



What the Osprey Said

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2005 Marina of the Year,
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2001 Marina of the Year,
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Dates to Remember

March 8
Daylight Saving Time begins; set your clocks ahead one hour.

March 8, noon - 3 p.m.
SC State Duck Calling Championship in
Georgetown at Francis Marion Park.
www.WinyahBayFestival.org

March 17
Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 20
First day of spring!

March Hours
Mon. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We can put your boat on a workrack for maintenance.

Boaters and Ethanol Gas: New Legislation Would Fix Renewable Fuel

Bipartisan legislation that was introduced last month would help ensure recreational boaters don't put unsafe fuel in their boats. Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and 30 co-sponsors introduced the Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015. BoatUS is urging all boaters to contact their US Representative to support the bill.

Currently, there are no marine engines in the US warrantied to run on any gasoline blend greater than 10% ethanol (E10). According to AAA, only about 12 million out of the more than 240 million light-duty vehicles on the roads today are approved to use E15 gasoline, based on a survey conducted by AAA of auto manufacturers. Any damage from the use of higher ethanol fuels (E15 or greater) in cars and trucks will void many manufacturers' warranties.

When the RFS was written in 2005, it assumed that Americans' gasoline use would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. However, since 2005, gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily. The unintended affect is now the law forces more ethanol into the nation's

gasoline supply. To maintain adherence with the RFS rules, in 2010 the EPA permitted fuel containing up to 15% ethanol (E15) into the marketplace, a fuel many gasoline engines cannot use.

It is illegal to use E15 in boat engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines such as lawnmowers and leaf blowers as well as vehicles made before 2001. However, this fuel can now be found at over 100 gas stations in 16 states at the same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline.

The potential for misfueling is significant. In the US, nine out of every 10 boaters own a trailerable boat that is most often filled up at a roadside gas station. Additionally, these higher blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuels at the pump.

The new bill would cap the ethanol requirements at 10% ethanol, would effectively prohibit the use of corn-based ethanol in the RFS, require more advanced biofuels and take into account actual, real-world production of biofuels when setting requirements.

Boaters can ask their Congressman to support and co-sponsor the bill by going to: <http://goo.gl/2H8vI9>.

Source: www.BoatUS.com

SC is a Top 10 State of Frequency of Lightning Strike Claims

Lessen your chance of being struck by following this advice if you are out on the water when a lightning storm approaches:

Do not remain in open water. Run for shore and find shelter in a building or car. If that is not possible, then pull in fishing lines or wakeboarders early (lightning can strike one mile in front of a storm), lower antennas, stay low in an open boat and keep arms and legs inside. Get into the enclosed cabin if you have one. Turn off electronics and do not touch them. If you can, remove the VHF and store it below.

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