

Not All Repair Facilities Are The Same

When choosing a repair facility for your boat you should check out their credentials. There are many ways the marine industry has to assure consumers that the repair facility or mechanic they use is up-to-date on the latest training and industry practices. The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) is a group of marine industry leaders who develop quality technical practices and engineering standards for the design, construction, maintenance and repair of small craft with reference to their safety. York Road Marine is a member of ABYC and adheres to ABYC standards when maintaining and repairing boats. Our customers can be confident that their boat is repaired to a high standard of safety and reliability. All engine manufacturers have special training and periodic certification classes that reputable repair facilities go through in order to keep up on the latest technology. Our diesel, gas and outboard mechanics here at York Road Marine further their education through these classes so they can stay on top of the latest information available to deliver the highest level of service to their customers. Since manufacturers are constantly changing and updating their products it is essential that you use a facility that maintains these certifications.



Sea Cock Safety

According to Boat US faulty sea cocks and thru hulls can be blamed for 44% of all the boats that sink at the dock. Here are some tips on sea cock maintenance:

Check all hose connections under the water line, all hoses should be double clamped. These clamps should be stainless steel and installed with the screw of each clamp 180 degrees from each other. Check the bonding wires and make sure they are in place and free of corrosion. All hoses below the water line should have an operable sea cock. Make sure to operate your sea cocks at least once a month to keep them from seizing up. Grease sea cocks once a year to keep them operating properly for a long time. Check sea cocks and thru hulls for discoloration, looseness or pitting, these are signs of trouble. When in doubt check with a reputable repair facility.

What Your Keel?

Sailors should be aware that if your engine doesn't start in the first 10 to 20 seconds you should close off your engine sea cock to prevent serious damage to your engine from water backing up thru your exhaust system.

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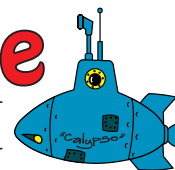
With a combined 75 years of experience The Boat Guys at York Road Marine keep up-to-date on all the latest marine changes and advancements so they can provide the best service and advice to their customers.

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