



What the Osprey Said

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2005 Marina of the Year,
Myrtle Beach Herald

2001 Marina of the Year,
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**Merry Christmas from the
Osprey Marina Crew!
May you delight in the
season with your family
and friends.**



December Hours

Sun. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**The marina will be closed
December 24-26 for
Christmas.**

Marina Notes

- Dockage fees will go to \$9.75/foot on January 1.
- We can put your boat on a workrack for your fall boat maintenance.

EPA Punts on Renewable Fuel Standard; Boaters Need Safe Fuels

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced last month that the agency will further delay the final rule on how much ethanol refiners must blend into the nation's gasoline supply under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). After almost a year of review, the 2014 Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs), which dictate ethanol levels, are now not set to be released until 2015.

The proposed rule would have lowered the amount of mandated ethanol in gasoline and aligned the law with current gasoline usage. Currently there is not a single marine engine warrantied to run on

any fuel containing more than 10% ethanol and this fuel is not authorized for use in recreational vessels.

"There is solid scientific data that supports levels of ethanol in gasoline over 10% damage marine engines," said BoatUS Government Affairs Program Manager Nicole Palya Wood. "The EPA's failure to efficiently administer this program, utilize its waiver authority and set standards that provide protections for consumers sends a clear message that Congress must act now to reform the RFS.

Source: www.BoatUS.com

True or False? Take the Boat Winterizing Quiz, Part 2

BoatUS helps to set the record straight about winterizing myths.

Freeze damage

True or False—*BoatUS insurance claims for engine block freezing come from northern climates.*

FALSE: While there are many claims from the colder climates, many boat insurance freeze damage claims also come from southern, temperate states hit by an unexpected freeze or when space heaters fail due to sudden storm power loss. Both areas of the country have their fair share of winter freeze claims due to the failure to follow winterizing procedures. Having your marina winterize your boat and systems may offer better protection if there is an issue come springtime. Another option is adding ice and freeze insurance to your boat insurance. Most insurers do not charge much for it, but there are deadlines to purchase.

Space Heaters

It's okay to "winterize" the boat by leaving a space heater running onboard.

FALSE: In addition to the sudden power outage problem, every winter BoatUS sees fires from heaters, plugs and cords, and from heaters that were left running on unattended boats. Unless you live in Hawaii or the Florida Keys, BoatUS recommends winterizing your engine if you will be laying up the boat for even a few weeks to lessen the chances of sudden freeze damage. TIP: Save time and make winterizing easier by installing an engine flushing system—typically a simple valve with a connection for a garden hose along with an anti-freeze pick-up hose/strainer—on your engine.

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