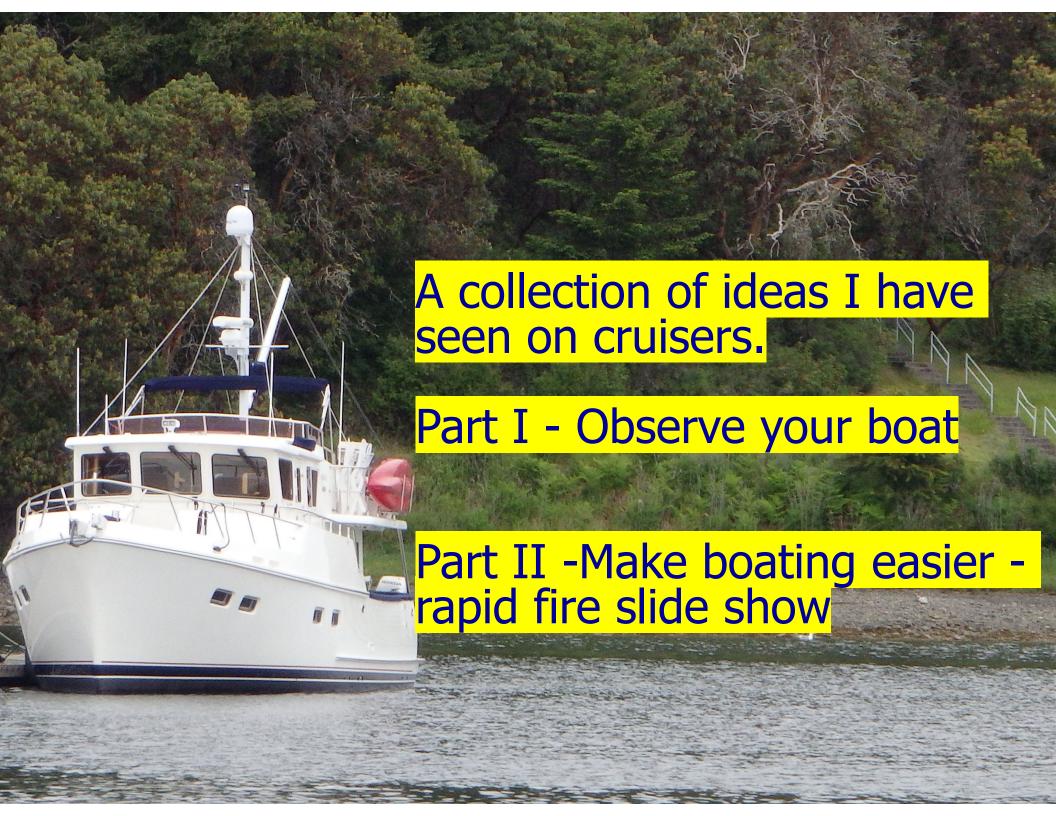


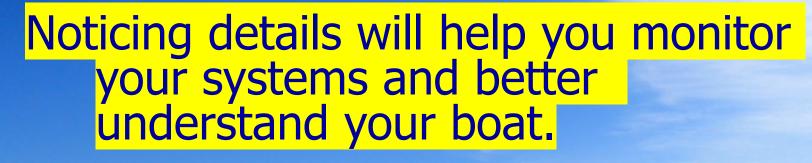
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# Pilothouse – Gauge Reference My first power boat "AHA"









I will post this PowerPoint as a PDF and include the handouts on www.JMYS.com within a week.

Please interrupt with questions

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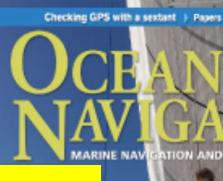




#### ialing-In-Your-Trawler articles Jeff Merrill has written are available







**Handout\*** A list of the articles I have written for Ocean Navigator magazine



Of course, a compass

Mar/Apr 2020



**Enabling your boat to talk** 

Nov/Dec 2019

Ship's Papers

Jul/Aug 201

Dialing-in-your-trawler articles - the series							
There are over two dozen articles in the "Dialing-in-your-trawler" series so far.							
Each articl	e has been p	oublished in <i>Oc</i> o	ean Navigator	magazine.			
You can re	ead the artic	les on the <i>Ocea</i>	<b>n Navigator</b> we	ebsite, "Pov	wer\	oyaging" s	section
All articles	are also arc	hived on JMYS.	com - - Trawler	Lifestyle s	ectio	n - - Ocear	n Navigator
	Here is a summary of the article titles:						
	Dialing in your trawler						
		<b>Engine Essenti</b>	als				
	Anticipating Anchoring						
		Steering Straig	ht				
	Wanderers Water						
		Dinghy Dynam	nics				
	Night Running						
		Sea Safety					
	In Charge - 12V DC						
	Keeping Curre		nt - 120V AC				

## Expert Instruction From The Brands You Trust.

#### **Offshore Cruising: Preparing Craft & Crew**

Preparation is key to successful cruising. Regardless of the size, make or model of your boat, understanding its critical systems and having a plan is crucial to keep your craft performing efficiently and safely. Join yacht broker, boatbuilder and TrawlerFest instructor Jeff Merrill in this exclusive online course designed to help you prepare yourself, your boat and your crew to get the most out of your offshore boating adventures.

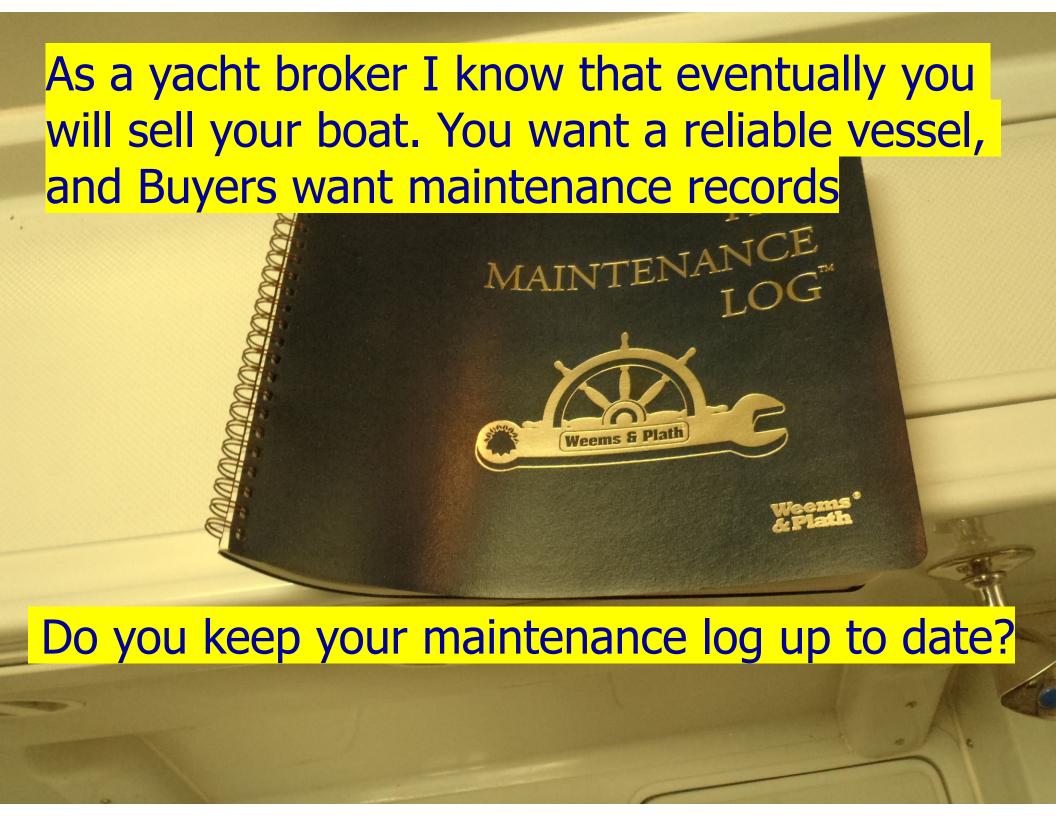


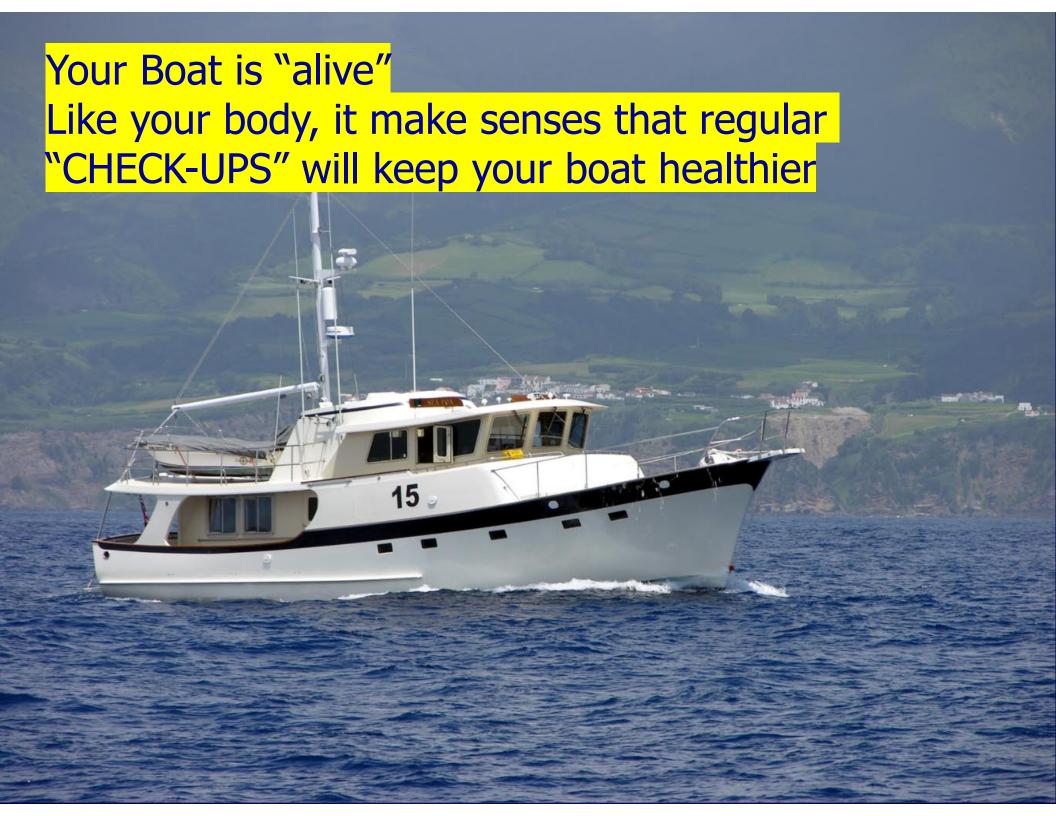
## YouTube videos

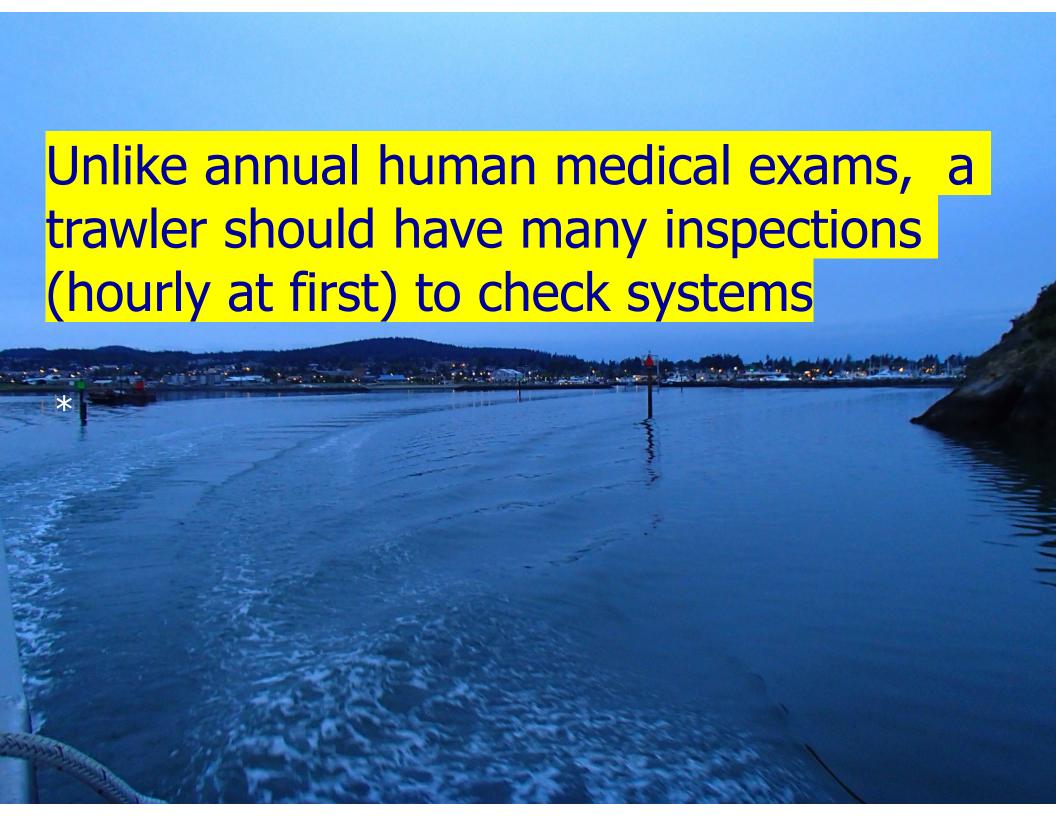




Every vessel has a number of components that require attention and observation, we are all "in the same boat"



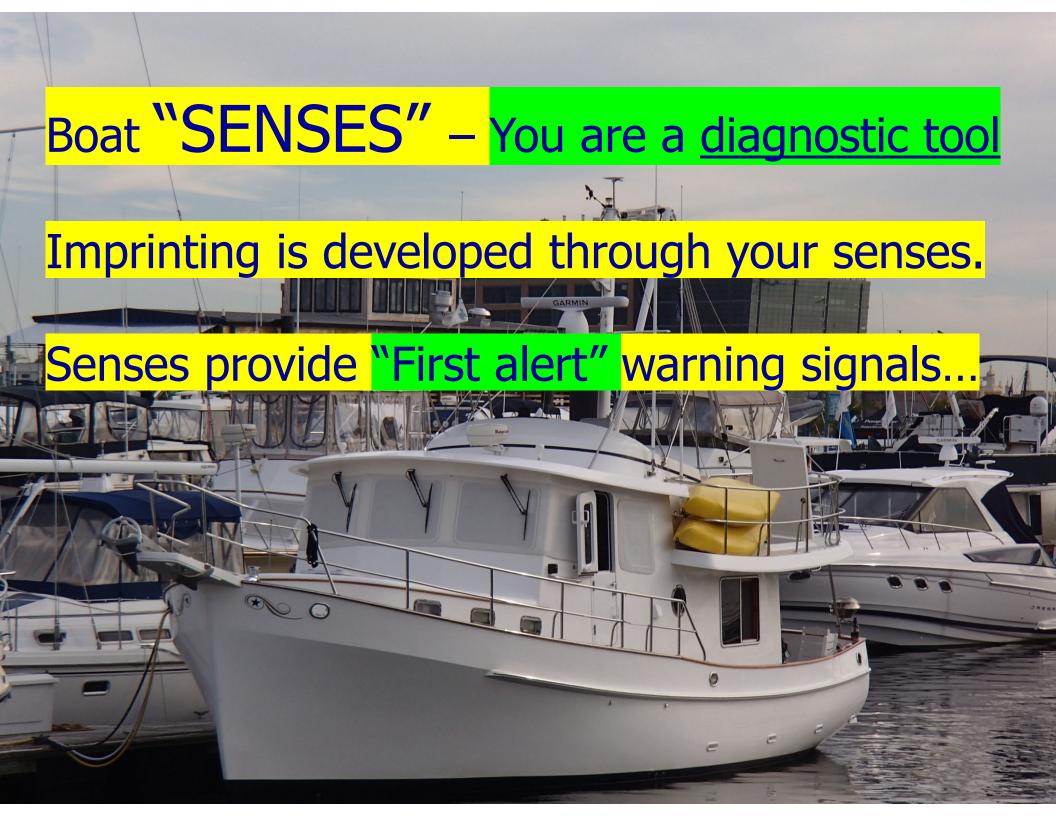




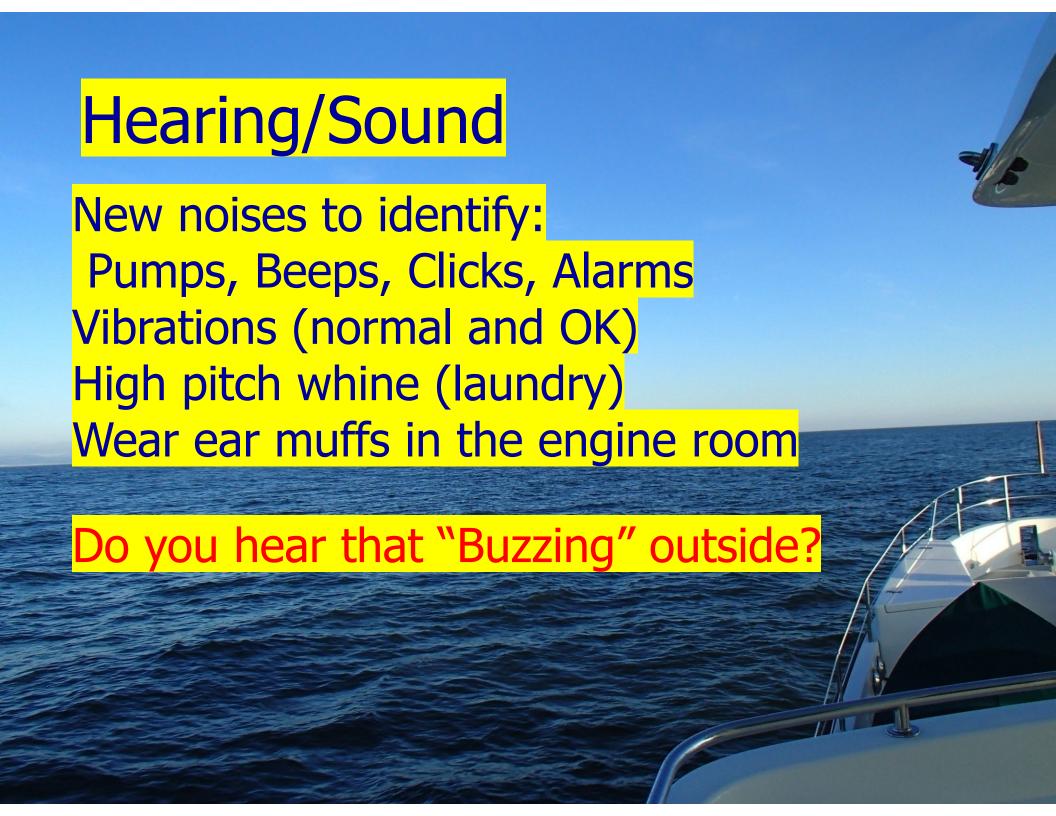


What can you do to keep track of things and make boating easier?













- **Burning?**
- Smelly or stinky?
- Something unusual?





## Touch (and what not to touch)

Machinery hot parts – be careful of burns

Gloves – anchoring and handling dock lines (wood dock splinters)

Shoes on deck: hatch dogs, sure footing, around windlass, anchor and chain



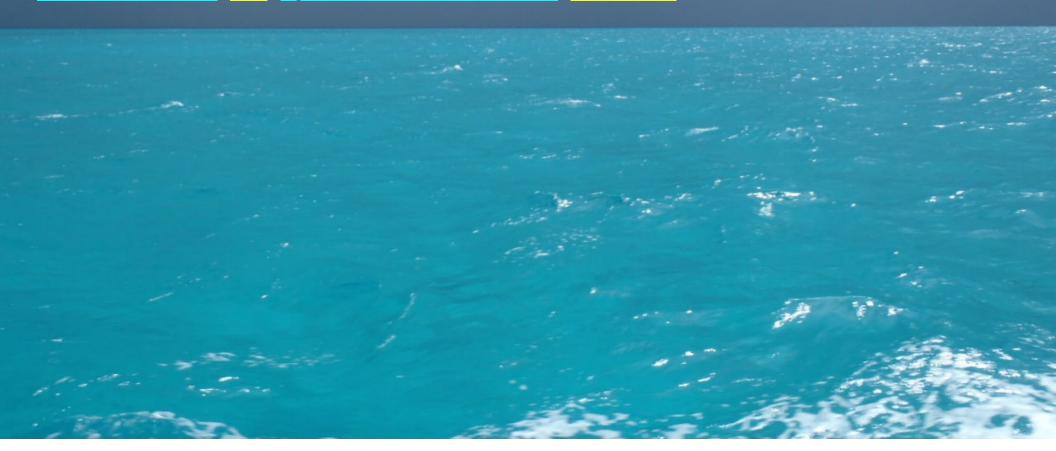


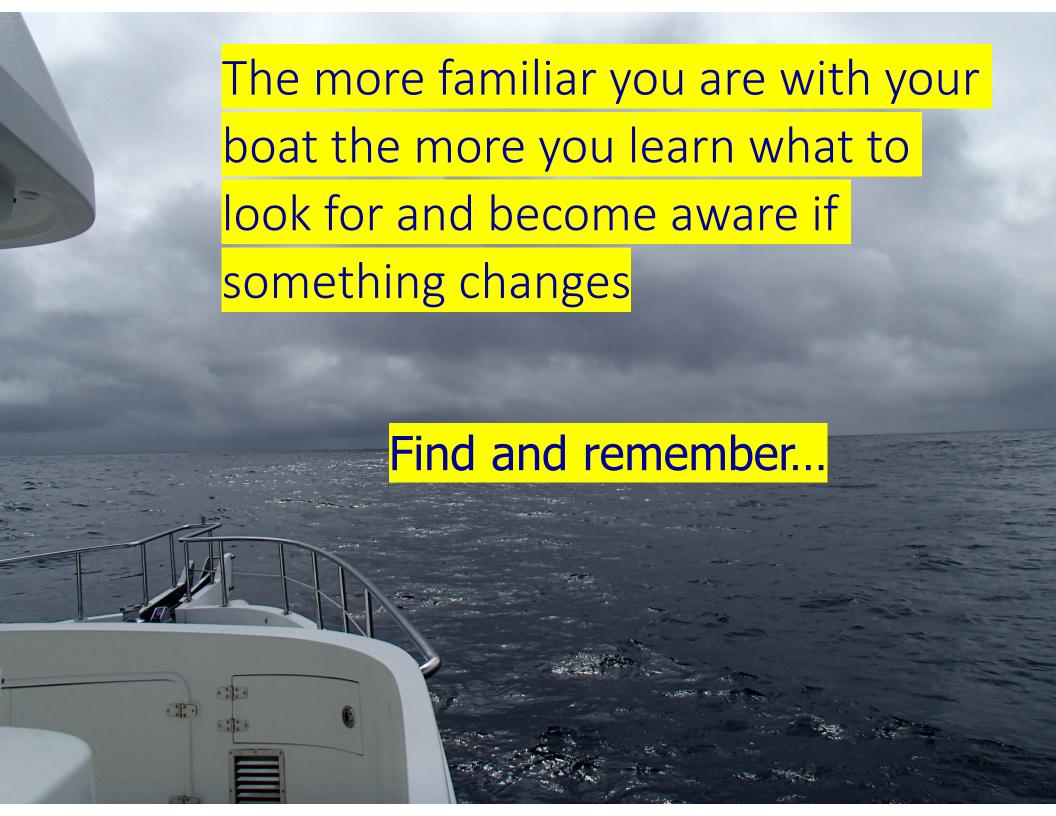


#### **GET YOUR BOAT ON TRACK**

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

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





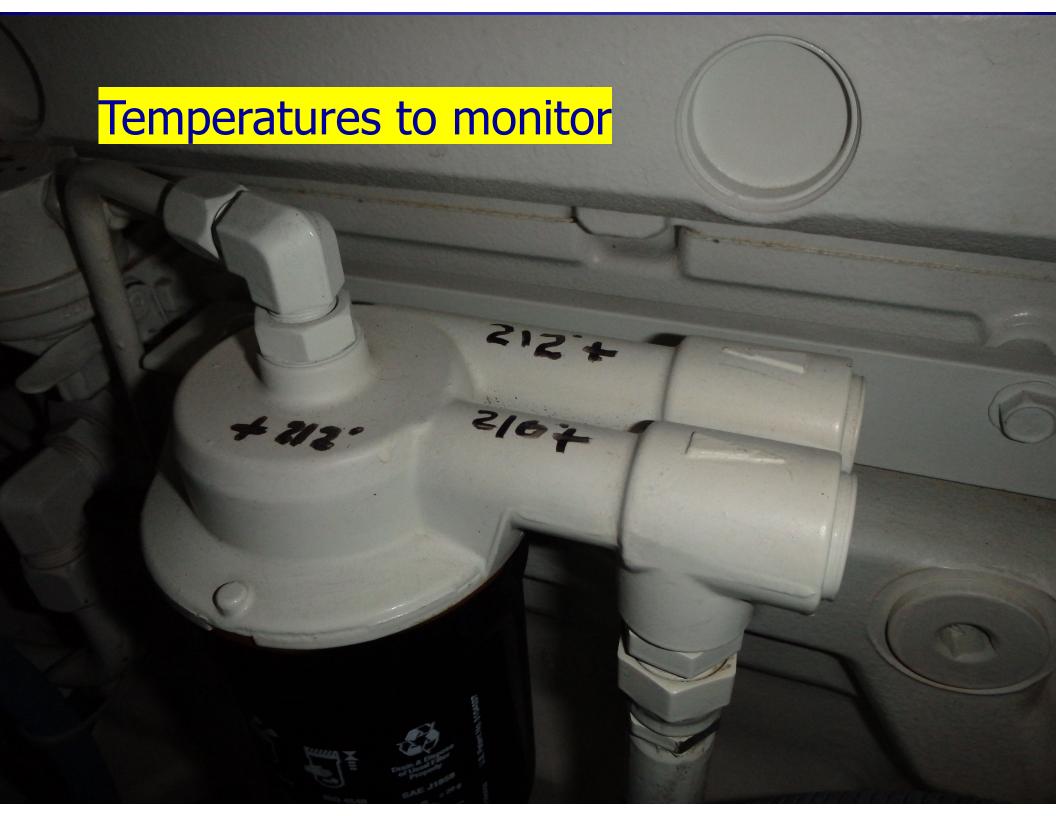
Locate where things are installed

Anti siphon vents?

Where is your autopilot rate gain compass?

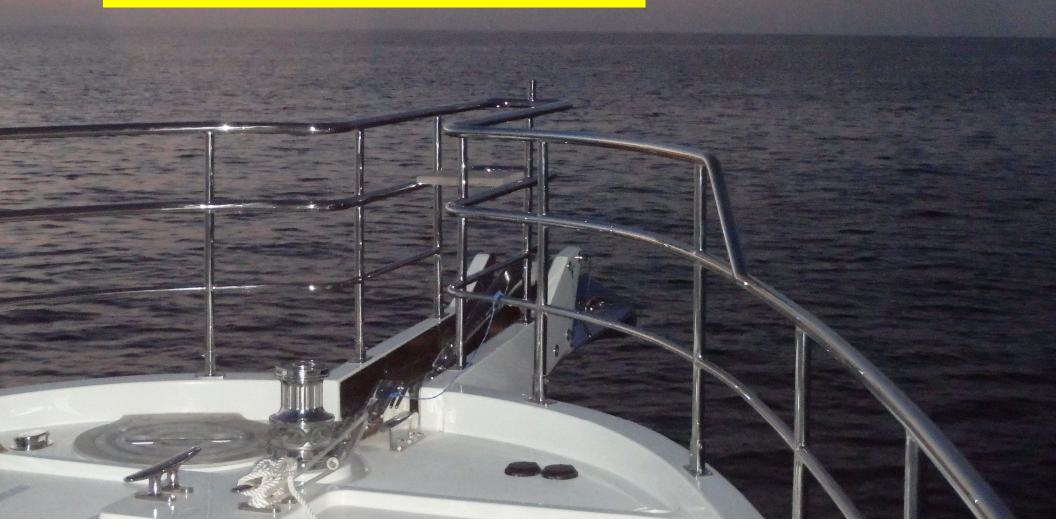


How about your GFCI outlets and shore power breakers?



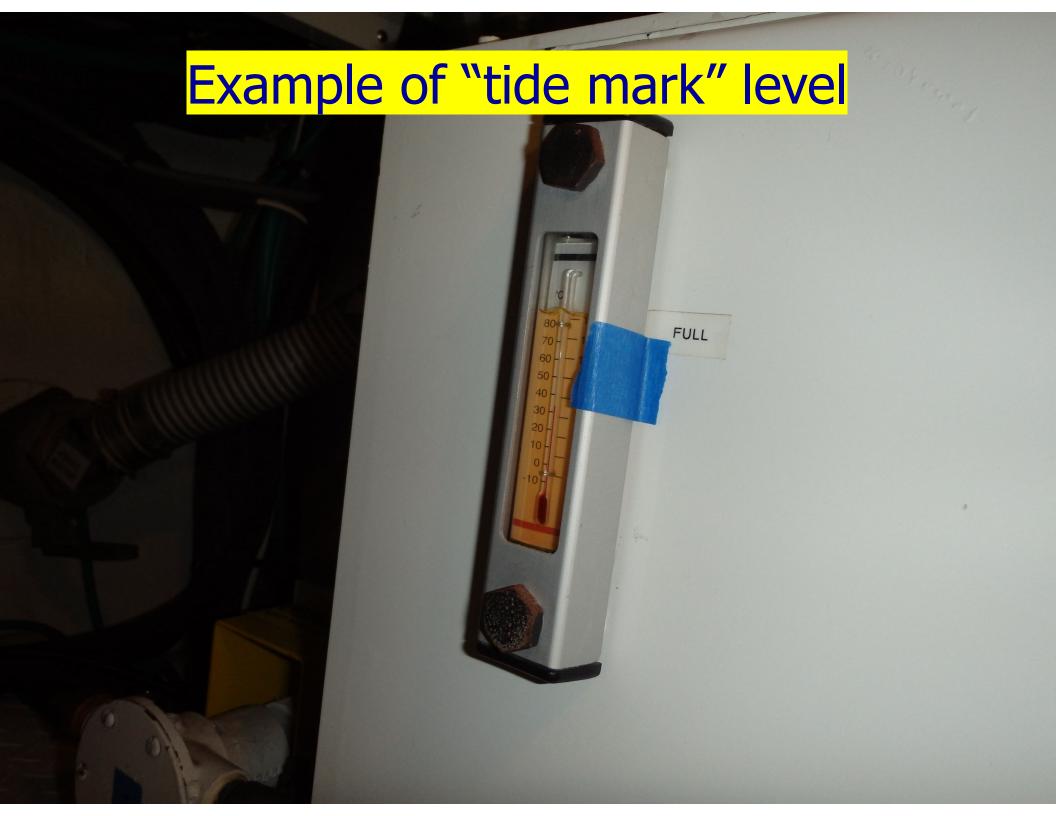
#### What other temperatures should you record?

- Stuffing box
- Engine coolant
- ER forward and aft bulkhead









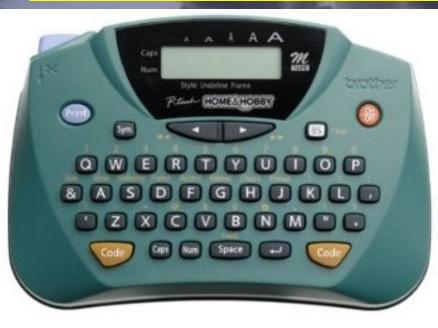








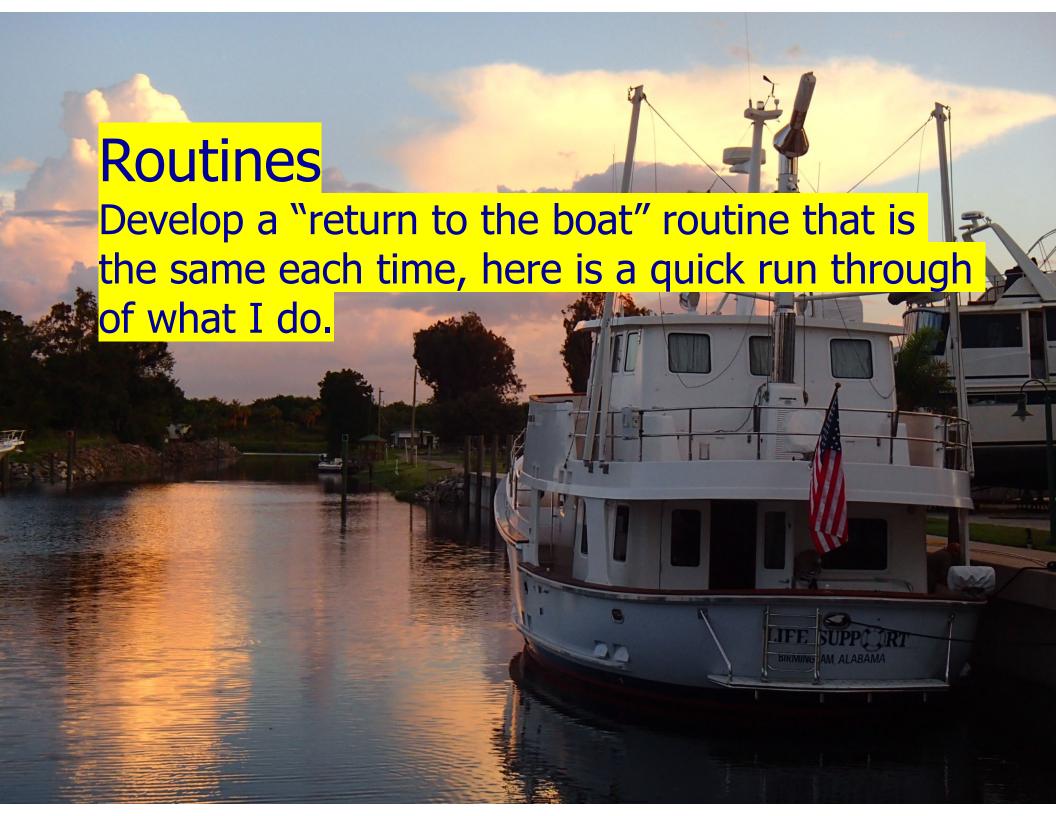
## Get a Label Maker and use it!

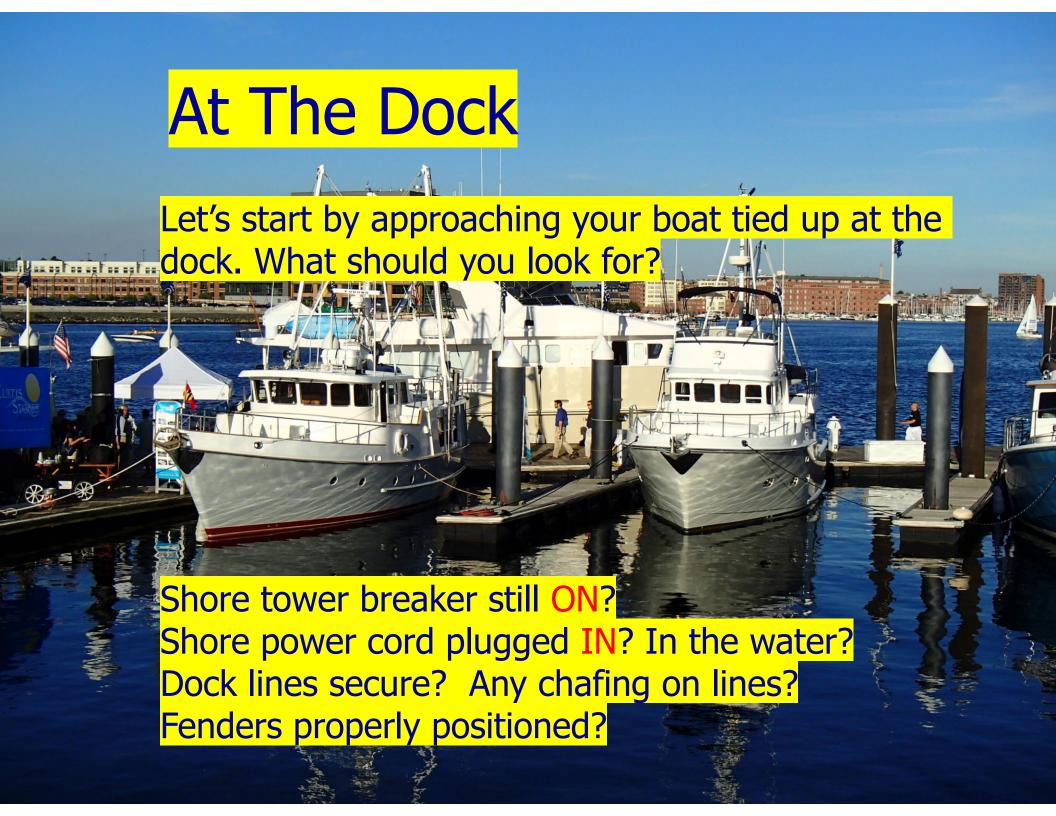


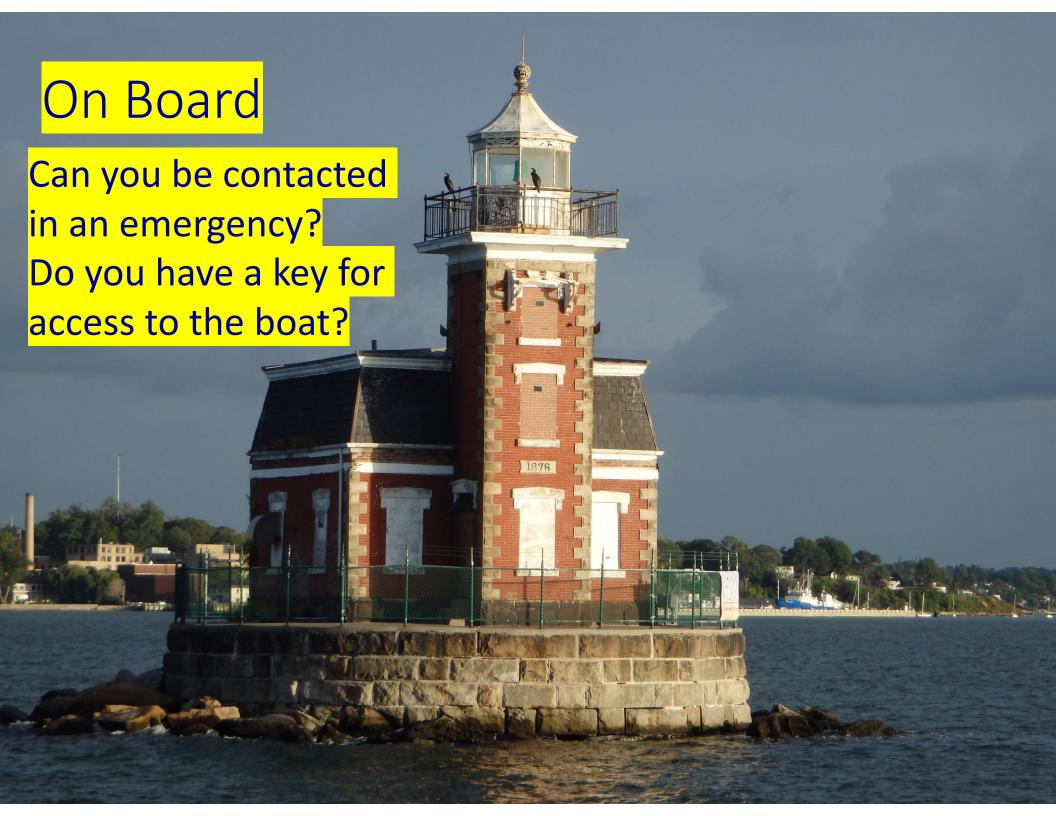








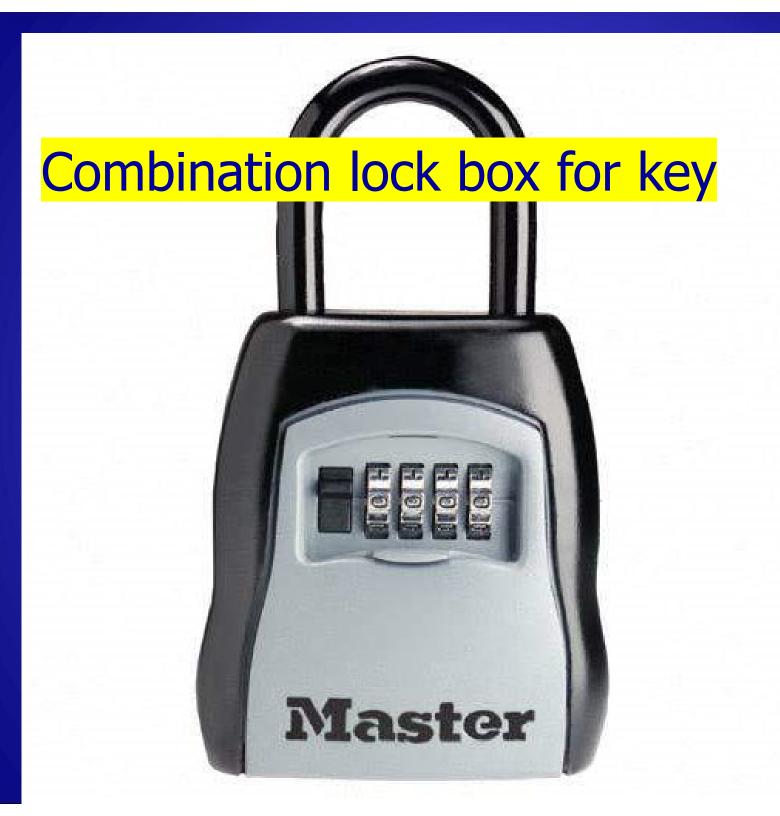






## Is your lazarette hatch lockable?





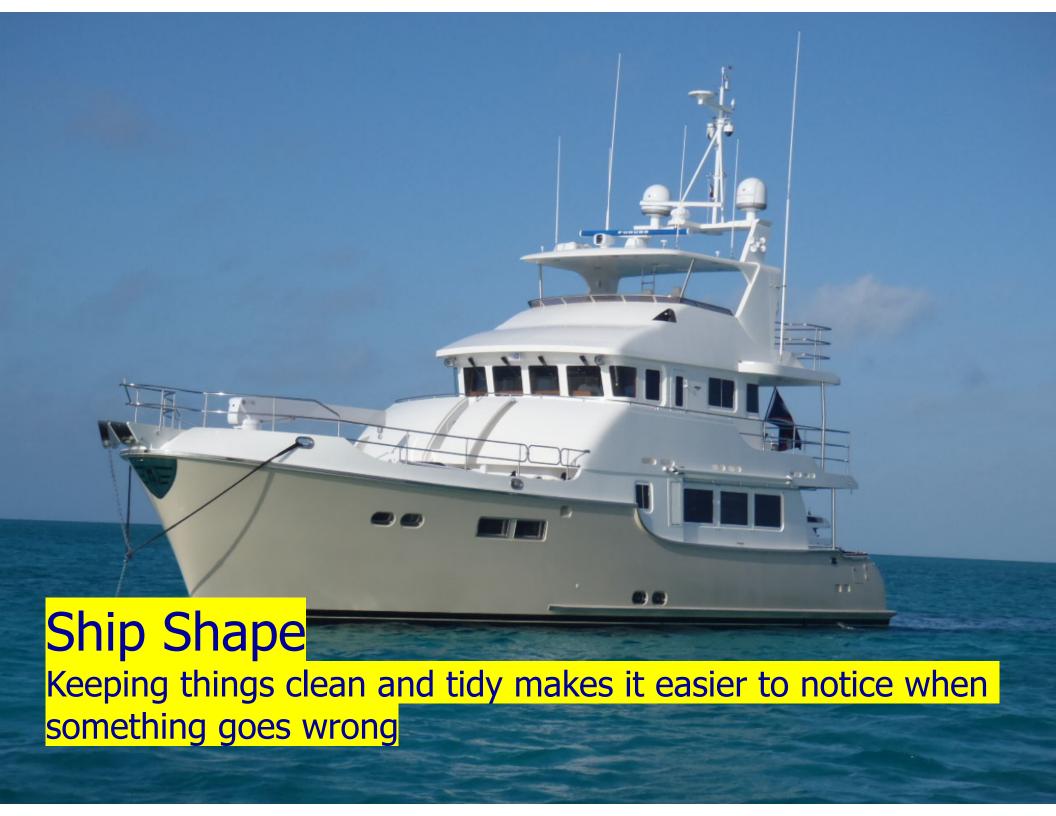


# Inside- My First Two Priorities

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

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







Handout\* This is a great way to make sure you are in compliance



#### VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

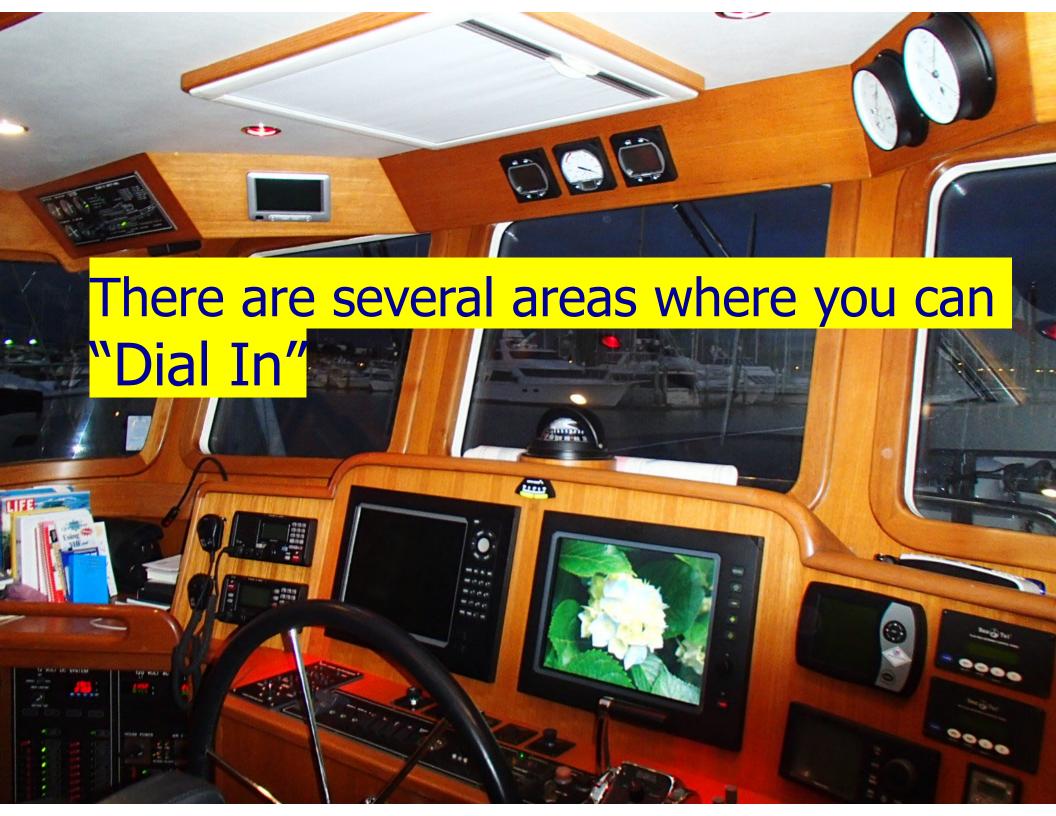
To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel Examiner.

See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items.

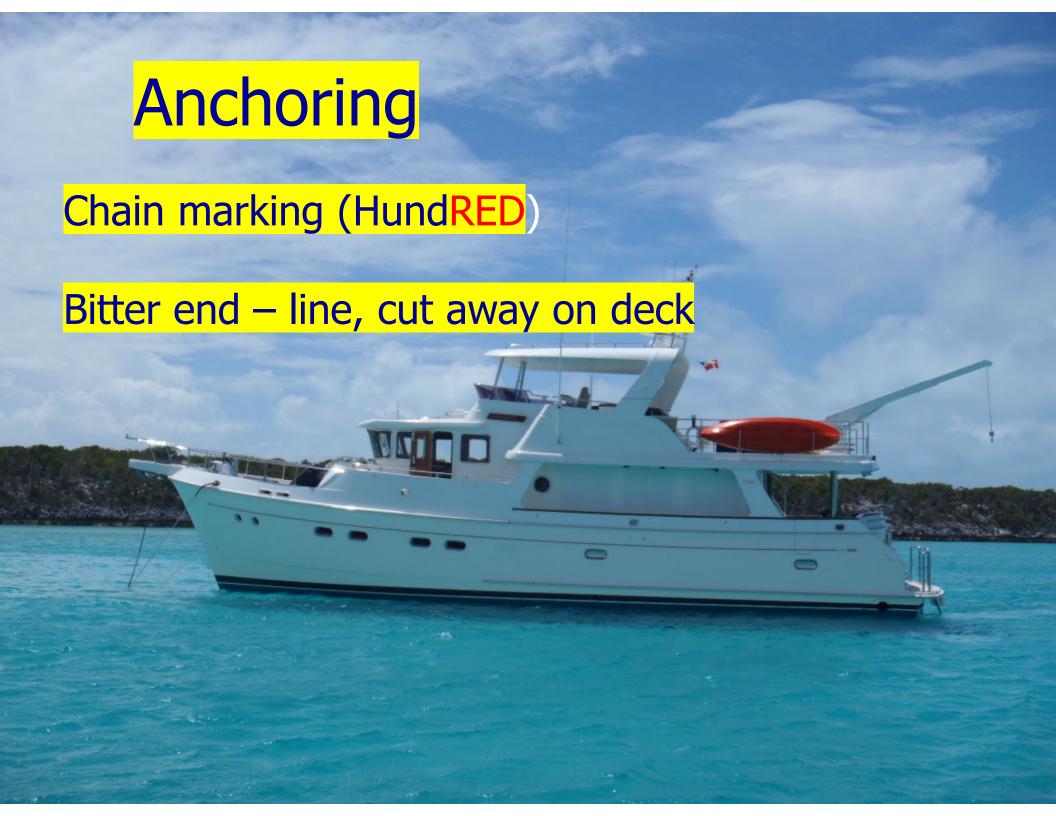
A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

Date of VSC:	
Decal Awarded:	Yes 🗆 No 🗆

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Owner/Operator Name:  Owner/Operator has attended a CGAUX, USPS, State or Boating Safety Class: Yes \[ \] No \[ \] Location of VSC - County: State: Replaced decal was: Last Year \[ \] Outdated \[ \] First time \[ \]			VESSEL INFORMATION:  Registration or Documentation Number:  HIN:  Length: <16					
VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS				and has	RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)			
Item	Yes	No	N/A		Item	Yes	No	
1. Display of Numbers	5 × 5			11	Marine Radio			
2. Registration/Documentation					II. Dewatering Device & Backup		-	
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)					III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)		40			V. Anchor & Line for Area			
5. Fire Extinguishers					V. First Aid and PIW Kits (**over)			





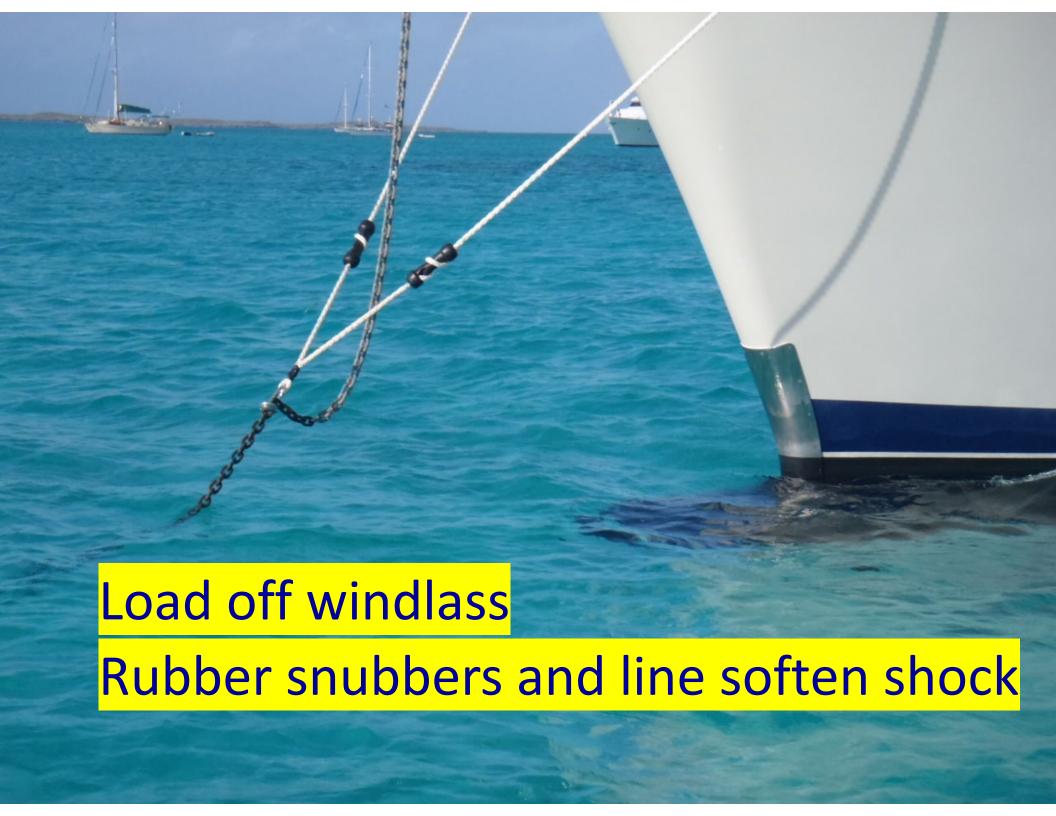


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ANCHOR CHAIN
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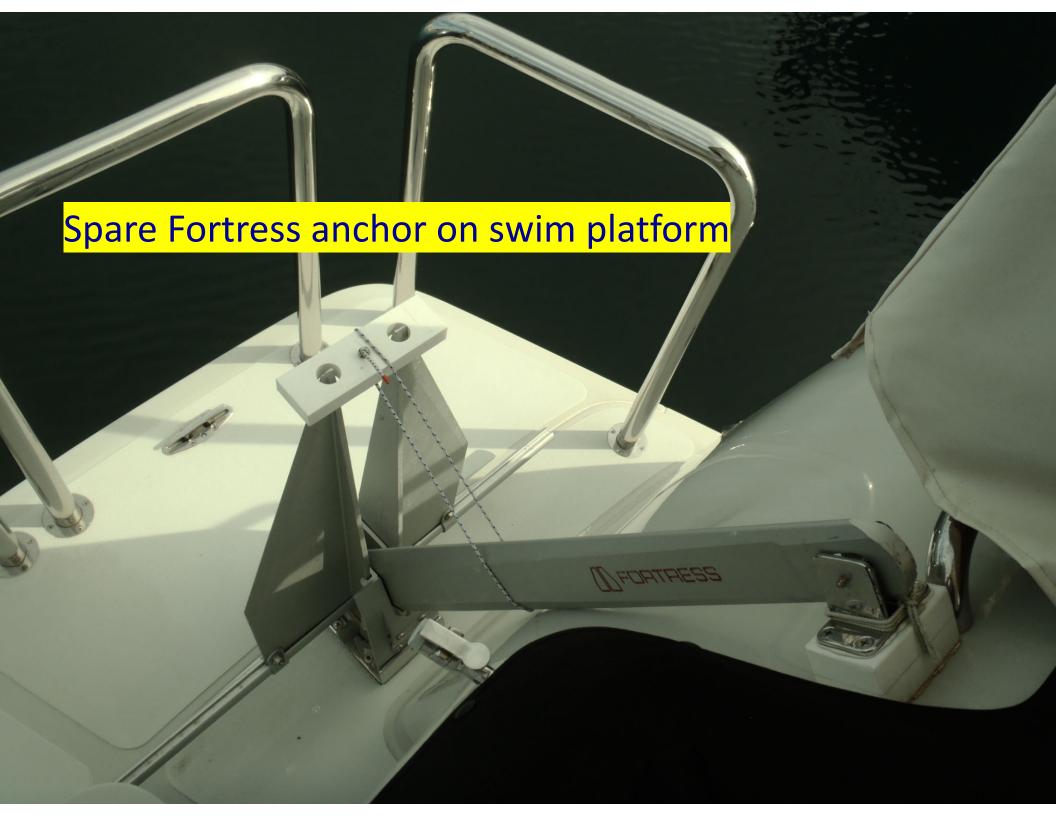




# Stop Slop







#### Chain color coding by windlass control







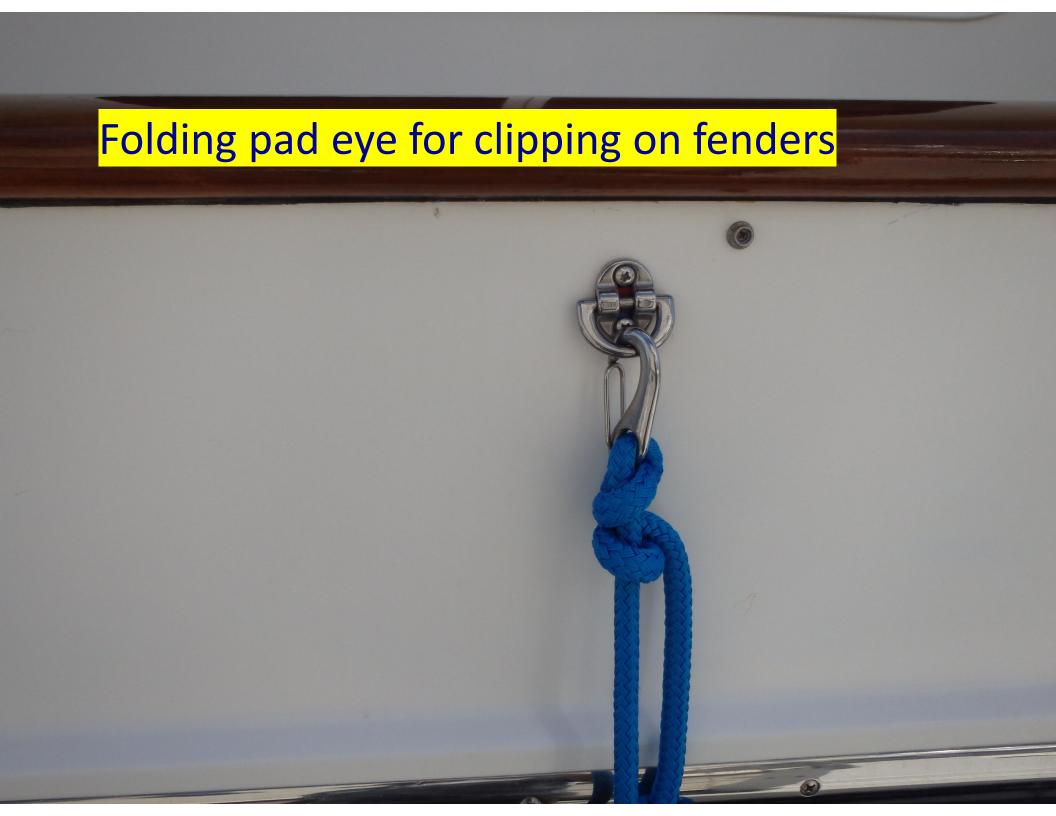


ANCHOR CHAIN

1st WHITE AT 40'
WHITE MARK EVERY 50'
LAST 50' PAINTED RED



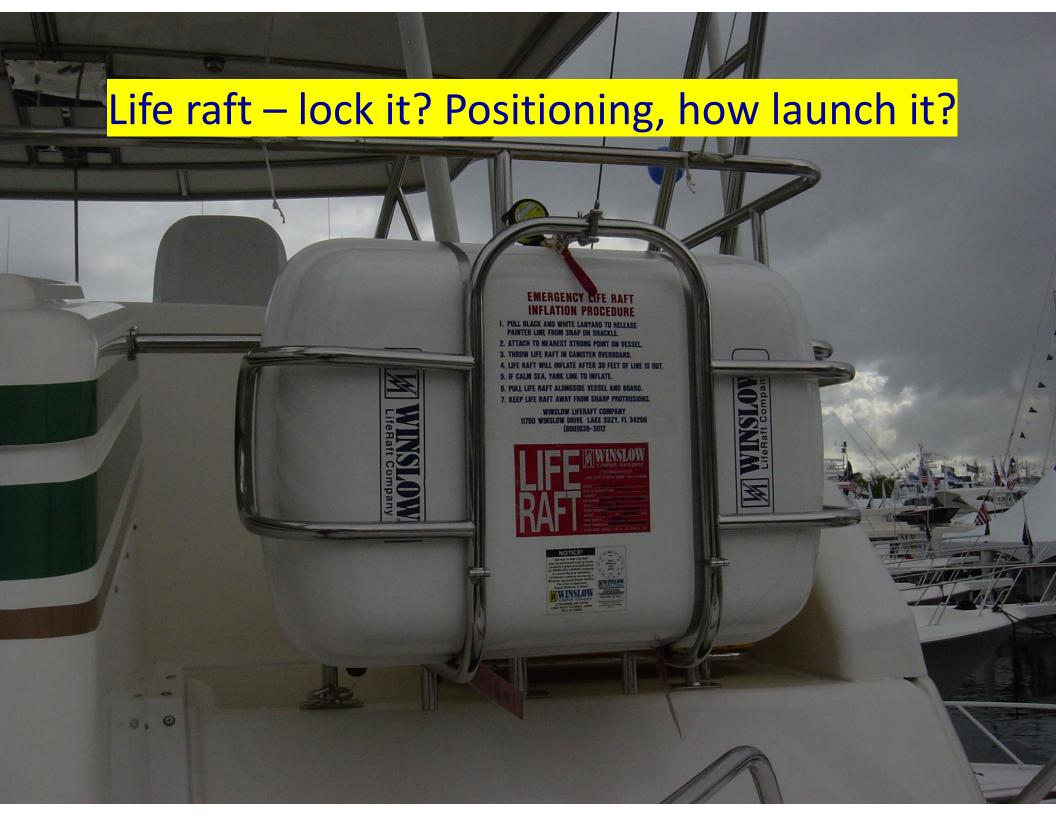




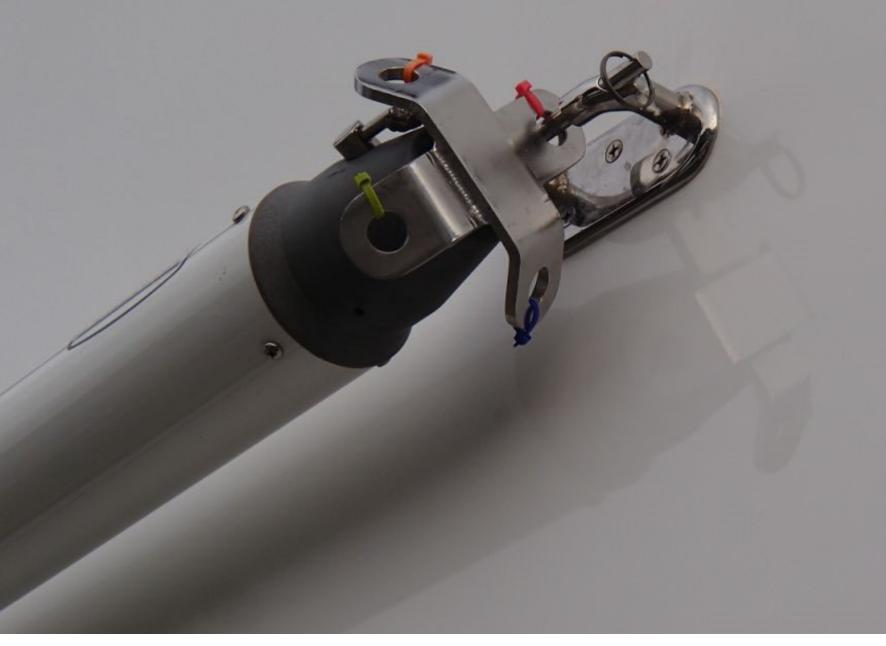








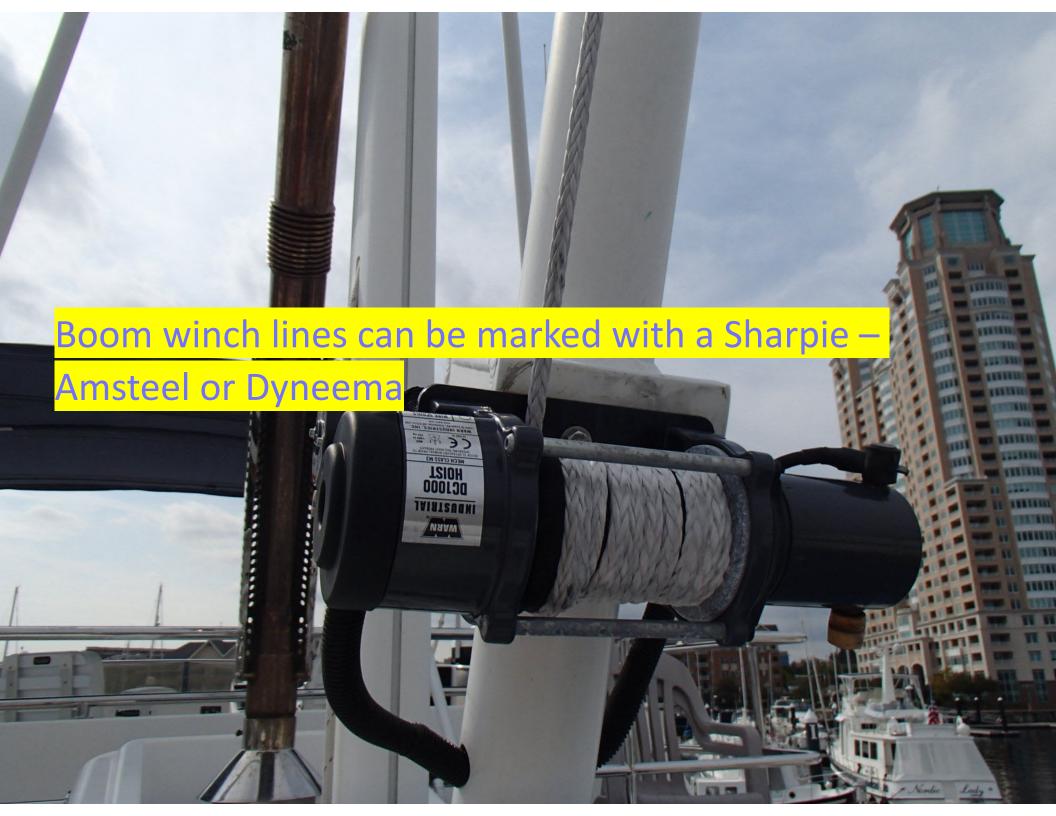
#### Flopper stopper – color code line attachments



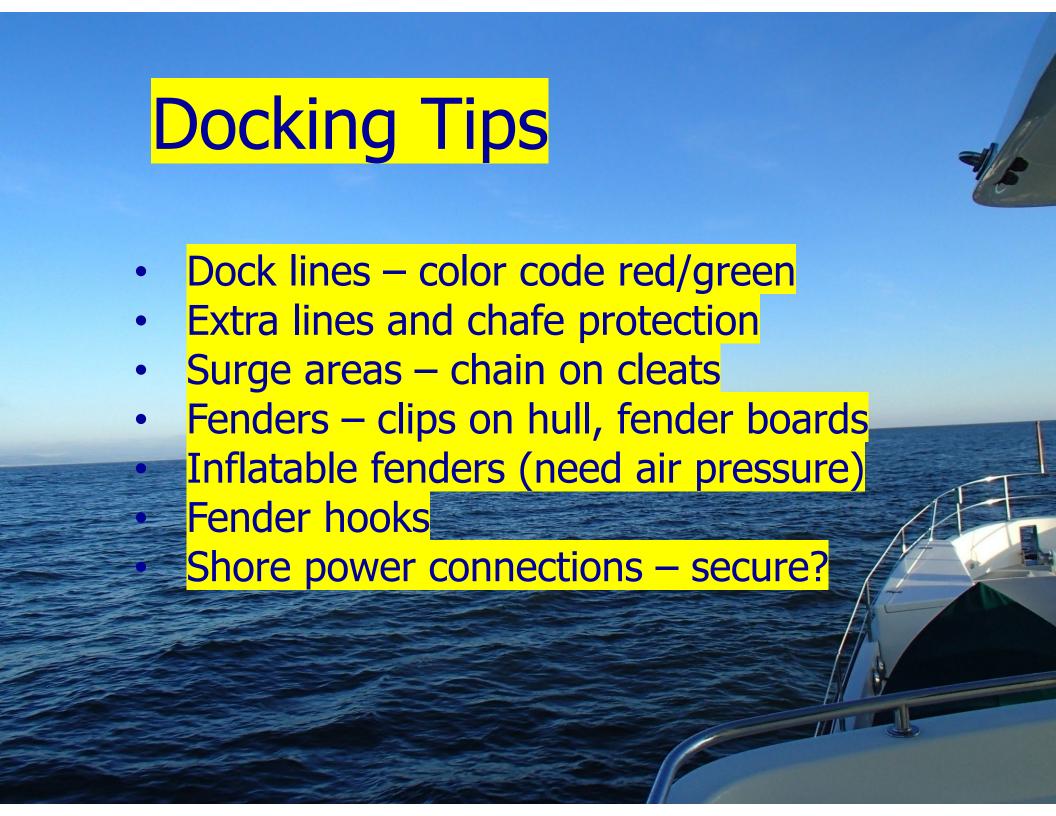








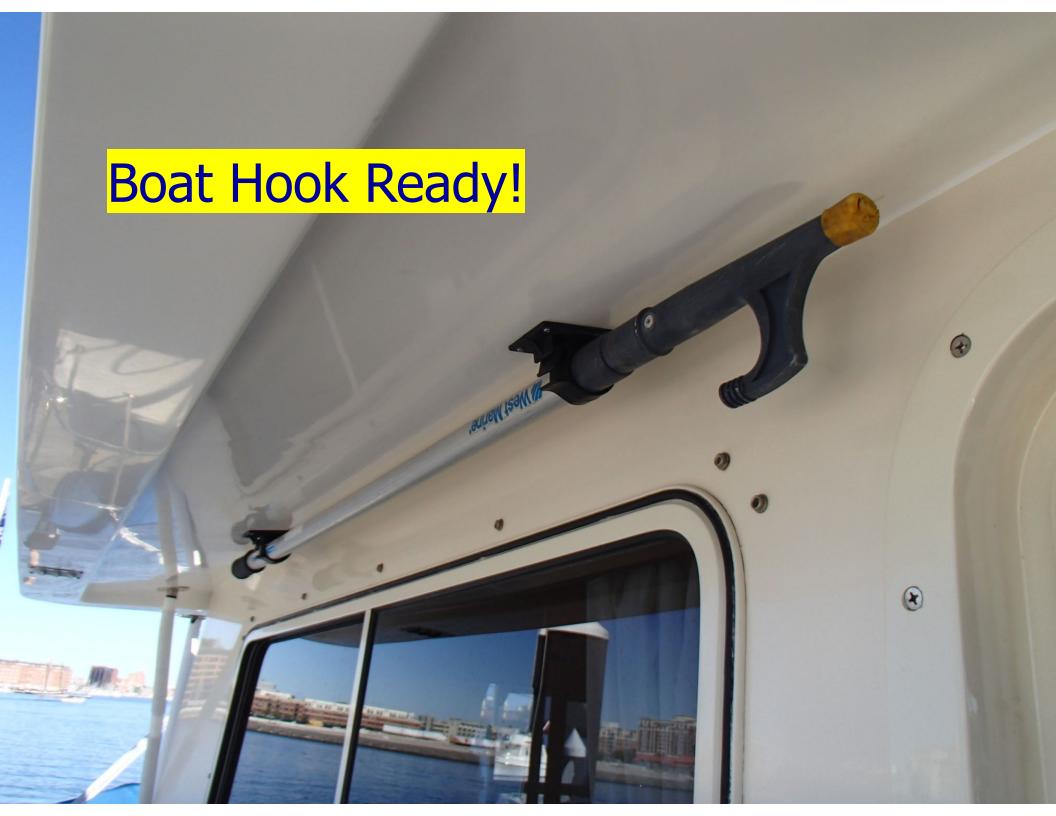






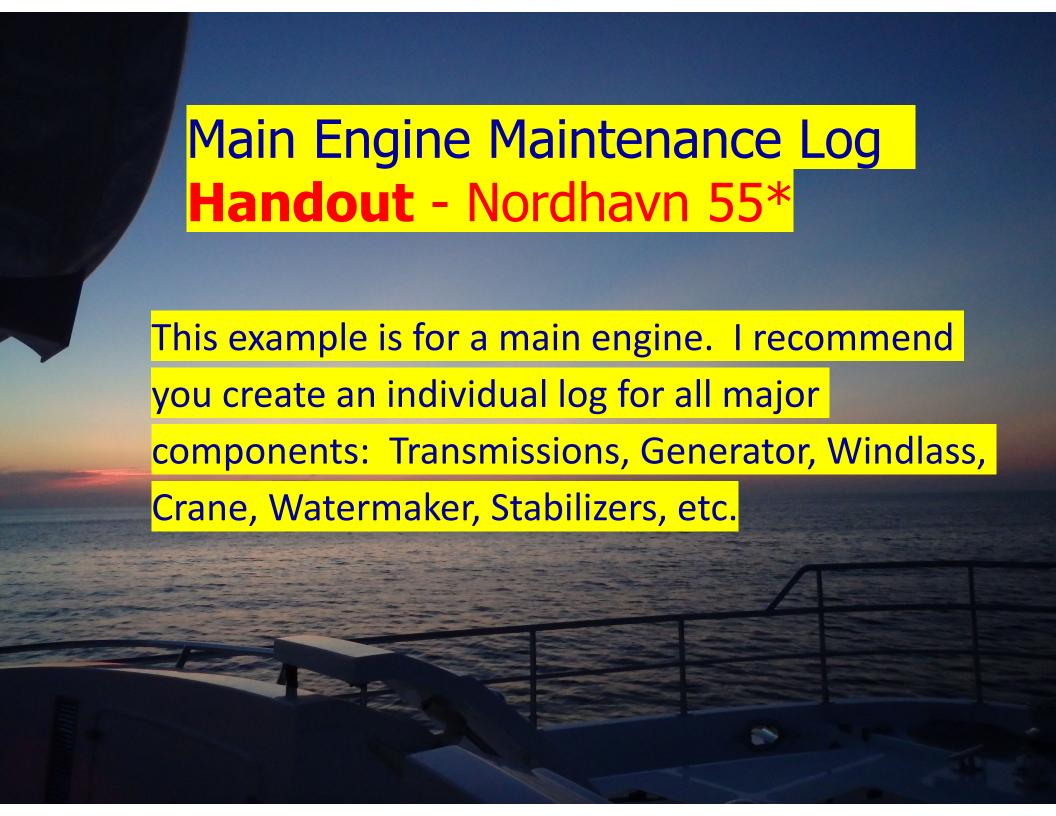
Dock Lines
Short - White whipping
Medium - Red whipping
Long - Black whipping











Nordhavn 55	Main Engine Maintenance Log	
	John Deere I Lugger L1276A.2C/MG5091SC Serial # 1271-2708 :340 HP @ 1800 RPM	
	Fuel, Coolant (brand and gallons) Filters (air, fuel oil), Belts,	
	Zincs, Oil Changes	Service contact:
17. Ste W. 47.	Engine mounts, drips/leaks	
	Engine mounts, shaft, stuffing box, shaft brush	
Main Engine Serv	ice records	

#### ivialli Eligille Service records

Date	Hours	Project	Comments
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Note - c	reate a sep	arate maintenance page for ALL major equipment:	
		Black holding   Toilets	
		Crane or Davit	
		Engine 2 (twin or wing)	
		Fuel Log	
		Fuses and Breakers	
		Generator (s)	
		Haul out	
		Hydraulics	
		Laundry	
F 1012		Lube oil	
		Main Transmission	
		Shaft, stuffing box, propeller	
		Stabilizers	
		Steering	
	Programme in	Tender and outboard	
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EN PL		Watermaker	
		Windlass	
		Zincs	

## Maintenance Log - Records

Note all purchases and upgrades
Keep receipts
Track oil changes and all service repairs

This collected information is an important record and doubles as a sales tool when you are ready to sell your boat

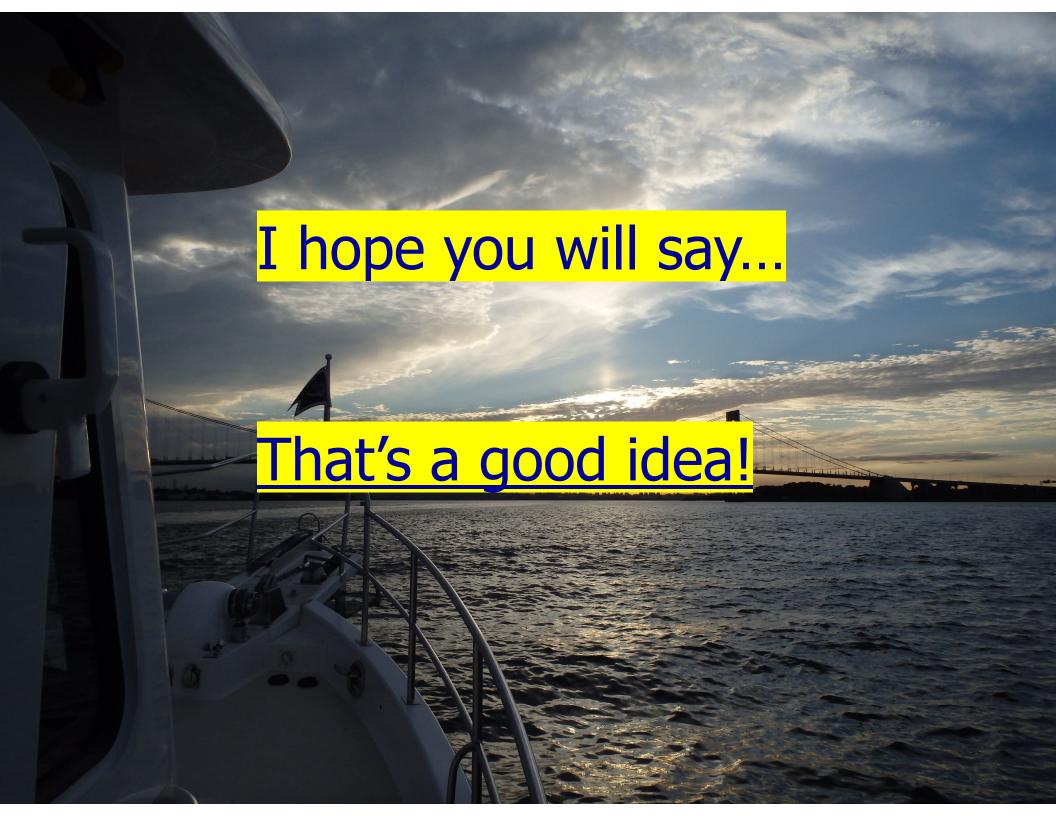


#### Maintenance Guidelines and Recommendations

#### **Engines and Generators**

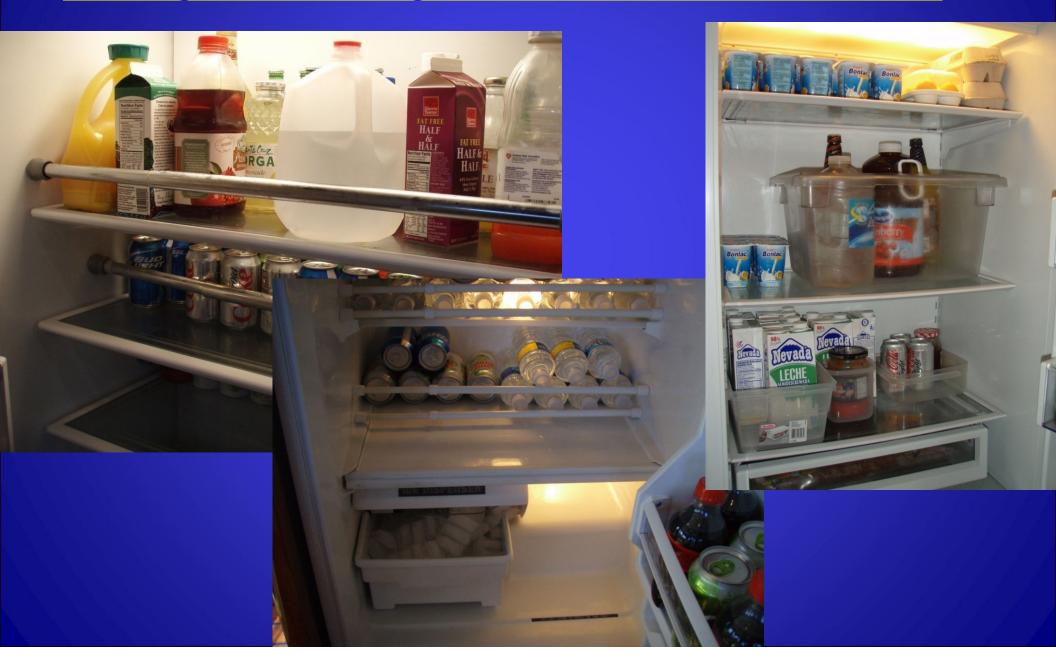
- Check engine oil, transmission fluid and coolant daily/before each use
- Change oil and filters seasonally or every 200 hrs. whichever comes first
- Change primary and secondary fuel filters seasonally, or if vacuum exceeds 5 in.
  hg. All primary filters should be equipped with vacuum gauges, see
  <a href="https://www.proboat.com/the-vacuum-gauge-tool.html">https://www.proboat.com/the-vacuum-gauge-tool.html</a> for more on vacuum gauge selection, installation and use.
- Adjust valves per engine manufacturer's requirements (typically every 1000-2000 hrs.). <a href="http://www.cruisingworld.com/how/keep-valve-train-track">http://www.cruisingworld.com/how/keep-valve-train-track</a>
- Check belts monthly, replace every two years.
   <a href="http://www.cruisingworld.com/how/orderly-transfer-power">http://www.cruisingworld.com/how/orderly-transfer-power</a>
- Check/replace air filters as needed. These should be equipped with vacuum monitors. See <a href="http://stevedmarineconsulting.com/fuel-and-air-filter-service-protocols/">http://stevedmarineconsulting.com/fuel-and-air-filter-service-protocols/</a>
- Pressure test cooling systems annually.
- Flush and refill cooling systems every two years or 1000 hrs. whichever comes first. Coolant should be analyzed annually.
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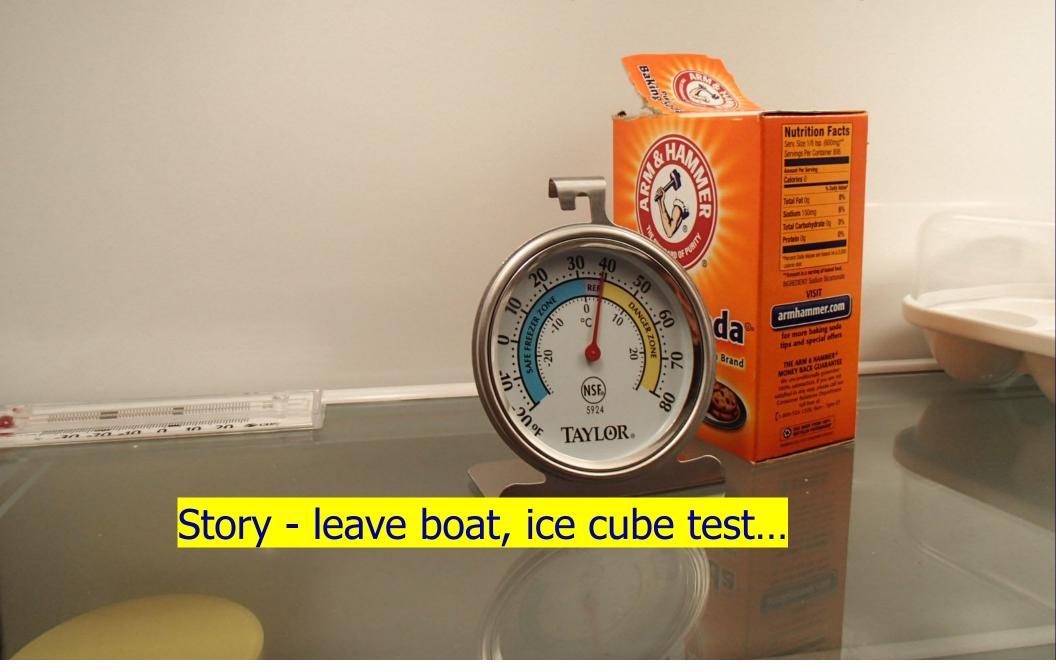




### Refrigerator organization – bars and tubs



### Thermometer and baking soda in refrigerator











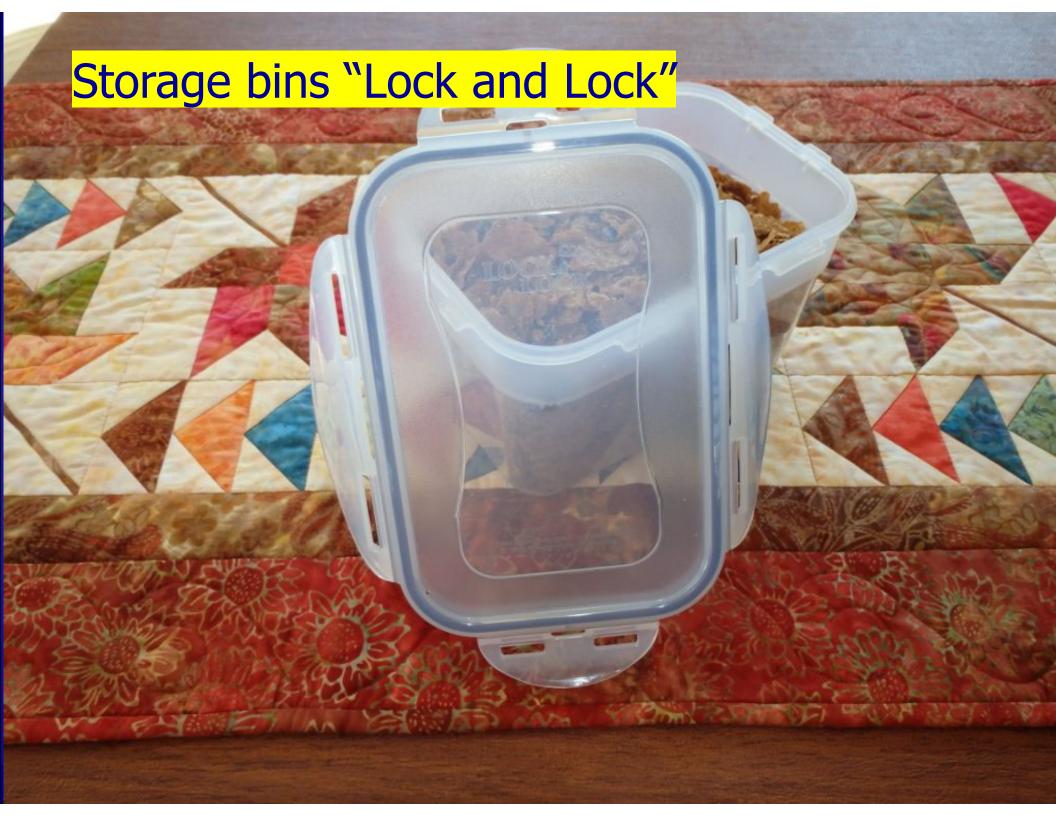




## Clear tubs for storage







## Really Useful Boxes





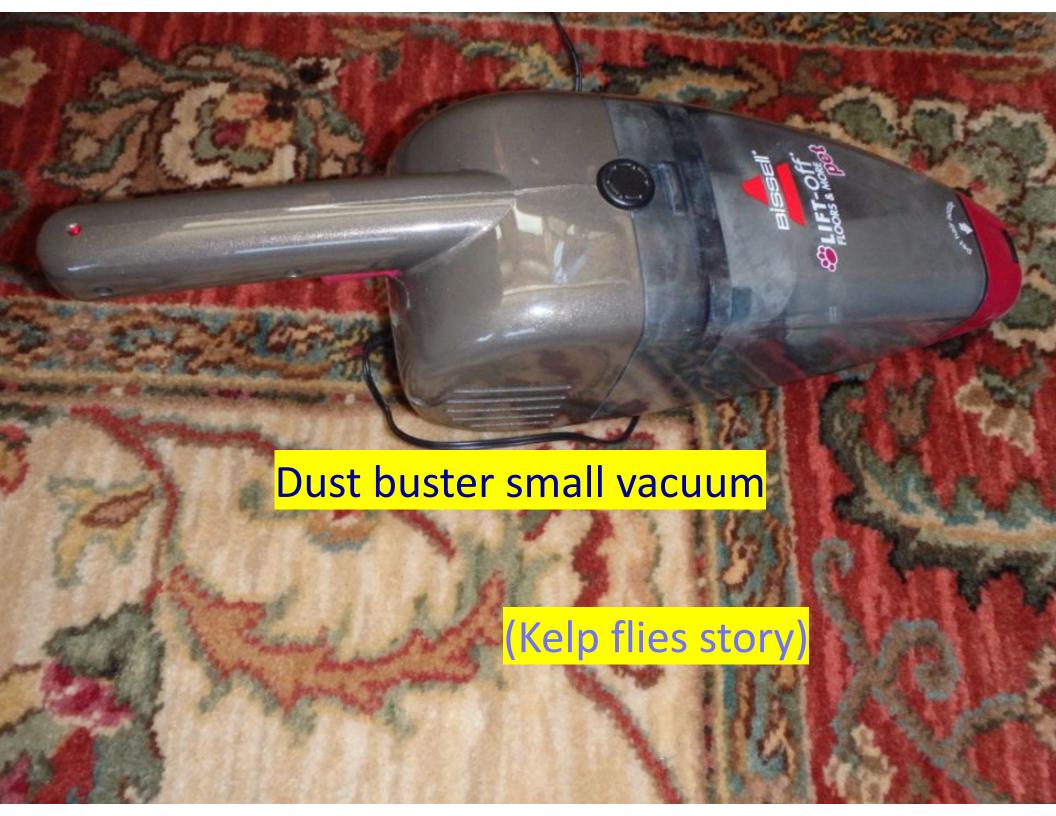
## Loose Parts Bin (you'll identify where it goes later)











#### Swiffer Sweeper Vacs are great for wood floors



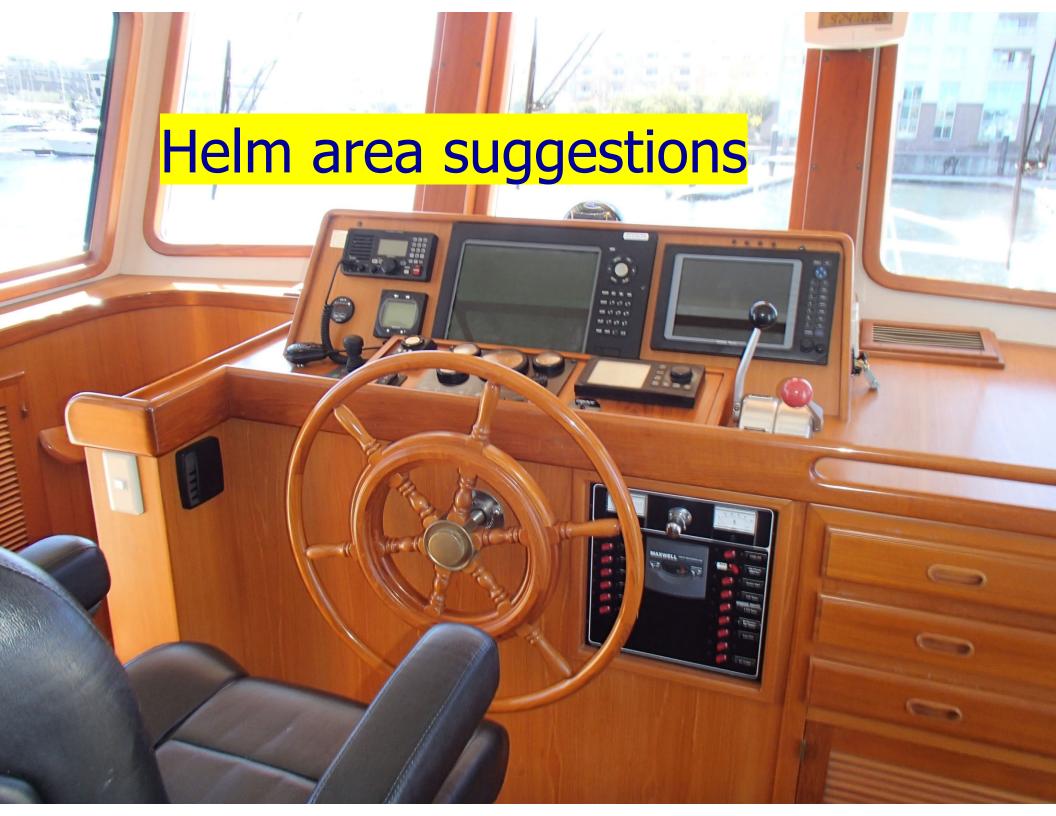


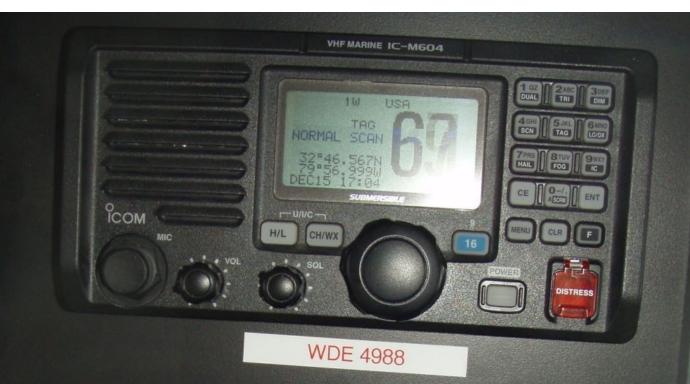
## Squeegee and Shower Spray











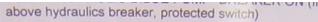
# VHF call sign label



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IAHA NATURAL SOUND AV RECEIVER HTR-5830 Monitor Wipes electronic devices and surfaces Keep your display screens clean



- · SET 2200 RPM ON WING ENGINE
- PRESS "START" (GREEN) ON BOW THRUSTER KEYPAD; pump will whine and discharge stb'd. side, aft
- · PRESS "STOP" (RED) ON KEYPAD WHEN BILGE IS EMPTY; Repeat as necessary while locating water entry.









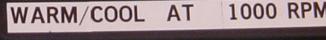






#### Quick reference "norms"













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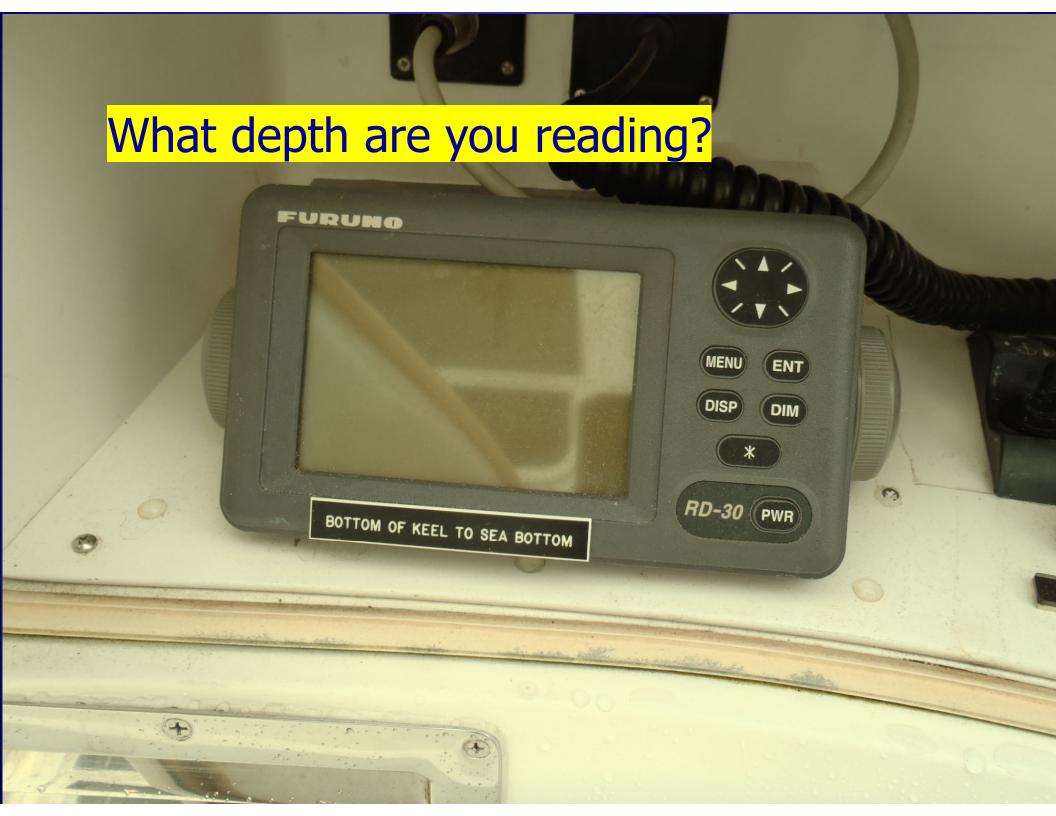
### M.V. JODA

DRAFT 5.0' 1.525 m LOA 48.5' 14.75 m **BEAM** 16.75 5.10 m DISPL. 56,200 lbs WATER 540 USG 2,044 L **FUEL** 1,038 USG 3,945 L

9.2 m

30' 4"

**MAST** 



## Inland, River reminders

1 WHISTLE

**HEAD ON PORT TO PORT** 

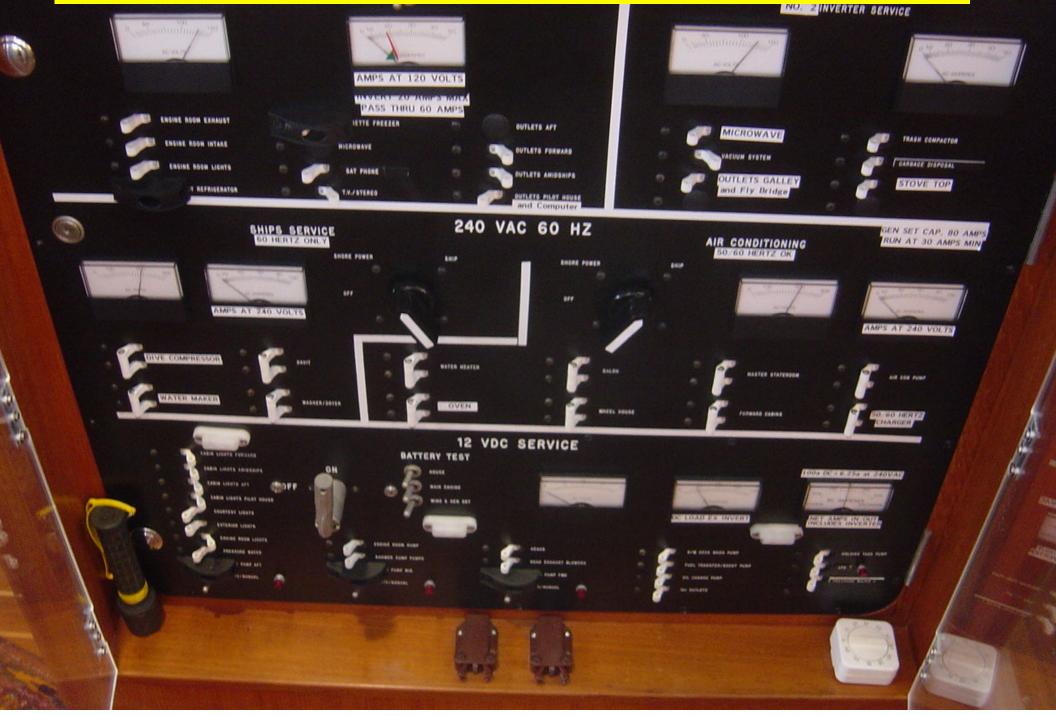
OVERTAKING BOAT PUTTING SLOWER BOAT TO PORT

2 WHISTLES

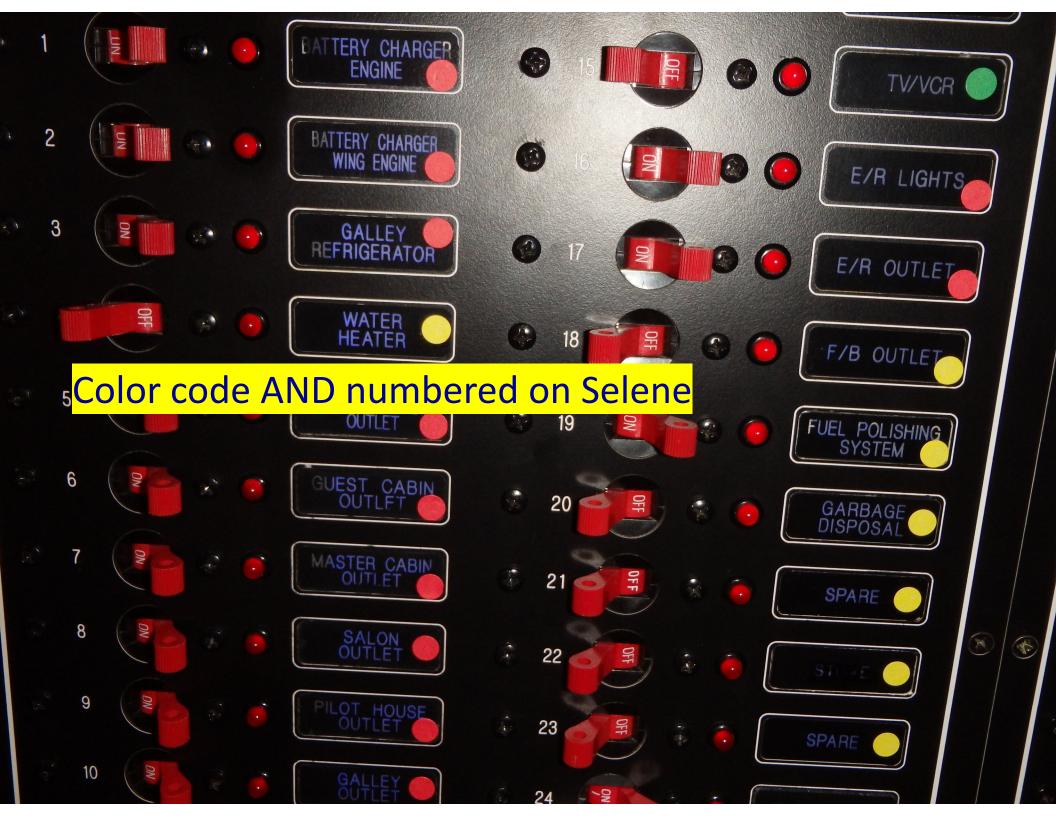
**HEAD ON STBD TO STBD** 

OVERTAKING BOAT PUTTING SLOWER BOAT TO STBD

Detail tape to segment electrical panel







# Toggle guards on "permanent" breakers

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NE ROOM LIGHTS

/STEREO

AV CHARGER



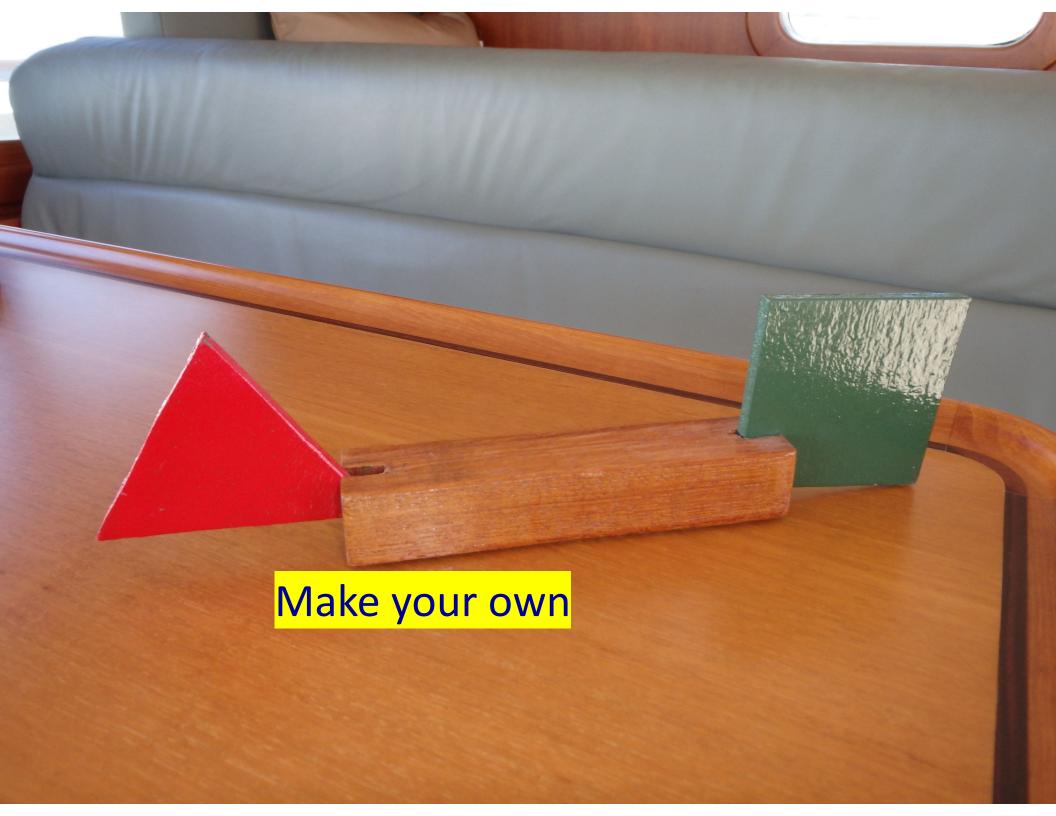
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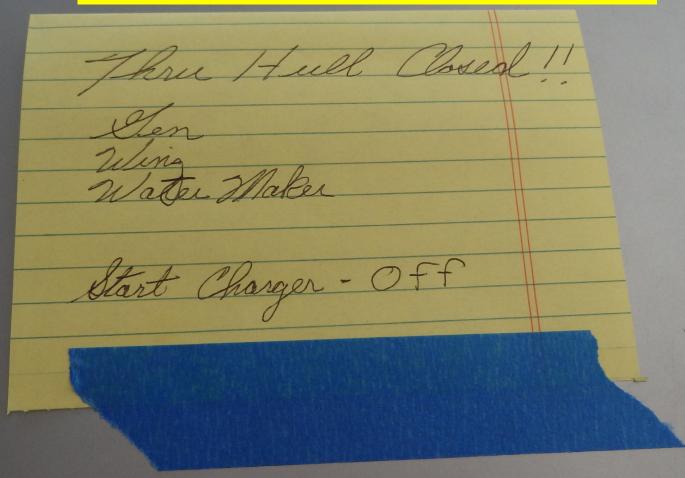






#### When you depart,

leave yourself a reminder...

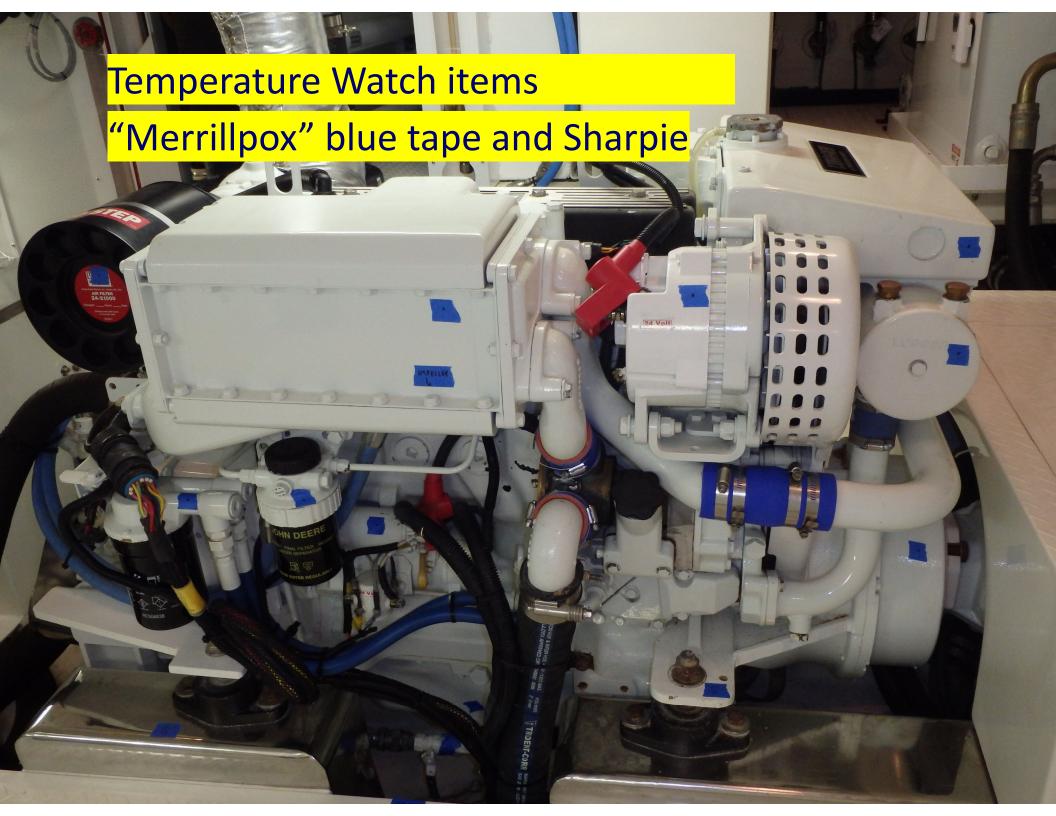




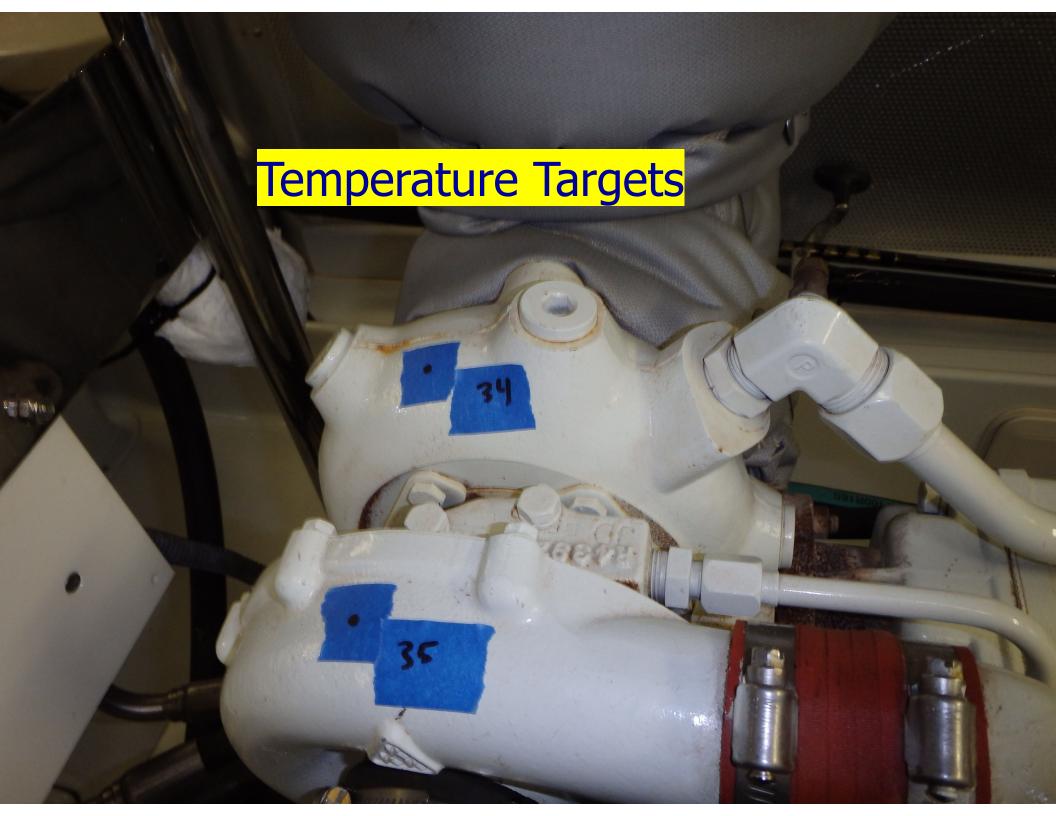


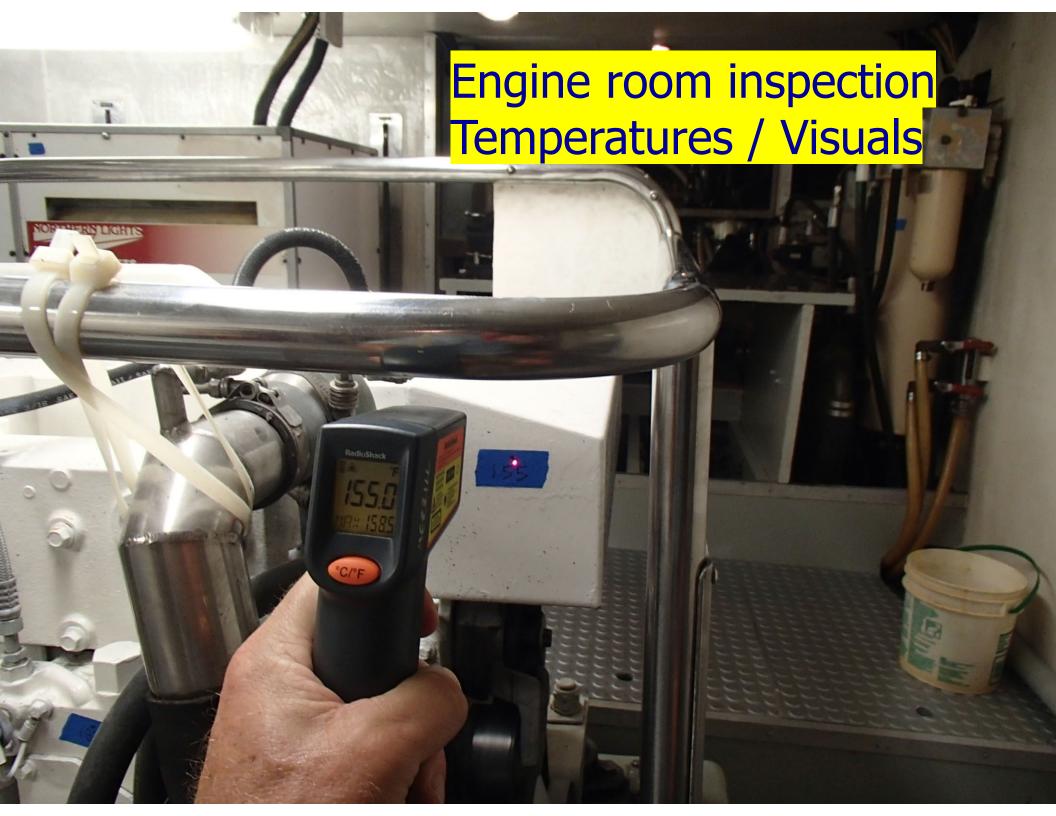
# Infrared Temperature Gun

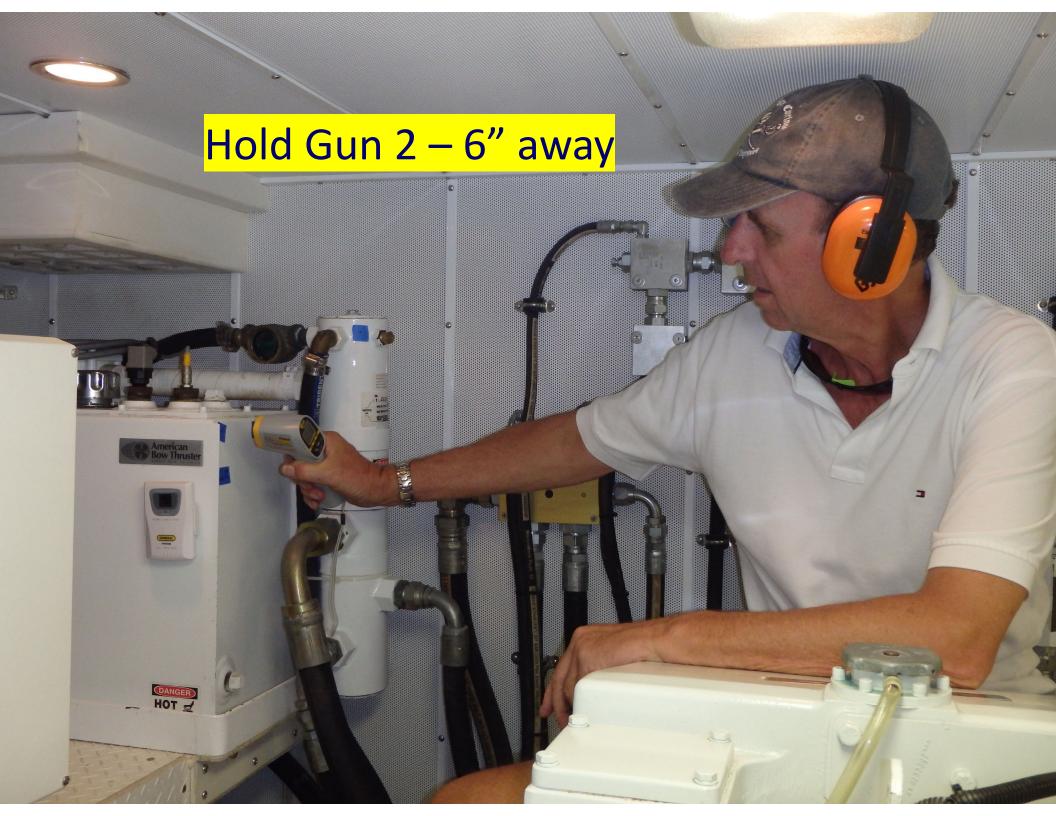


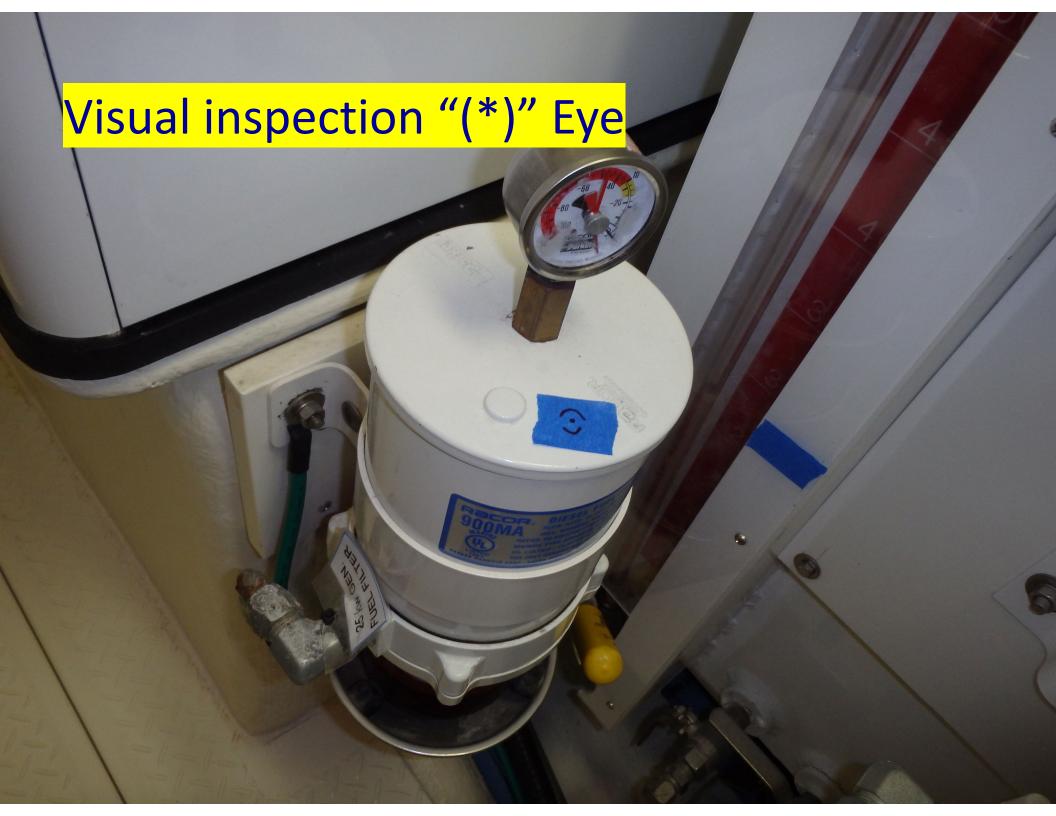


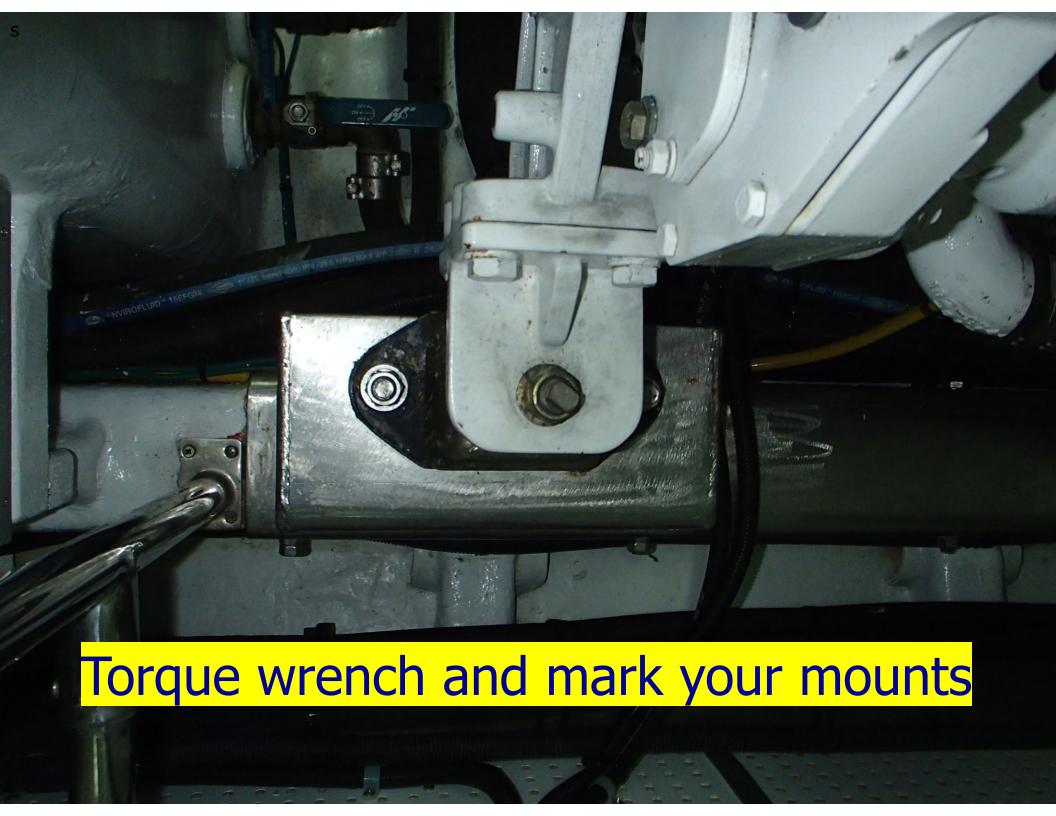




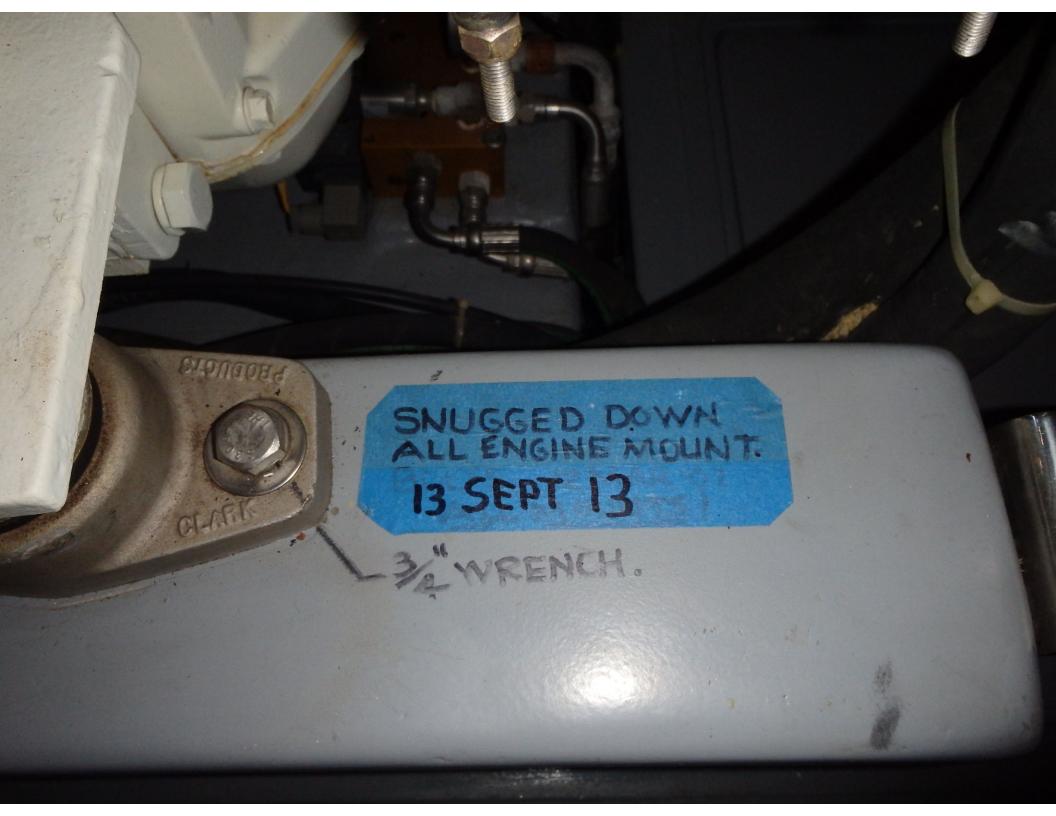


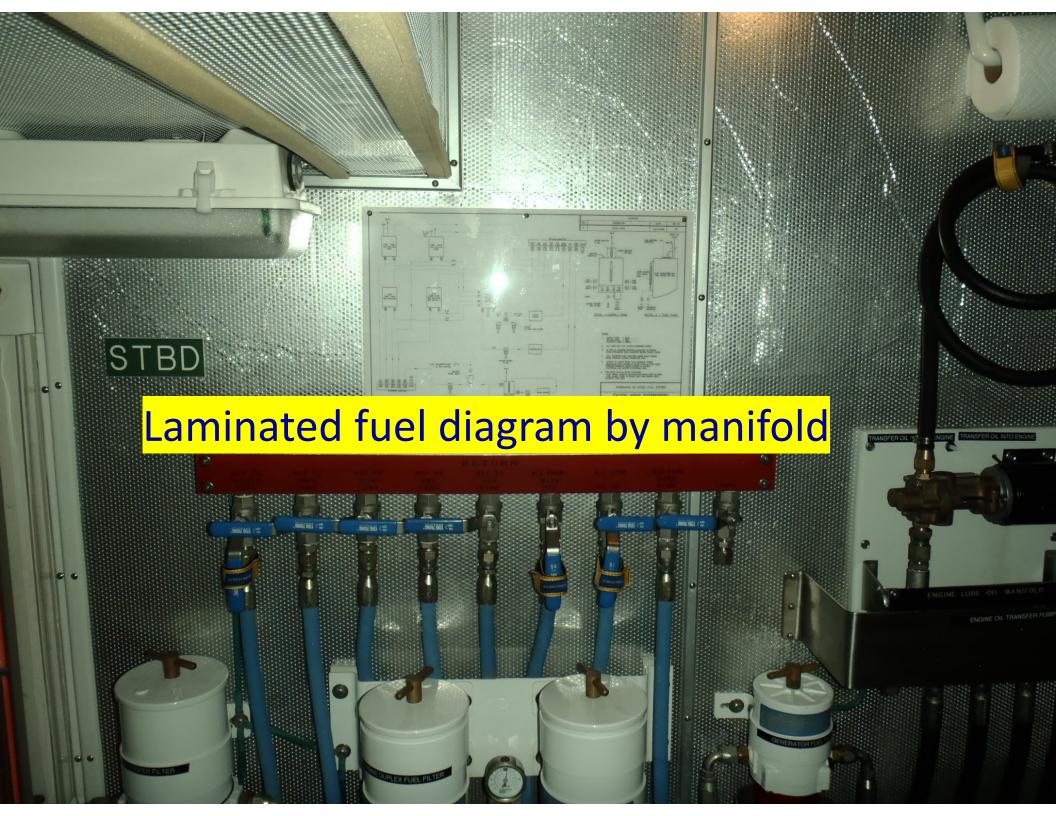




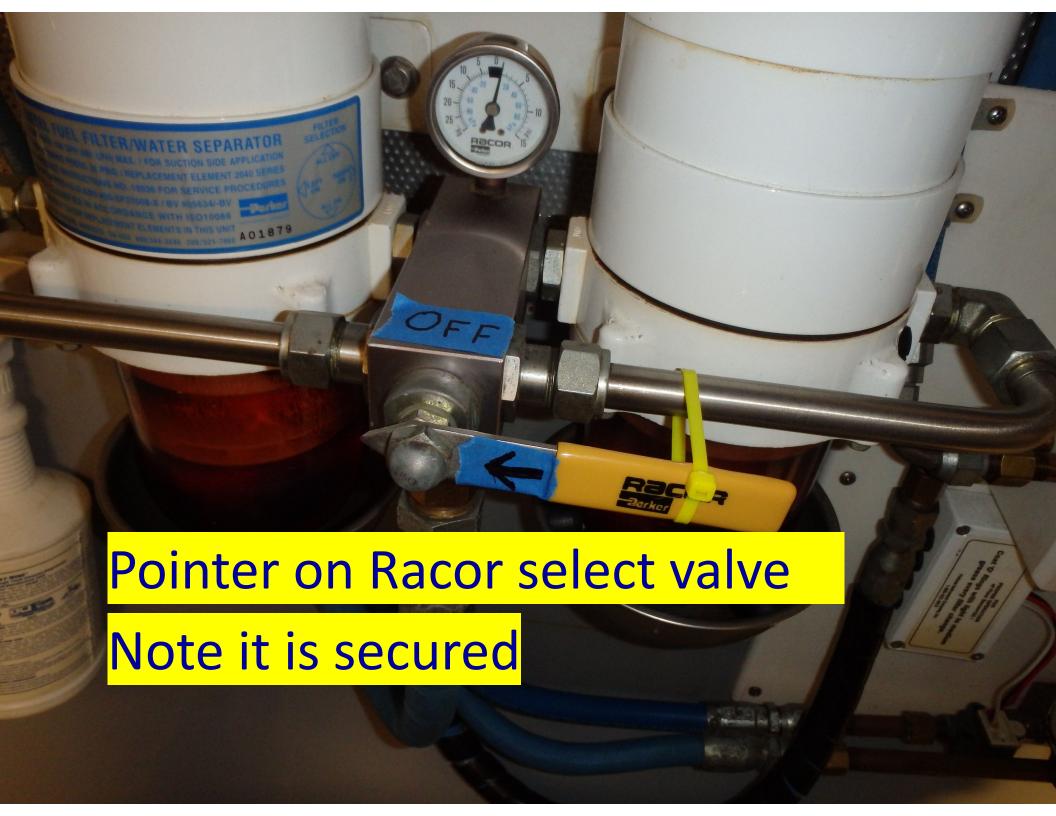




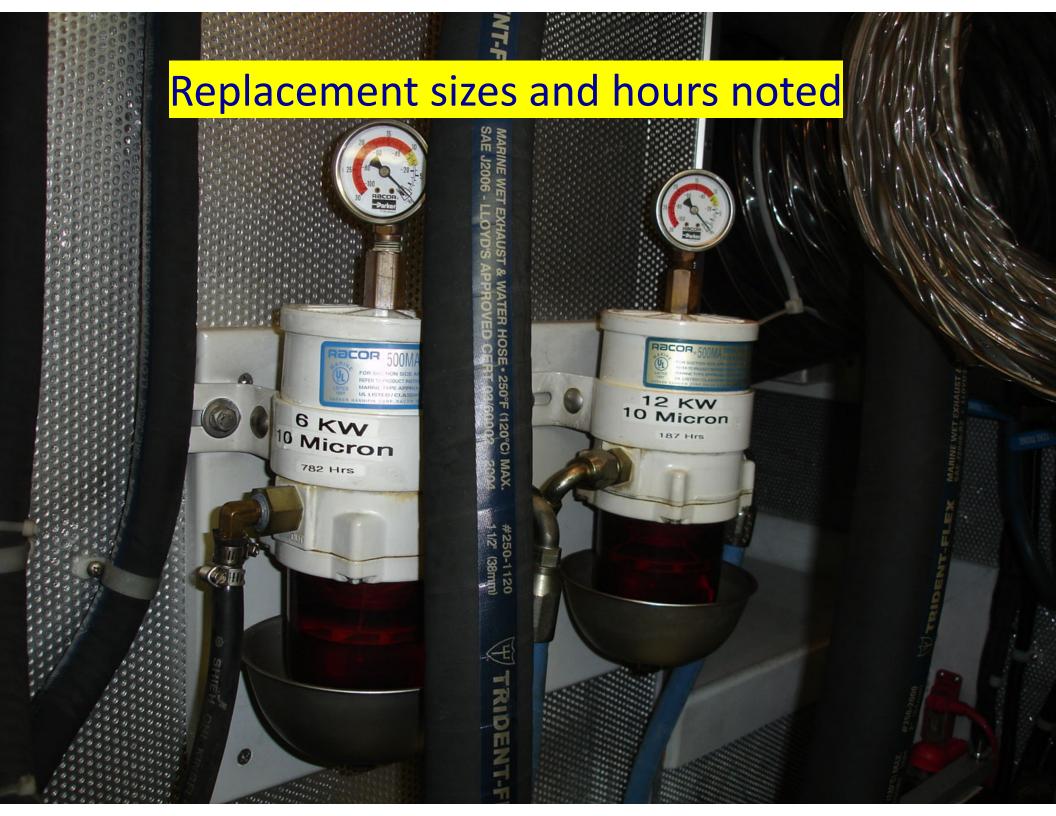






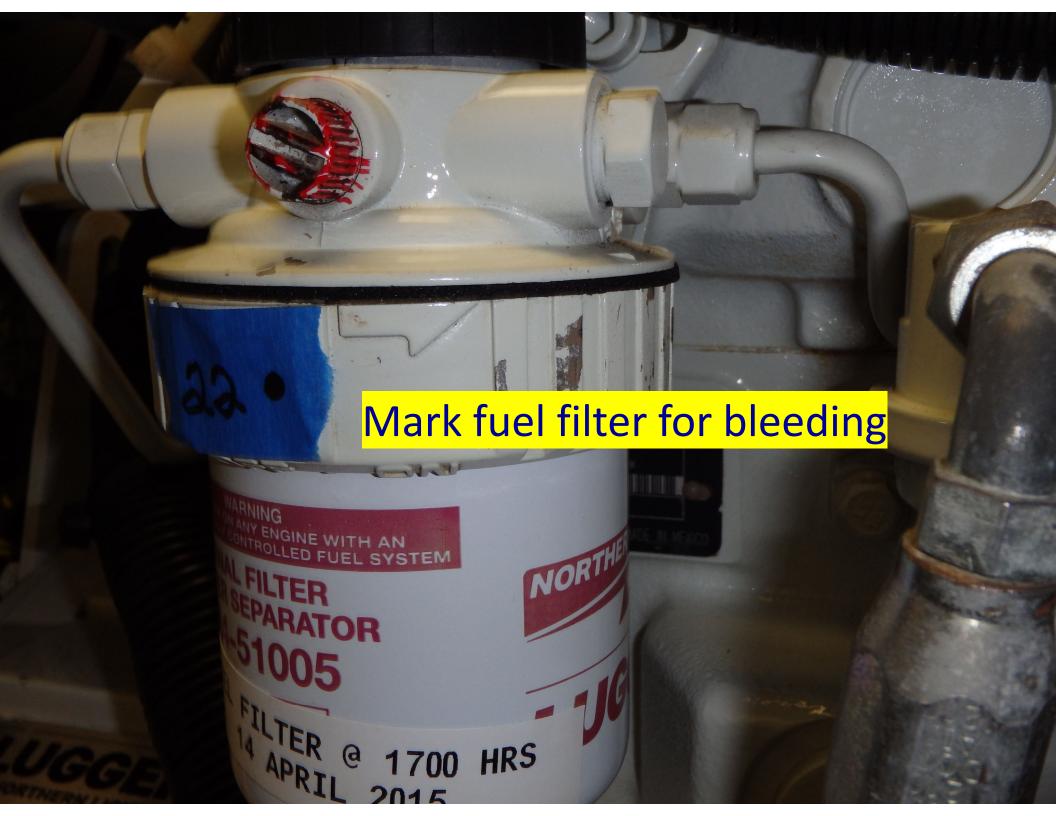


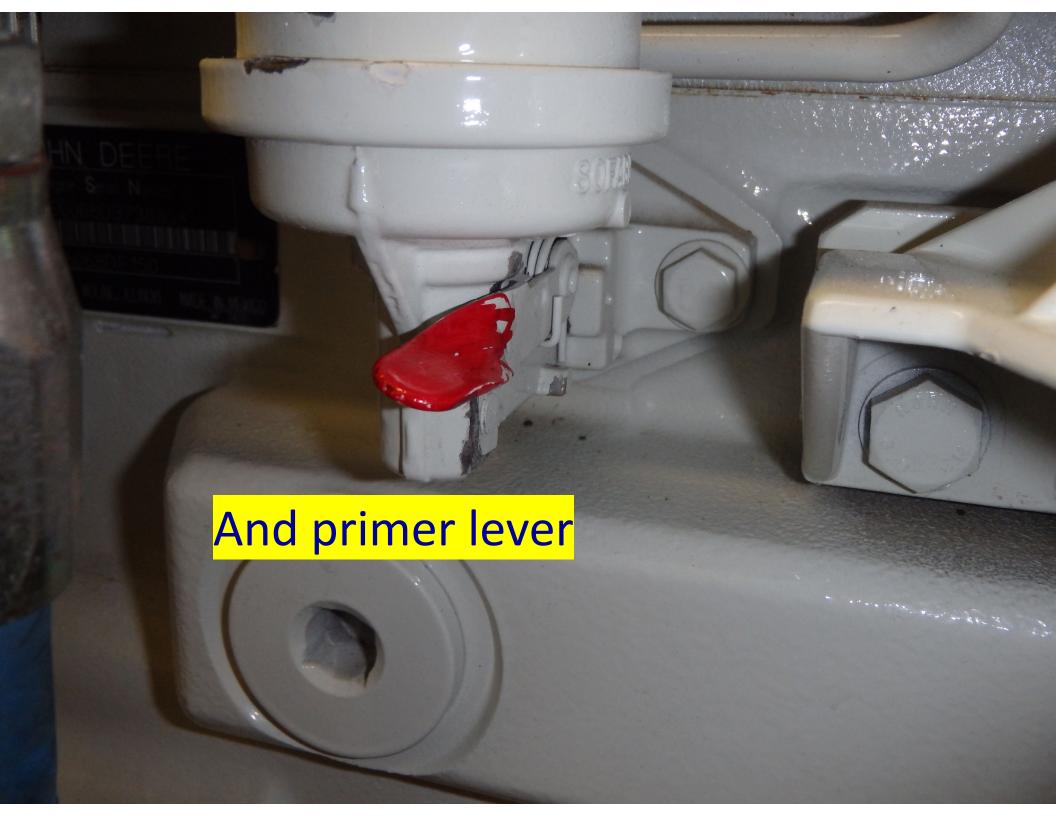






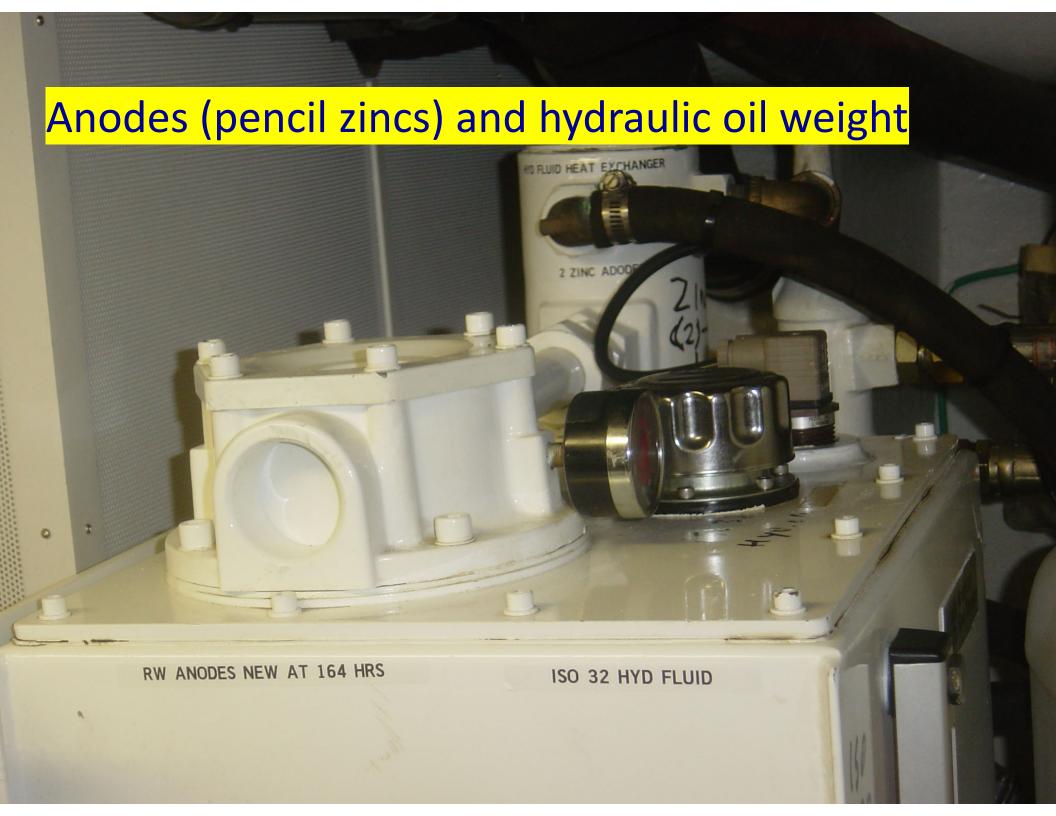




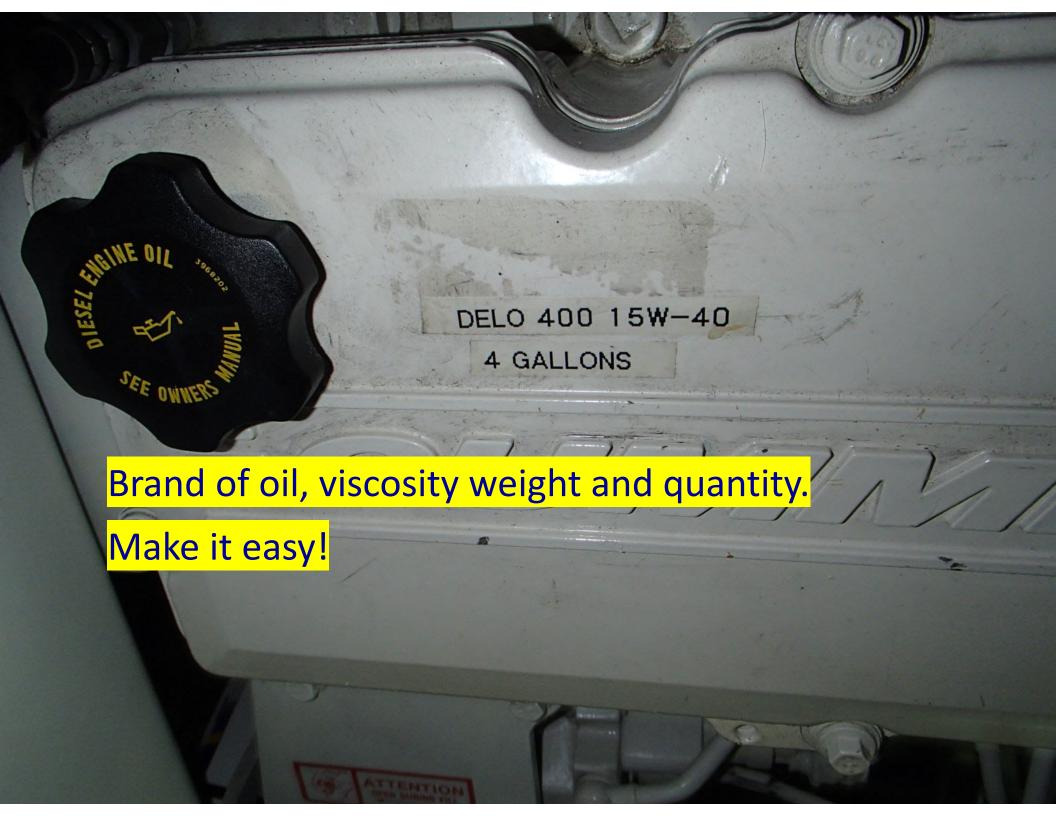




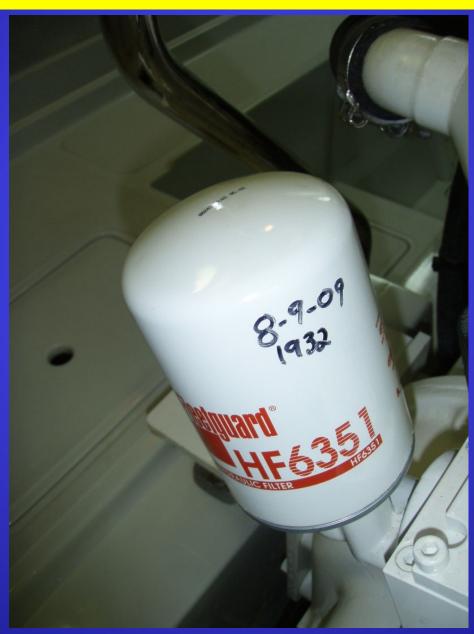


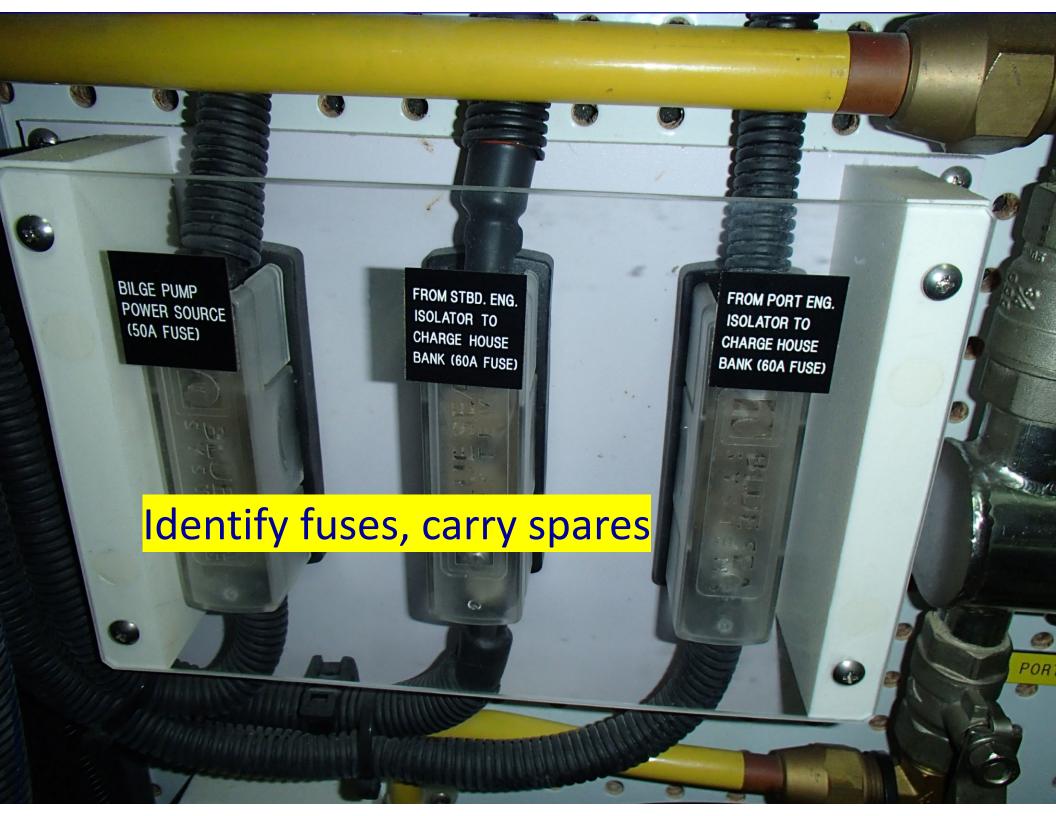




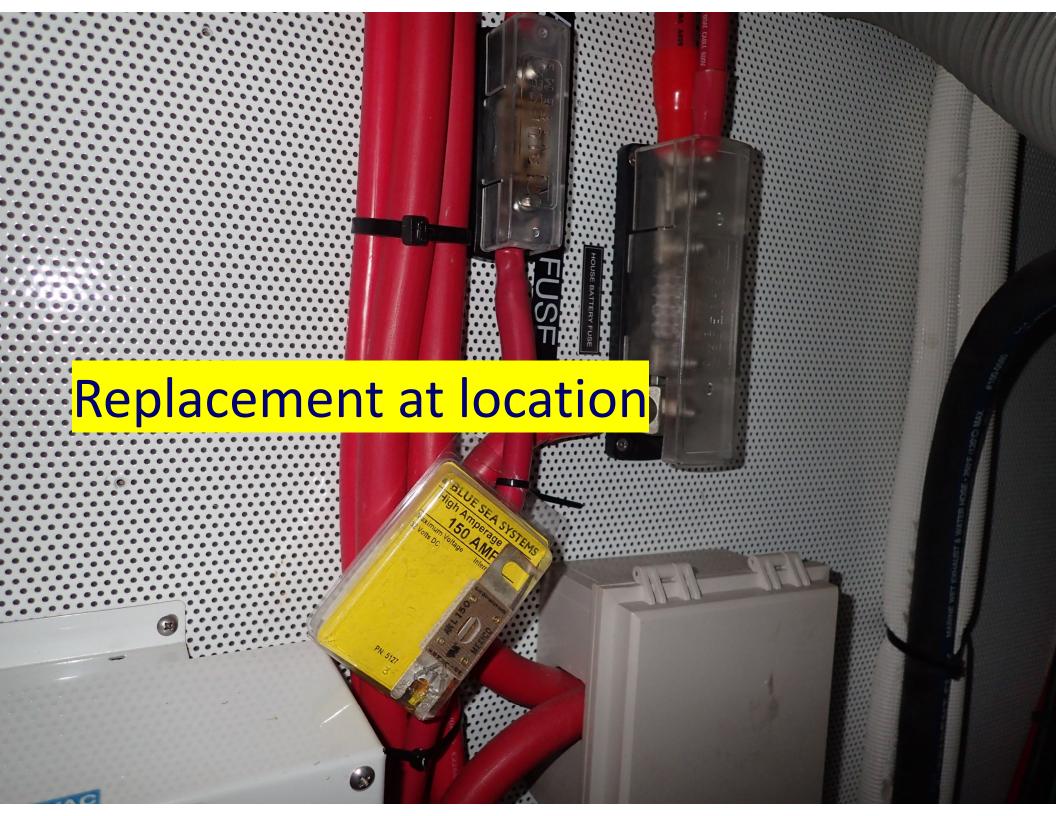


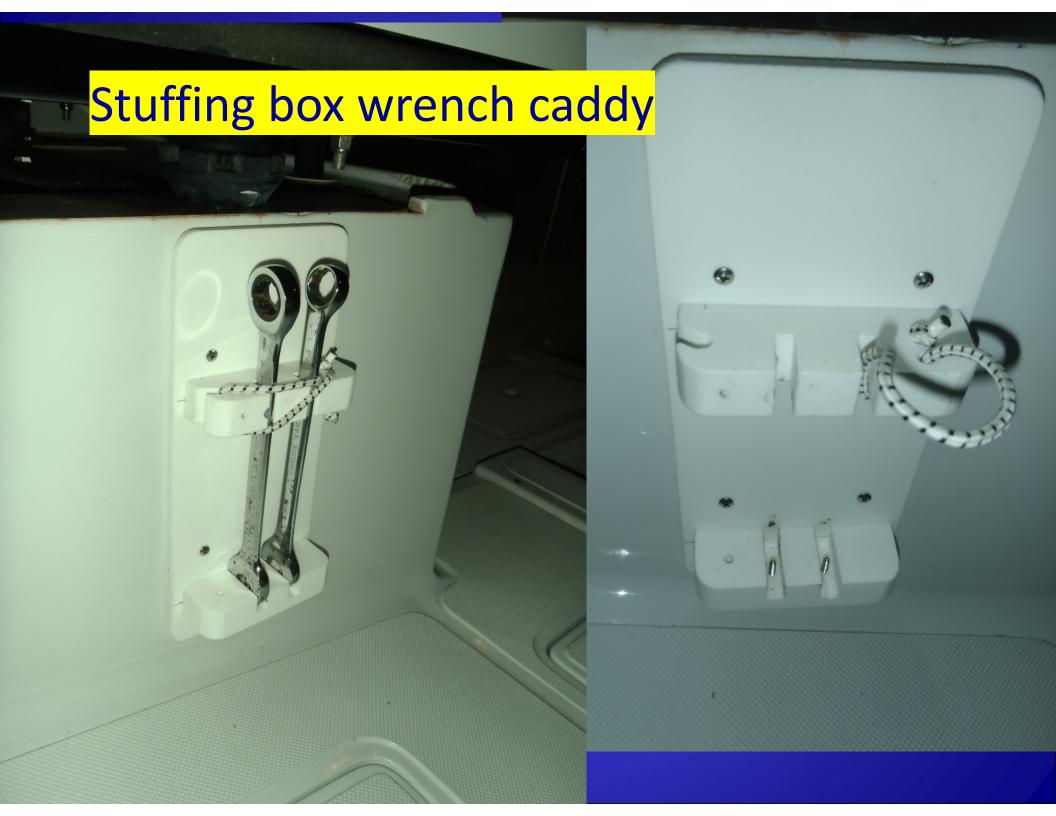
## Label filters to track changes





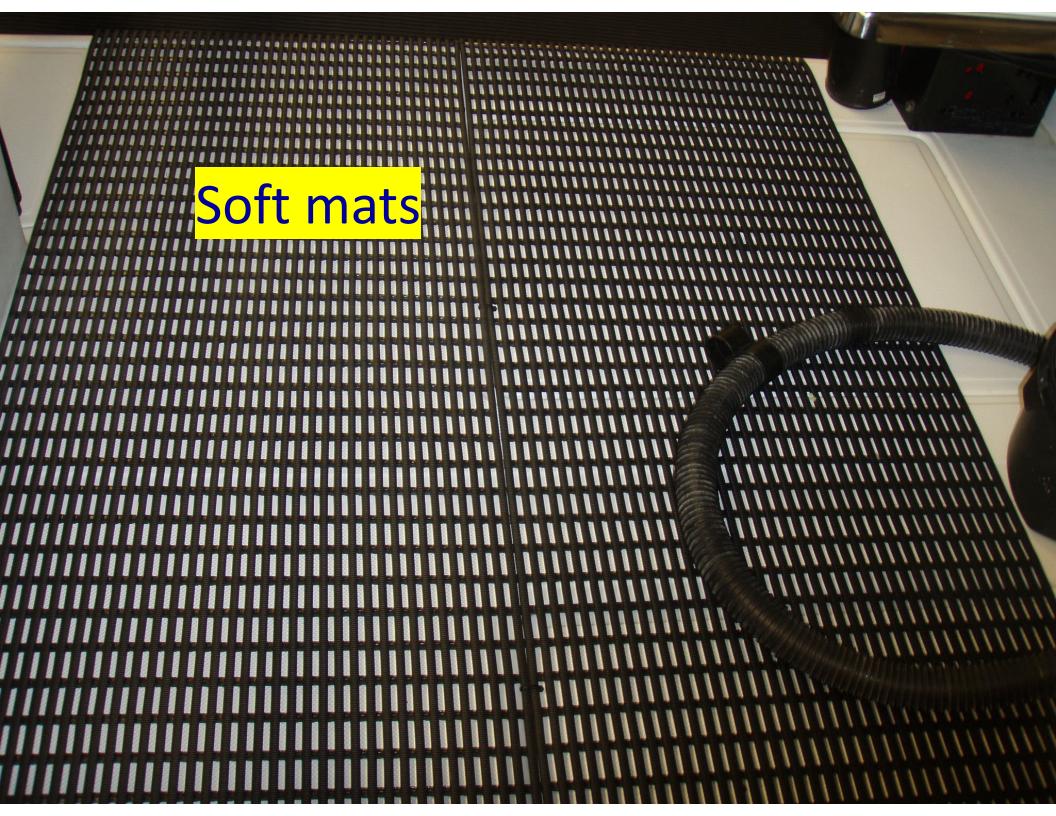


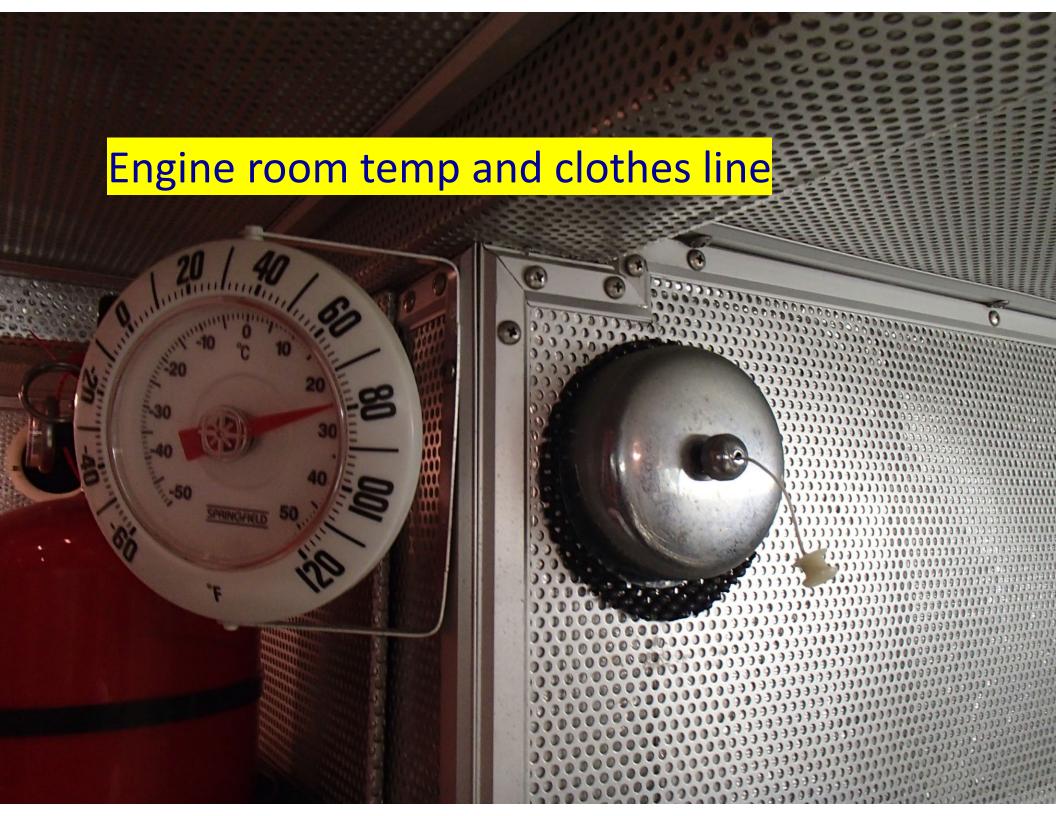




















## Get out there and have fun!





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

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