

SPRING START-UP



FUEL SYSTEM

- Inspect hoses, connections and tank surfaces for leaks or damages
- Replace components as needed
- Verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured
- Ensure the engine, exhaust and ventilation systems are functioning properly

BELTS, CABLES & HOSES

- Check for cracks and brittle areas
- Ensure belts fit tightly and are not worn
- Inspect the outer jacket of control cables for cracks or swells, which many indicate a problem

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness - corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition
- Remove terminals and clean with a wire brush - clean cable ends
- Change battery and ensure it can hold a charge
- Electrical systems should be inspected by a qualified technician regularly

FLUID LEVELS

- Check engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolants levels
- Change engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing

The following are general guidelines. Check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations or procedures specific to your boat.

PROPELLERS & HULLS

- Inspect propellers for ding, pitting, cracks and distortion
- Make sure propeller is secured properly - replace bearings if needed
- Check hull for blisters, distortions and cracks
- Clean the hull, deck and topsides
- Ensure the drain plug is securely in place prior to every launch

SAFETY GEAR

- Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition - make sure there is one for each potential passenger
- Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, properly stowed and are the correct class for your vessel
- Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the U.S. Coast Guard, USCG Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron