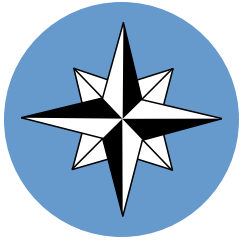


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The Set & Drift

We are Expanding!

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Authorized Dealers

BETA MARINE

**Stern Drive
Engineering**

MARINE POWER

The Yacht Doctor has some wonderful news to share. We're getting bigger! Our new mechanic, Dwight Smith will be starting full time December 1, 2009. This exciting change allows us to offer you faster and a broader range of services.

Dwight is coming to us from Oceanside, CA. He has 10 years experience as a marine mechanic and 6 years experience prior to that with heavy equipment. He is a former US marine, an honest man, and a dedicated worker. We could not ask for a better person to hire as our first full time employee.

His specialties expand the models of engines we can work on and include: Honda, Johnson/Evinrude, Yamaha, Suzuki, Tohatsu, and Mercury outboard engines; Mercury, Volvo, and Crusader inboard/



outboard engines; and Cummins, Perkins, Volvo, Universal diesel engines.

Dwight can also perform engine installs, transducers installation, electronics and electrical system installation/repair, head systems installation/repair, plumbing issues, oil changes, tune-ups, cooling system services, changing zincs, repairing thru hulls, bonding systems, etc.... I think you get my drift, he is well qualified to take care you vessel's needs.

Winter Maintenance

It is winter time again. This time of year leaves us with several questions. First thing that rolls to mind is, wasn't it just summer two days ago? Turkey, what do you mean its Thanksgiving? Put the Christmas lights up WHERE? And the most important

question on *your* mind (I am sure of it), what should I be doing to my boat right now?

Last winter, very few people hauled their boats out. Most of you escaped without any major problems....but, some were not that lucky.

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Some minor problems that would have been noticed during your yearly haul out, did not get seen and lead to more expensive repairs later. If you did not haul out last year, you are really due for one now!

So call it what you may, "Winter maintenance", "winterizing" ...potato, potato. This is the time of year when you should be thinking one thing, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE! Your winter time annual maintenance should include two things: a haul out and an engine/fluids service. The mild winter here gives us very little boating down time, if any at all. If you do your annual maintenance now and you will be ready for spring, which is in about eight weeks, right?

Haul outs tend to scare boat owners. We consistently hear people say they do not want to haul out because it is *so* expensive. When in actuality, hauling out the boat is not that expensive at all. All the above listed items can be checked in the sling, which cuts your costs even more. Most

importantly, the probability of catching major issues early makes it entirely worth it.

You should haul the boat out to check the thru-hull fittings, valves, shafts, packing, propellers, and condition of paint. Here are a list of musts for this time of year:

1. Change oil, filters, and do fluids service
2. Check batteries, connections, wires
3. Add storage additive to your gas or diesel if it will sit unused for a while
4. Change zincs
5. Go through all your water pumps, and impellers.
6. Empty holding tank -flush with vinegar.

Jason has been gone for about three weeks and calls are already flooding in for when he gets back. Lucky for you, we now have two mechanics to take care of your vessel's needs even faster. Don't wait to make your appointment. You do not want to get left out!

FUBAR Odyssey 2009

Currently, Jason is FUBARing down to La Paz, Mexico. After a rigorous week of doing boat inspections, Jason was glad to hop aboard the Jaysea, a 35' Luhrs and head out to sea. The Fleet departed San Diego on 14 November. They stopped in Ensenada for a day, then headed South to Turtle Bay. November 17, they headed to Santa Maria Bay and then Magdalena Bay in hopes of some gnarly fishing. They have been catching dorado, marlin and yellow fin tuna...some are bigger than the kids aboard the Jaysea. Currently they are in Puerto Los Cabos. Wednesday they head to Bahia de los Suenos. Thursday they will head to their final destination of La Paz for a fiesta grande. It sounds like boat repairs have been few and minor, leaving time for fishing, sun and surfing.

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