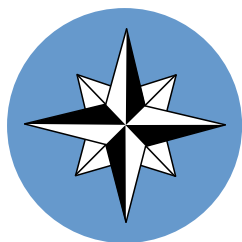


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Fire safety is every boat owner's responsibility. If your vessel is moored in a marina, you have a broader scope of this responsibility. There are some important and easy things you can do that will save lives and boats.

The most common cause of fires in marinas come from electrical malfunctions, unattended portable heaters and overloaded circuits. Never leave portable electrical equipment or heaters unattended. Know the capacity of your outlets and inverters so you don't overload them. Additionally, regularly check your shore connection for wear or damage, even if you stayed docked most of the time. Last but not least, check your electrical systems and always

use a qualified professional to do your wiring projects.

Fuel systems should be checked regularly. It is normal for fittings and hoses to wear out over time. Check for leaks, black streaks, cracks, holes, and brittle parts. Your fuel tank should be free of rust spots and leaks. If you detect a problem, contact your mechanic immediately.

Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers are required on ALL boats that pose a fire hazard from motors or fuel systems, have enclosed living spaces, or have combustible or flammable materials stored. Be sure that you get a Marine Type USCG approved extinguisher (it will say this on the label). The extinguishers are hand portable, ei-

FUBAR Odyssey 2009

We are very pleased to announce that Jason will be a **designated mechanic on the FUBAR Odyssey** trip this year. The power boater's FUBAR sets sale on November 14th to La Paz, Mexico. Several boats from the Ventura and Oxnard marinas will be joining the adventure.

While we will miss Jason's mechanical presence here in Ventura for a couple of weeks,

we are overjoyed that he will be representing The Yacht Doctor on this amazing trip. If you hear of anyone making the trip, pass along our information so we can keep an eye on their boat too.

Stay tuned for updates and advice to FuBARers. For more information about the FUBAR, visit <http://www.sdyc.org/fubar/index.htm>.



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ther B-I or B-II class and mounted with a specific marine type bracket. The best place to mount it is in an assessable area away from the fire hazard. Ideally, you want to be on the *door side* of the fire when you are extinguishing it - enabling a quick exit if needed.

The number of required fire extinguishers depends on the length of the boat.

Minimum # of hand portable fire extinguishers required		
Vessel Length	# Fixed Systems	With approved Fixed Systems
< than 26'	1 B-I	0
26' to <than 40'	2 B-I or 1 B-II	1 B-I
40' to 65'	3 B-I or 1 B-II & 1 B-I	2 B-I or 1 B-II

There are different types of extinguishers so you want to check the classification to be sure you have a Type B. This is good for flammable liquids like gasoline, oil, grease, and acetone, any non-metal in a liquid state. Some boaters have switched to Halon extinguishers because it does not de-

posit residue when used. BEWARE when using a Halon or any suffocant system extinguisher. It robs the air of oxygen in order to put out the fire. *YOU cannot breath without oxygen.* Be sure that all living, breathing creatures are out of the enclosure when you use this extinguisher. Jason used one of these not too long ago. Even though he was close to the door of the boat, it still took his breath away for a moment. For more information, go to www.uscgboating.org.

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FOR SALE - 37' C&L SEA RANGER AFT CABIN TRAWLER



Traditional trawler with a roomy double cabin layout. Built by Ta Chiao in Taiwan on a solid fiberglass semi displacement hull.

Inside features all teak wood interior. Compact galley includes double Sink, 4-Burner Stove w/Oven, Microwave Oven; Norcold 12v/110v Refrigerator.

Double berth in master stateroom. Vessel sleeps 6, Dining Table, Blinds, Deck Pump Out Access for Holding Tank, Two Heads w/Sinks & Showers, Pressure Fresh Water System, 5 Gallon 110v Water Heater, Two Electric Heaters, TV; VCR ; Stereo Cassette/CD. Large engine room and excellent storage.

LOA: 37'	LWL: 33' 6"	Beam: 13' 1"
Displacement: 26,000 lbs	Draft: 3' 10"	Max Speed: 10 Knots
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Fuel: 360 Gallons	Water: 200 Gallons	Holding: 20 Gallons

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