

Proper Maintenance

To keep your engine running properly, regular maintenance is a must. And for proper maintenance all you need to do is check your owner's manual. Your owner's manual will tell you what the scheduled maintenance intervals are.

Engines should be maintained properly to keep in compliance with your warranty and, more importantly, so your engine won't let you down.

All engine manufacturers recommend you service certain items either by hours on the motor or by time intervals, whichever comes first. In a salt water environment this is very important. For instance, you may only use your boat twenty hours a year, but you should still change your oil at least once a year. Oil can lose its lubricating abilities over time.

Lack of use of your engine can create more problems than consistent use of your engine. Some problems that can occur and possibly cause bigger expenses are; thermostats that stick can cause oil and fuel problems; internal engine zincs that are not checked can create excessive corrosion and even catastrophic failure of blocks and cylinder heads.

When in doubt read your owner's manual or contact your factory authorized dealer to get the manufacturers recommended service table. Use OEM (original equipment manufacturer) parts for best results and reliability. Most OEM parts are guaranteed for one year.

What's Your Keel?

Sailors, remember annual service is just as important with your auxiliary engine. And preventative measures should be taken to keep your fuel stabilized or, if you use diesel fuel, you should add an algaecide to protect your fuel system from the damaging effects of algae growth. You should also check your owner's manual for recommended service intervals.



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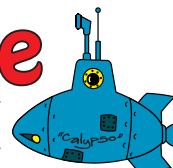
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