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# *Operator's Manual H27*





*Thank You!*  
*From the General Manager*

*Dear Hunter Owner,*

*Congratulations and welcome to the Hunter family! As a Hunter owner, you will enjoy the quality and the attention to detail for which Hunter Boats are renowned. Hunter and your dealer are committed to your service and total satisfaction.*

*This Operator's Manual will acquaint you with the proper operation and maintenance of your new Hunter boat, as well as boating safety, which is our primary concern, whether in ports or at sea.*

*The new boat warranty registration form you signed at the time of delivery will be sent to us by your dealer. This registers the one year warranty and establishes your contact information in our system. It will also activate Hunter's Customer Satisfaction program (CSS), our effort to insure the highest level of satisfaction and enjoyment with your new Hunter. Within a few weeks of delivery you will receive a letter asking you to complete an online questionnaire primarily about your experience with the dealer. Several months later you will receive a second letter asking you to evaluate the boat. We value your opinion and hope that you will take the time to complete both surveys.*

*As you already know, we work with the highest quality equipment manufacturers to supply the components for your boat. To receive full warranty coverage on all the individual components, such as engine, electronics and appliances, be sure to complete and return to the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) warranty cards to activate the individual warranties for these important components. You will find them in the owner's packet that also contains the OEM manuals for this equipment. Please remember all the information contained in the OEM manuals supersedes the information contained in this manual.*

*Finally, if you are new to boating, be certain to learn the proper rules of seamanship to ensure the safety of your passengers. Refer to Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship, and Small Boat Handling Manual for important and useful information concerning this aspect of boating. Attend a safe boating course offered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadron, or any enterprise experienced in conducting safe boating courses.*

*Thank you for choosing Hunter. I am confident your new boat will provide you and your family with years of enjoyable boating.*

*Thanks from Hunter G.M.*



Mike Williams  
General Manager

**As the owner of a Hunter, you have chosen one of the finest boats money can buy.**

Hunter Corporation, is one of America's oldest privately held boating companies. In February 1996 Hunter became an employee ownership company. We continue to be dedicated to giving you a quality boat that will bring you years of enjoyment whether you're spending a day at the marina or cruising down a waterway. Performance, dependability, safety, and comfort is more than just a catchy phrase at Hunter. It is the basis for every step of design and construction to assure you of many pleasure-filled years of boating.

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With every Hunter, three generations of experience combine with modern engineering and production techniques provide you one of the most affordable, full featured sailing boats in the industry today.

From the stem to the stern, every piece of equipment and its placement has been engineered to provide the most seasoned sailer with the best advantage on the water. Hunter has included everything to make ours the most complete sailing vessel on the market today.

**How to Use this Manual**

Many people read their operator's manual from beginning to end when they first receive their new boat. If you do this, it will help you learn about the features and controls for your new boat. In this manual, you'll find that pictures and words work together to explain things quickly.

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A good place to look for what you need is in the Table of Contents in the beginning of this manual. It is a list of the chapters and the page number where you'll find them.

**Safety Warnings and Symbols**

In Boating Safety section you will find a number of cautions, warnings, and danger symbols to tell you about things that could hurt you.

In this chapter we tell you where the hazards are. Then we tell you what to do to help avoid or reduce them. Please read this chapter carefully, to prevent yourself or someone else from possible injury.

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*Chapter 1*

# ***Introduction***

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## 1.1 The Manual Packet

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This operator's manual, along with your owner's packet, has been compiled to help you to operate your boat with safety and pleasure. The Owner's / Operator's Manual:

- Describes basic safety information;
- Describes some of the features of your boat;
- Describes the equipment on your boat;
- Contains fundamentals of the use of that equipment;
- Contains fundamentals of the use of your boat.

However, please note that the information in this manual only summarizes more detailed information in the equipment manuals. The summaries are intended to be a convenient reference for daily use. OEM manuals take precedence over the information in the manufactures documents.

This information does not give you a course in boating safety, or how to navigate, anchor, or dock your boat. Operating a boat, sail or power, requires more skills, knowledge and awareness than is necessary to operate a car or truck.

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## 1.2 Your Responsibilities

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Please keep this manual in a dry and secure but readily accessible place and leave it on the boat at all times! Make sure to hand over this manual to the new owner if you decide to sell the boat.

If this is your first boat of this type or you are changing to a new boat you are not familiar with, please insure that you obtain handling and operating experience before assuming command. For your safety, and the safety of your passengers you must:

- Take a course in Boating Safety;
- Get instruction, or aid in the safe and proper handling of your boat;
- Familiarize yourself and your passengers of the locations, and use of all safety, and essential operating equipment.

### Understand and follow the rules of the road;

- Learn how to navigate a boat in all sea, and weather conditions;
- Register your boat, contact state boating authorities, or the marine dealer for the registration requirements.

Boating Safety courses provide owners and operators with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in a variety of skills:

- Navigation
- Seamanship and boat handling
- Rules of the Road
- Knowledge of federal, state, and local regulations
- Weather prediction
- Safety at sea
- Survival in bad weather
- Respect for others on the water
- First aid
- Radio communication
- Distress signals
- Rendering assistance to others
- Use of lifesaving equipment
- Pollution control
- Knowledge of the boat and its systems
- Seaworthiness
- Leaving or approaching a dock mooring
- Anchoring and weighing anchor
- Beaching the boat and shallow water operations
- Towing and being towed
- Handling mooring lines and tying up
- Procedures for emergencies including fire, flooding, collision, and medical emergencies, etc.

Even when your boat is categorized for them, the sea and wind conditions corresponding to the design categories A, B, or C (see the design category example at the end of this section.) can range from strong gale to severe conditions where only a competent, fit and trained crew handling a well maintained boat can safely operate.

We would like to hear your comments or suggestions concerning our manuals. Did you find the information helpful? Was the information delivered in a clear precise manner? Was the information thorough enough to help you with your new boat? Please call us at (904) 827-2055 to speak to our Manual Department, if you have questions, or comments, concerning the manual. Please note, this department does not have design or warranty information you will need to contact those departments for such information.

Fig. 1.1 Design Categories

Sea and wind conditions for which a boat is assessed by the International Standard to be suitable, provided the craft is correctly handled in the sense of good seamanship and operated at a speed appropriate to the prevailing sea state.

Design Category A (“ocean”)

Category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights above 4 m and wind speeds in excess of Beaufort Force 8, but excluding abnormal conditions, e.g. hurricanes.

Design Category B (“coastal”)

Category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights up to 4 m and winds of Beaufort Force 8 or less

Design Category C (“inshore”)

Category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights up to 2 m and a typical steady wind force of Beaufort Force 6 or less.

Design Category D (“sheltered waters”)

Category of boats considered suitable to operate in waters with significant wave heights up to and including 0,30 m with occasional waves of 0,5 m height, for example from passing vessels, and a typical steady wind force of Beaufort 4 or less.

REF: EN ISO 12217

An orientation in the general operation and mechanical systems of your boat;

An explanation of the Hunter CSI Program and Hot Alert process for same.

A copy of the Product Delivery Service Record form” completed by you and the dealer during your inspection of the boat;

A review of all warranty information and how to obtain warranty service;

**The complete Owner’s Packet.**

If you do not receive these materials, forms, or information, or you have any questions contact your dealer, or call 1-800-771-5556

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**1.4 Sources of Information**

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In North America, contact one of the following for Boating courses:

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- U.S. Power Squadron
- Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
- Red Cross
- State Boating Offices
- Yacht Clubs

Contact your dealer or the Boat/U.S. Foundation at 1-800-336-2628

Outside of North America, contact your boat dealer, or your government boating agency for assistance.

Hunter supplies you with; and recommends that you read the following:

Piloting, Seamanship and Small Yacht Handling (Chapman)  
Motor Yacht and Sailing  
P.O. Box 2319, FDR Station  
New York , NY 10002

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**1.3 Dealer's Responsibilities**

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In addition to a pre-delivery check and service of your boat, your dealer should give to you:

A description and demonstration of the safety systems, features, instruments, and controls of your boat;

Hunter recommends that you purchase and read the following:

Yachtsman Handbook  
by Tom Bottomly  
Motor Yacht and Sailing  
P.O. Box 2319, FDR Station  
New York, NY 10002

The Complete Book of Maintenance and Repair  
by Dave Kendall  
Doubleday and Co.  
Garden City, NY 11530

Pleasure Yachting and Seamanship  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
306 Wilson Road Oaklands  
Newark, DE 19711

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## 1.5 Equipment Manufacturer Manuals

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Hunter purchased various equipment and components from other manufacturers and installed them on your boat while it was being built. Examples include the engines, pumps, and the generator. Most OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) have provided operation and maintenance manuals for your boat's equipment. Keep OEM manuals with your Hunter Operator's Manual in a safe and accessible place. Be sure to pass them along to the new owner if you sell your boat.

*NOTE: The OEM manuals take precedence over the Hunter Operator's Manual. If information in the Hunter Operator's Manual differs from that in the OEM manuals, follow the information in the OEM manuals.*

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## 1.6 Warranties

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Nearly all OEM equipment has its own limited warranties. Warranty registration cards are in your Operator's packet.

Locate and read the individual warranties; put them together for easy, future reference.

For international owner's; your warranty can be found in your CE compliant Owner's Manual.

For U.S. and non-EU compliant countries, your warranty

info can be found in the Warranty section, chapter 3 of the Operator's Manual.

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## 1.7 Hull Identification Number (HIN)

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The "Hull Identification Number" located on the starboard aft side, is the most important identifying factor, and must be included in all correspondence and orders. Failure to include it creates delays. Also of vital importance are the engine serial numbers and part numbers when writing about or ordering parts for your engine. Refer to the engine manufacturers manuals for locations of engine serial numbers, and record them for future reference.

US-HUNPCXXXDXXX

Hull Number format:

"US" - country origin, "HUN" - Manufacturer, "C" - length code, "XXX" - hull number, "D" - month code, "X" - year code, "XX" - model year

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## 1.8 Manufacturers Certifications

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As a boat manufacturer Hunter builds their products to guidelines established under the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971. The act is promulgated by the U.S. Coast Guard who has authority to enforce these laws on boat manufacturers that sell products in the United States. Hunter ensures that all of its products comply with these laws.

The NMMA, National Marine Manufacturers Association, provides Hunter with a third party certification. The NMMA is an organization that represents the marine industry and assists manufacturers, boat dealers, marinas, repair yards and component suppliers in areas of legislation, environmental concerns, marine business growth, and state and federal government agency interaction. The third party certification that Hunter participates in, uses well known Standards and Recommended Practices of the ABYC, American Boat and Safety Council.

We at Hunter participate extensively in the ABYC, which is all non-profit, and develops and publishes voluntary standards and recommended practices for boat and equipment design, construction, service and repair. We utilize all applicable ABYC standards in the construction of Hunter boats.

Finally Hunter sells their products worldwide, and as such must conform to the various rules and regulations required by other countries. Most notably are the ISO

standards in Europe which require the application of the CE (Common European) mark. This mark, much like the NMMA certification here in the U.S., gives you the boat owner specific information concerning your boat.

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## **1.9 Service, Parts, and Repair for your Boat**

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When your boat needs serviced, parts, or repair, take it to an authorized Hunter dealer. To find a dealer in your area call 800-771-5556, or internationally you can call 01-305-824600. To find repair and parts facilities for the equipment installed on your boat, refer to the manual for that component.

If a problem is not handled to your satisfaction:

Discuss any warranty related problems directly with the service manager of the dealership or your sales person. Give the dealer an opportunity to help the service department resolve the matter for you.

If a problem arises that has not been resolved to your satisfaction by your dealer, contact Hunter at 800-771-5556, and the appropriate customer service department information will be provided to you.



*Chapter 2*

***Documents***  
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## Hunter 27 • Documents and Forms

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Your Hunter dealer completes the Pre-Delivery Inspection Report (Fig. 2.1) before you take delivery of your boat. It is the dealer's responsibility to both you and to Hunter to give your boat a final inspection. The purpose of this inspection is to assure proper adjustment and operation of the entire vessel. Your dealer should provide you with the Pre-Delivery Inspection Report at the time of delivery.

Hunter will not pay warranty costs for items that should have been covered in the pre-delivery service inspection and recorded on the Pre-Delivery Inspection Report.

Owners must coordinate with the dealer to insure Hunter warranty registration is completed and returned to Hunter.

Inserted at the end of this section are several records you will find helpful.

Use the BOAT RECORD (Fig. 2.2) to record all important information about your boat and its equipment. After your dealer has recorded all the information, remove the record from your Owner's Manual and store in a safe place. Do not keep this form aboard your boat.

The FLOAT PLAN (Fig 2.4) provides a record of your destination, departure and return times, boat description, passenger list, and other information about the trip you have planned. At the bottom of the form is space for listing emergency phone numbers in case your return is delayed past the expected time. It also has space for indicating information about the person filling the report. Leave the completed form ashore with a responsible person. We recommend you make several copies of this form each boating season to make sure you have a good supply.

The MAINTENANCE LOG (Fig 2.5) helps to keep maintenance records in one place. Using this log will allow you to track maintenance work that has been completed and to determine when maintenance is required. Your dealer will also find this information helpful. If you decide to sell your boat, the maintenance record will make your boat seeable because it tells prospective buyers that you have taken good care of your boat.

The ACCIDENT REPORT. No one likes to think about having a boating accident, but boating accidents do happen. You must file an accident report after a boating accident just as you must file an accident report after an automobile accident. A copy of the U.S. Coast Guard Accident Report is included at the end of this section.

You can get more copies of the report by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Hotline at 1-800-368-5674.

You must file this report with the U.S. Coast Guard within 48 hours after an accident resulting in one of the following:

A person disappears from a vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury

Personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid

Damage to the vessel or property damage

Complete loss of the vessel

State statutes determine whether you must file an accident report in this case. An accident report must be filed if the damage exceeds a threshold dollar value as established by the states, the threshold is \$100-\$200. Call the Boating Safety Hotline (800-368-5647) to verify the threshold for a particular state.

*Note: State and local agencies may also have accident reporting requirements. Check with local enforcement agencies or with your local Hunter dealer regarding local requirements.*

All Hunter boats are built in compliance with applicable United States Coast Guard regulations and recommendations at the time of construction.

Hunter boats comply with the standards developed by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) for its Boat Certification Program.

The locator drawings will help you find the location of devices and equipment.

*NOTE: Efforts have been made to make the drawings in this manual consistent with production. However, in the effort to improve this vessel, modifications have been made in the design that may date some of the drawings in this manual.*

On the next few pages you will find sample forms for some of the issues dealing with your new boat. Familiarize yourself with these forms, use them, they can be very handy.

Dear Hunter Owner,

Attached you will find a list of items and recommendations that we believe should be incorporated into your own ongoing list of preventative maintenance items and safety check points. THIS LIST SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE SERVICE MANUAL OR THE ONLY ITEMS ON YOUR BOAT IN NEED OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION OR ATTENTION.

You will find that we address commonly found optional equipment items installed on Hunter boats, as well as most standard equipment from Hunter Marine. Owner's need to familiarize themselves with individual equipment manuals on all such items, especially aftermarket purchases or optional equipment installed by your dealer or Hunter Marine. This should insure that you are following the manufacturer's recommendations for proper maintenance and up-keep.

We strongly recommend that all owners complete a Power Squadron course followed with a complementary boat inspection before leaving the dock. To locate a Power Squadron in your area please visit < [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) >.

Reviewing and familiarizing yourself with the Chapman's Piloting Manual is also highly recommended for every boat owner. This manual contains demonstrations for safety drills which should be practiced routinely, dealing with adverse conditions, general boat handling and recommended safety equipment. Our opinion is that no boat owner should operate a boat without first reviewing this manual and without having ready access to it while sailing.

We hope that this list will be beneficial to you in your ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Safe boating!

Thank You

Hunter Marine

## Preliminary care and maintenance checklist

***A qualified Technician should be used if you are not completely confident in your ability to make repairs or inspections.***

### Out of Water Inspection

#### Pre-launch inspection

- \_\_\_ Sacrificial zinc anodes installed
- \_\_\_ Propeller installed with keyway, nuts and cotter pin
- \_\_\_ Propeller shaft turns freely and without excess wobble
- \_\_\_ Struts and shaft log free of corrosion
- \_\_\_ Rudder swings easily & correct with wheel direction
- \_\_\_ Rudder and post inspected for cracks and/or concealed damage (may require removing rudder)
- \_\_\_ Auxiliary tiller handle properly aligned, fits securely and operational
- \_\_\_ All thru-hulls and valves below water line inspected for corrosion, labeled and closed until after launch
- \_\_\_ Bottom paint in satisfactory condition
- \_\_\_ Hull freshly cleaned and waxed (free of gelcoat damage)
- \_\_\_ Mooring, safety lines and fenders onboard and in good condition
- \_\_\_ House & engine start batteries installed and filled with correct electrolyte levels
- \_\_\_ House & engine start battery boxes secured
- \_\_\_ All battery terminals clean and wires secured
- \_\_\_ Engine block & transmission drains closed
- \_\_\_ Speed / Depth transducers in place. Speed paddle wheel rotates smoothly
- \_\_\_ Hose clamps on all systems below water line tight
- \_\_\_ Keel bolts tight and clean
- \_\_\_ Exhaust hose attached and secured
- \_\_\_ Boat is free of internal and external water leaks above water line

(Failure to stop water intrusion could result in permanent damage or deterioration of structural coring materials, internal wiring and cause mildew and molding)

#### Mast Assembly

- \_\_\_ Review manufacturers manual for maintenance and up-keep
- \_\_\_ Spreaders securely fastened
- \_\_\_ Mast and spreaders free of corrosion and stress cracks
- \_\_\_ Standing rigging and pins inspected for wear, tear, corrosion and cracking
- \_\_\_ External wiring secured for anchor, steaming and deck lights
- \_\_\_ Electronic wind indicator installed per manufacturers recommendation
- \_\_\_ Manual wind indicator installed on masthead
- \_\_\_ VHF antenna installed and connected
- \_\_\_ Headsail furling system installed inspected per manufacturers recommendation
- \_\_\_ Running rigging inspected for wear and tear
- \_\_\_ Mast step stand-up blocks secured and operational
- \_\_\_ Main Sail, jib sail and flaking system inspected for wear and tear (non-furling mast).
- \_\_\_ In- mast system checked for smooth operation and overall condition of sails
- \_\_\_ Specified pre-bend and diagonal tensions attained in mast. See owners manual
- \_\_\_ Mast to deck wiring properly sealed with drip loop

### Anchor System and Ground Tackle

- \_\_\_ Anchor windlass inspected per manufacturers recommendation
- \_\_\_ Anchor secured in bow roller assembly
- \_\_\_ Spare anchor onboard and accessible.
- \_\_\_ See Chapman's Manual for recommendations on anchors, anchor lines and drogues
- \_\_\_ Anchor line pays out and retrieves into anchor locker without difficulty
- \_\_\_ Bitter end of anchor line secured
- \_\_\_ Anchor rode inspected and free of abrasions
- \_\_\_ Anchor chain shackle lock-wired at pin after secured to anchor and corrosion free
- \_\_\_ Anchor locker hatch secures properly with anchor and line in place
- \_\_\_ Anchor locker free of debris inside
- \_\_\_ Anchor locker drains open

### Fuel System

- \_\_\_ Tank fuel level indicator functioning properly
- \_\_\_ Fuel clean and treated with engine manufacturers recommended additives
- \_\_\_ Primary and secondary filters cleaned or replaced
- \_\_\_ Fuel tank supply valves open
- \_\_\_ Fuel tank vent clear from tank to atmosphere (hose has anti-siphoned loop in place at hull or deck side)

### Steering System

- \_\_\_ Inspect and service steering system according to manufacturer's recommendation
- \_\_\_ Clean and grease autopilot drive chains
- \_\_\_ Ensure compass light is operational

### Primary Pumps Functional

- \_\_\_ Manual bilge pumps
- \_\_\_ Electric bilge pumps and float switches (discharge hose has anti-siphon loop in place to prevent back flow under sail)
- \_\_\_ Macerator pumps
- \_\_\_ Fresh water pumps
- \_\_\_ Toilet flush pumps
- \_\_\_ Shower sump pumps
- \_\_\_ High water bilge alarm pump

### Illumination and small electrical components check

- \_\_\_ Bow light
- \_\_\_ Cabin lights
- \_\_\_ Stern light
- \_\_\_ Deck light
- \_\_\_ Instrument lamps
- \_\_\_ Masthead light
- \_\_\_ Chart light
- \_\_\_ Anchor light
- \_\_\_ Courtesy lights
- \_\_\_ Reading lights
- \_\_\_ Distribution panel lights

- \_\_\_ Smoke detectors operational
- \_\_\_ CO detectors operational (one per cabin recommended)
- \_\_\_ Engine & generator room blower operational
- \_\_\_ Auto fire suppression system operational (engine compartment)
- \_\_\_ Shore power cord and adapter plug operational. See manufacturer's manual for complete details
- \_\_\_ 110 or 220 VAC outlets operational - Ground fault circuits functioning
- \_\_\_ 110 or 220 VAC inverter/battery charging systems functioning properly
- \_\_\_ Cockpit control systems operational

### Fresh Water Systems

- \_\_\_ Hot water heater drains shut
- \_\_\_ All spigots and hose bibs shut
- \_\_\_ All tanks flushed clean and free of debris and antifreeze
- \_\_\_ Water heater tank and lines flushed of antifreeze
- \_\_\_ All water lines and components purged of air and checked for leaks
- \_\_\_ Sinks and drains checked for leaks and adequate flow
- \_\_\_ Cockpit shower operational
- \_\_\_ Fresh water filters clean
- \_\_\_ Tank water level indicator systems operating- labeling and tank valve selection correspond

### Head and Holding Tank Systems

- \_\_\_ Vent clear from tank to atmosphere
- \_\_\_ Filled with fresh water and test pumped with macerator
- \_\_\_ Toilets flush to holding tanks properly
- \_\_\_ Waste level indicating system properly functioning
- \_\_\_ No leaks at any hose fitting within the system

### Galley Systems

- \_\_\_ Gas bottle filled installed and connected to regulator. Inspect Gas system for leaks after 3 minutes.  
Should a leak be detected immediately close the main valve exit boat and seek professional assistance for a thorough inspection.
- \_\_\_ Stove and oven operational. Refer to manufacturer's manual for proper operation and trouble shooting.
- \_\_\_ Gimbal latch secure and operational
- \_\_\_ LPG stowage locker drain open and tank storage area free of derbies.
- \_\_\_ Microwave operational
- \_\_\_ Refrigerator operational and proper temperature attained
- \_\_\_ Freezer operational and proper temperature attained
- \_\_\_ USCG waste disposal-warning poster onboard or in owner's package
- \_\_\_ Icebox drains to sump or bilge properly
- \_\_\_ Icebox drain plugs installed

### Topside Inspection

- \_\_\_ Swim seats / ladders / gates operational
- \_\_\_ Swim seat latch operating correctly
- \_\_\_ Cockpit hatches operate properly (adjustments should be made with boat in water)
- \_\_\_ Canvas properly cleaned and installed
- \_\_\_ Cockpit cushions cleaned and installed
- \_\_\_ Lifeline fittings tight and secure

- \_\_\_ Rubrail sealed secured to hull
- \_\_\_ Sliding hatches drains free of debris
- \_\_\_ Companionway drop-ins fit properly in companionway and stowage rack
- \_\_\_ Load bearing hardware securely fastened. This includes but is not limited to chainplates, winches and handrails
- \_\_\_ Traveler arch securely fastened. Stainless Steel models should be properly grounded
- \_\_\_ **See owners manual for details**
- \_\_\_ Plexiglas hatches, ports, windscreens and windows adjusted and cleaned.
- \_\_\_ **Cleaners and polishers specifically for Plexiglas can be purchased from most marine supply stores**
- \_\_\_ External teak cleaned and oiled (Teak decking cleaned with mild soap and water)
- \_\_\_ External railings cleaned with soap and water then hand polished using automotive wax
- \_\_\_ All deck fill caps seal properly and have retainer chains intact (except Waste Pump-out)
- \_\_\_ Dorade vents or sealing caps installed
- \_\_\_ Topside surface clean and free of gelcoat damage

### Interior Inspection

- \_\_\_ Drop-in hatches for bunks and floors in place and fit securely
- \_\_\_ Interior steps and grab rails secured
- \_\_\_ Bilges clean and free of debris
- \_\_\_ Opening port and hatch screens in place
- \_\_\_ Blinds / privacy curtains, shades and interior cushions cleaned, installed and secured
- \_\_\_ All doors open / shut / latch properly
- \_\_\_ Insure all wires and connection on distribution panels are tight (should be professionally inspected)
- \_\_\_ Television / VCR operational
- \_\_\_ Stereo / Tape / CD operational
- \_\_\_ Chapman's Manual onboard and readily available
- \_\_\_ Safety gear onboard readily available and up to date.
- \_\_\_ **See Chapman's Manual and US Coast Guard website at < [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil) >for details.**
- \_\_\_ Boat owner's manual onboard

### In Water Inspection

#### Dockside inspection of Engine, Pre-start sequence and operating system

- \_\_\_ Review engine manual for maintenance requirements and proper starting procedure
- \_\_\_ Propeller shaft properly aligned (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Shaft to engine coupling bolted and properly torque (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ All engine mounting bolts in place and properly torque (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Crankcase oil at full mark (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Transmission fluid / oil at full mark (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Coolant mix ratio proper - heat exchanger and expansion tanks full (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Seawater intake valve open and no leaks
- \_\_\_ Air bled from fuel lines and system
- \_\_\_ No fuel leaks at any fittings
- \_\_\_ Throttle linkages smooth and operational
- \_\_\_ Shutdown system operational
- \_\_\_ USCG Oil Discharge warning poster in place
- \_\_\_ Exhaust elbows and hoses tight
- \_\_\_ Starting sequence and alarms correct
- \_\_\_ Oil pressure acceptable (per engine manual)
- \_\_\_ Coolant temperature acceptable (per engine manual)

- Alternator DC output at rated rpm (per engine manual)
- Correct Idle rpm (per engine manual)
- Water discharged with exhaust
- Hour meter operational
- Fuel level indicators operational
- Throttle cable tension set properly
- Shifter operation correct
- Neutral safety start switch operational
- No inboard exhaust gas leaks
- No fuel / oil / water leaks on engine
- Shaft packing / Drip free Seal adjusted and locknuts tight.  
**One to three drips per minute with shaft turning on traditional packing assembly**
- Engine box installed and secured

### **Dockside inspection of Generator, Pre-start sequence and operating system**

- Review and follow manufacturer's manual for maintenance and up-keep
- Seawater strainer water-tight and clean
- No leaks in fuel system - Fuel filters clean
- Lube oil at full mark
- Coolant level full - proper mix ratio with water (per generator manual)
- Seawater discharge overboard with exhaust gas
- No inboard water or exhaust gas leaks
- Proper voltage output to distribution panel (per generator manual)
- Ship / Shore power transfer panel function properly
- Starter battery box secured
- Starter battery cable connections clean and tight
- Starting battery electrolyte level proper

### **Climate Control System**

- Review and follow manufacturers manual for maintenance and up-keep
- Seawater strainer water tight and clean
- Seawater pump air purged and operational
- Seawater flow adequate fwd and aft
- Fwd system functions properly in all modes of operation
- Aft system functions properly in all modes of operation
- No seawater leaks in system components and lines
- No condensation leaks to deck or liner
- Air return/intake filters clean and clear
- 110 or 220 VAC shore power wired correctly at dock
- Remote control units and display features operate correctly
- Condensation drains open

### **Pre-departure Checklist**

- Check bilge for extra water
- Check weather conditions and tides
- Check food Supply
- Foul weather gear
- Linen, sleeping bags
- Fuel

- \_\_\_ Water
- \_\_\_ Sunscreen and sunglasses
- \_\_\_ Tools
- \_\_\_ Docking and anchoring gear
- \_\_\_ Check radio operation
- \_\_\_ Navigation charts and instruments
- \_\_\_ Float plan to a friend or Coast Guard
- \_\_\_ Fuel for Stove
- \_\_\_ Cooking and eating utensils
- \_\_\_ check battery water level
- \_\_\_ oil level, tight V-belts
- \_\_\_ Check for loose electrical connections in the engine compartment
- \_\_\_ Secure loose tools or equipment in the engine compartment so as to not get fouled in the engine.
- \_\_\_ AC systems off, electrical cord stowed
- \_\_\_ Doors and drawers secure
- \_\_\_ Check steering lock to lock
- \_\_\_ Check mast for rigging irregularities and tightness
- \_\_\_ Halyards and sheets are ready to run
- \_\_\_ no lines or obstructions near propeller or bow
- \_\_\_ Anchor ready to run
- \_\_\_ Check lifelines for tightness
- \_\_\_ Turn on waterlines
- \_\_\_ Stow all loose gear
- \_\_\_ Open engine cooling water thru intake valve

### After Sailing Checklist

When leaving your Hunter at the dock for more than a short time, it is a good idea to review the following checklist to make sure everything is in order. This will help protect the various parts of your boat and add considerably to their attractiveness and usable life.

- \_\_\_ Flake or furl mainsail and cover, or remove and bag.
- \_\_\_ Remove and stow all portable deck hardware such as snatch blocks, winch handles, etc.
- \_\_\_ Secure the boom to the topping lifts and set it firmly amidships with the main sheet purchase.  
*(It is also a good idea to rig a line from the steering wheel or tiller to a convenience cleat to keep the rudder from swinging back and forth with the motion of the water or employ the wheel brake if so equipped.)*
- \_\_\_ Attach the shackle ends of all halyards to convenient fittings and take up slack. Find a location leading away from the mast to keep the halyard from slapping the mast.
- \_\_\_ Coil and stow all lines in line lockers
- \_\_\_ Cover the winches and steering pedestal when leaving the boat for several days or more
- \_\_\_ Close all fuel lines and seacocks
- \_\_\_ Switch off the electrical system
- \_\_\_ Pump out the bilge
- \_\_\_ Check air vents, secure ports and hatches, swab the deck, and clean deck stainless, particularly if you have operated in salt water.

Pre-delivery Service Record

Fig. 2.1

DEALER: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PORT ENGINE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ STBD. ENGINE NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRY NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE LAUNCHING**

- 1. Hull Side Clean and Gelcoat
- 2. Bright work clean and finish
- 3. Decks cleaned and gelcoat
- 4. Interior Finish
- 5. Upholstery clean and carpet in place
- 6. Bilge cleaned.
- 7. Bottom clean and paint
- 8. Both shafts turn freely
- 9. Engines and Generator intakes installed
- 10. All hull fittings sealed
- 11. All drain plugs tight, (hull, engines, generator, muffler)
- 12. Sacrificial Anodes installed

**WITH BOAT IN WATER**

- 13. Hose test for cabin and window leaks
- 14. No water leaks at thru hull fitting with seacocks
- 15. No water leaks at shaft or rudder
- 16. With all switches off - no spark when battery cable touched to post
- 17. All electrical equipment operating including: horn( ); running light( ); bilge pump( )
- 18. Toilet operates
- 19. Water (pressure) system operates
- 20. Galley stove operates
- 21. With fuel tanks full, no fuel leaks at fill pipes, overflow vent, or at any fuel line connections
- 22. With coupling disconnected, engine and shaft alignment

INSPECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEALERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE STARTING ENGINES**

- 23. All engine wiring in good order & tight
- 24. Throttle control and cable travel
- 25. Clutch control and cable travel
- 26. Crankcase oil level at FULL mark
- 27. Reverse gear oil level at FULL mark
- 28. No fuel leaks in fuel lines, at fittings, at fuel filter, fuel pump
- 29. No engine water or oil leaks
- 30. Oil pressure and exhaust water flow
- 31. Idling speed set at 700-800 RPM and is in proper adjustment

**WATER TEST BOAT**

- 33. Engine performance
- 34. Instruments are registering properly
- 35. Top RPM wide open throttle for one minute after warm-up
- 36. Boat performance

**FINAL CHECK:**

- 37. All accessory equipment operating
- 38. Carpets and drapes installed and clean
- 39. All loose equipment on boat ready for new owner.

Float Plan

Name of Operator \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_ Deck Color \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ Home Port \_\_\_\_\_

Radio frequencies \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment on Board, PFDs, Flares, Anchor \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Water Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features \_\_\_\_\_

Departed from \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Stops \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated time of Arrival: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name, age, address and phone number of other persons on board:

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*Chapter 3*

***Limited  
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DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

### Your Hunter Limited Warranty

Hunter offers a limited warranty on every Hunter boat sold through an authorized Hunter dealer. A copy of this warranty is included here, and in your Operator's Manual. If for some reason you are not able to understand, read, or view this manual, please contact your local dealer for a replacement copy.

We stand behind the quality of your boat with our limited warranty, which you should review. To insure the operation and validity of your limited warranty, please complete the attached card and send it to us within ten (10) days of the purchase date. Section 15 of the U.S. Federal Boat Safety Act requires registration of a boat's first owner. The warranty data should also be re-corded in the space below for your own reference.

The following warranties apply to all 2010 Model Year boats produced by  
HUNTER MARINE CORPORATION:

#### LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

Hunter Marine warrants to the first-use purchaser and any subsequent owner during the limited warranty period that any part manufactured by Hunter will be free of defects caused by faulty workmanship or materials for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of delivery to the first-use purchaser under normal use and service. During this period, as the sole and exclusive remedy, Hunter's obligation under the warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of any such defective part.

#### LIMITED FIVE-YEAR HULL STRUCTURE AND BOTTOM BLISTER WARRANTY

Hunter warrants to the first-use purchaser and any subsequent owner during the limited warranty period that the hull of each boat will be free from structural defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of delivery to the first-use purchaser under normal use and service.

This limited warranty applies only to the structural integrity of the hull and the supporting pan/grid or stringer system. Hulls, pan/grid or stringers modified in any way or powered with engines other than the type and size installed or specified by Hunter are not covered by this limited warranty. As the sole and exclusive remedy, Hunter's obligation under the warranty is limited to repair or replacement of any such defective part.

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Hunter also warrants to the first-use purchaser and any subsequent owner during the warranty period that the boat will be free from gelcoat blistering on underwater surfaces of the hull, excluding the keel and rudder, for a period of five (5) years from the date of delivery to the first-use purchaser under normal use and service. During this period, Hunter will supply or reimburse an authorized Hunter dealer for all of the parts and labor required to repair a blistered underwater surface of the hull. The labor cost reimbursement will be based on the Labor Allowance Schedule established by Hunter from time to time, however if the repair is performed by a non-Hunter dealer, the repair cost must be authorized by Hunter in advance and be based on a reasonable number of hours as determined by Hunter. Hunter will not pay transportation, hauling, launching, bottom paint, storage, dockage, cradling rental, rigging and derigging, or other similar costs. It is recommended that the repair be done during a seasonal haul out for service or storage.

PLEASE KEEP THIS MANUAL IN A SAFE PLACE AND HAND IT OVER TO THE  
NEW OWNER IF YOU SELL THE CRAFT.

You should also complete the warranty cards for your engine, stove, head, electric water pump and other accessories. These are enclosed in the manufacturers' manuals that are packaged with your owner's manual.

HUNTER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF  
MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS. NEITHER HUNTER OR THE SELLING DEALER SHALL  
HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OF USE OF A BOAT, LOSS OF TIME,  
INCONVENIENCE, COMMERCIAL LOSS, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

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The following circumstances will void the bottom blister limited warranty:

- (1) If the gel-coat has been sanded, sandblasted, or subjected to abrasion or impact.
- (2) If the instructions provided in the Hunter Owner's Manual are not followed according to Hunter's required bottom preparation procedures.

### RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO WARRANTIES

These limited warranties do not cover:

- (1.) Paint, sealants, adhesives, window glass, Gelcoat, upholstery damage, plastic finishes, engines, engine parts, bilge pumps, stoves, blowers, pressure water pumps, propellers, shafts, rudders, controls, instruments, keels and equipment not manufactured by HUNTER. Any warranty made and issued by the manufacturer of such items will be, if and where available, provided to the first use purchaser.
- (2.) Problems caused by improper maintenance, storage, cradling, blocking, normal wear and tear, misuse, neglect, accident, corrosion, electrolysis or improper operation.
- (3) Boats used for commercial activities including charter.

THESE LIMITED WARRANTIES ARE YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AND ARE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSED AND IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WHETHER ARISING BY LAW, CUSTOM, CONDUCT, OR USAGE OF TRADE. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. IN THE EVENT THAT IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE FOUND TO EXIST UNDER THE LAW OF A PARTICULAR STATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXCLUSION CONTAINED HEREIN, THE DURATION OF ANY SUCH IMPLIED WARRANTY SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE APPLICABLE LIMITED WARRANTY STATED HEREIN. THE PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO HIM OR HER WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALITY OR FUNCTION OF THE BOAT. ANY ORAL STATEMENT OR PRINTED MATERIAL ADVERTISING THE BOAT WHICH SPEAKS TO ANY PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BOAT OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED AND CONSTRUED AS AN ESTIMATED DESCRIPTION ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON AS AN EXPRESS WARRANTY OR AS THE BASIS OF THE BARGAIN FOR THE BOAT OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENTS.

ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED ARE EXCLUDED AND PURCHASER'S REMEDY IS LIMITED TO REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF ANY SUCH PART(S). SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

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**OWNER INFORMATION CARD**

HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS ON THE STARBOARD AFT SIDE OF THE HULL OR TRANSOM. THIS NUMBER MUST BE GIVEN IN ALL NECESSARY CORRESPONDENCE.

HULL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DELIVERED TO OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PORT \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINE MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PROPELLER SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

DEALER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER SERVICE / WARRANTY

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### WARRANTY REGISTRATION

These limited warranties shall not be effective unless the HUNTER Warranty Registration Form and Pre-Delivery Service Record, which are furnished with each new boat, are filled out completely and re-turned to HUNTER within ten (10) days of delivery.

Return of the Warranty Registration Form to HUNTER, signed by both Dealer and Owner, is critical. Warranty coverage cannot be initiated until the completed form is received at HUNTER.

All repairs and/or replacements will be made by an authorized Hunter dealer, or at the option of Hunter, at the Hunter plant. If the repairs are of such a nature that the warranty work must be performed at the HUNTER plant, transportation costs to and from the HUNTER plant shall be paid by the owner. The labor cost reimbursement will be based on a Labor Allowance Schedule established by HUNTER and where not applicable, on a reasonable number of hours as determined by HUNTER. Any repairs and replacements must be approved in advance by an authorized HUNTER service representative.

### TRANSFER OF LIMITED WARRANTIES

For 1995 and later hull numbers, the limited warranties will be transferred to a subsequent purchaser of the boat if:

- (1) A notice of the transfer of ownership of the boat is given by the subsequent purchaser in writing to Hunter within thirty (30) days of the transfer.
- (2) The notice shall include the name, address and telephone number of the subsequent purchaser, the date of purchase, the hull number and the name of the seller of the boat.

Hunter will mail to the subsequent purchaser notice of the expiration dates of the limited warranties (see form letter, attached). The transfer of the ownership of the boat will not extend the expiration dates of the limited warranties.

### CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS

During the first year of ownership, the first purchaser will receive two Customer Satisfaction Surveys - the first (CSS#1) will be received shortly after taking delivery and focuses on the dealer's ability to sell and commission the boat, and the Owner's initial satisfaction. The second survey (CSS#2), nine to ten months into ownership, "measures" dealer service capability and allows the owner to evaluate most of the boat's functional systems and characteristics. Both surveys are dependent upon receipt of the first purchaser's Warranty Registration Form.

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SAMPLE FORM LETTER

March 12, 1997

Mr. John Smith  
1456 Joy Street  
Sarasota, FL 34266

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for providing written notice of transfer of ownership. We are pleased you have selected a Hunter sailboat and we will make every effort to assure Hunter ownership will be a satisfying experience for you.

Based on the information you have provided, we are pleased to notify you of the expiration dates of the limited warranties.

- The limited one-year New Boat warranty expires (d)\_\_\_\_\_.
- The limited five-year Hull Structure and Bottom Blister warranty expires (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

Should you require assistance at any time during ownership, we encourage you to contact your Hunter dealer or to call us directly at 386-462-3077.

Please confirm the information at the bottom of the page and advise us if any corrections are required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Service Manager

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Hull No: HUN\_\_\_\_\_ Model:\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (B)\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase:\_\_\_\_\_

Purchased From: Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City/State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Private Owner ( ) Dealer

*Chapter 4*

***Boating***

***Safety***

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As you read your owner's manual, please note hazard warnings which alert you to safety and precautions and unsafe conditions or operating procedures. We have included these warnings because we are concerned about your safety and the safety of your passengers. Hazard statements generally have five parts:

1. The hazard symbol.
2. A signal word which indicates the severity of the hazard.
3. A concise description of the hazard.
4. The results of ignoring the hazard.
5. Steps for avoiding the hazard:

The three signal words which indicate the severity of a hazard are danger, warning, and caution. The meanings they convey are as follows:



**Calls attention to immediate hazards that will result in severe injury or death.**



**Identifies hazards or unsafe practices that could result in personal injury or death.**



**Indicates hazards or unsafe practices that could result in minor personal injuries, property damage, or component damage.**

Also included in this manual are owner advisory statements identified as "Important" or "Note". Unlike the hazard communication statements, they alert you to conditions affecting equipment operation, maintenance, and servicing practices.

*Important: This is a general advisory statement or procedure intended to prevent damage to the equipment or associated component.*

*Note: This is a general advisory statement relating to equipment operating and maintenance procedures. Its intent is to call attention to information more important than normal text.*

### 4.1 Safety

Boating safety and the safety of your passengers are your responsibility. You should fully understand and become familiar with the operating and safety procedures and precautions in this manual and the other manuals in the owner's packet before you launch your new boat.

#### 4.1.1 Safe Operation

Following is general information about safe operation.

Keep your boat and equipment in safe operating condition. Inspect the hull, engines, safety equipment, and all boating gear regularly.

*Important: Federal law requires you, the owner, or operator to provide and maintain safety equipment on your new boat. Consult your Coast Guard, state, and local regulations to ensure your boat has all required safety equipment on board. Additional equipment may be recommended for your safety and that of your passengers. Make yourself aware of its availability and use.*

BE VERY CAREFUL when fueling your boat. Be sure you know the capacity of your boat's fuel tank and the amount of fuel you use when operating at frequently used engine speeds (RPMs).

Always know all the area's on the boat, know the nautical terms for the different areas of your boat. On the following page, at the end of this chapter we show you a general layout of these terms and illustrate the areas that may be of importance to you.

Make sure you have enough fuel on board for anticipated cruising requirements. In general, use 1/3 of your supply to reach your destination and 1/3 to return. Keep 1/3 in reserve for changes in your plans due to weather or other circumstances.

*Note: Your generator supply line is located higher on the auxiliary fuel tank than the engine's supply lines. This is for your safety in that your generator cannot deplete your fuel supply should it ever be left running.*

Be sure lifesaving and fire extinguishing equipment is on board. This equipment must meet regulatory agency standards, and it should be noticeable, accessible, and in a safe operating condition. Your passengers should know where this equipment is and how to use it.

- Keep an eye on the weather. Be aware of possible changing conditions by checking a local weather report before your departure. Monitor strong winds and electrical storms closely.
- Always keep accurate, updated charts of the area on board your boat.
- Before you leave the port or harbor, file a float plan with a family member, relative, friend, or other responsible person ashore.
- Always operate your boat with care, courtesy, and common sense.
- Instruct at least one other passenger aboard in the operating procedures in handling your boat. This person can take over if you unexpectedly become unable to do so.
- Do not allow passengers to ride on parts of your boat other than designated seating areas.
- Ask all passengers to remain seated while the boat is in motion.
- Do not use the swim platform or boarding ladder while engines are running.
- Understand and obey the “Rules of the Road.” Always maintain complete control of your boat.
- Do not overload or improperly load your boat.

### 4.1.2 Safe Boating Courses

Your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons offer comprehensive safe boating classes several times a year. You may contact the Boat/U.S. Foundation at 1-800-335-BOAT (2628), or in Virginia 1-800-245-BOAT (2628). For a course schedule in your area, you may also contact your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron Flotilla for the time and place of their next scheduled classes.

### 4.1.3 Voluntary Inspections

State boating officials in many states or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offer courtesy inspections to check out your craft. They check your boat for compliance with safety standards and required safety equipment. You may voluntarily consent to one of these inspections and

are allowed time to make correction without prosecution. Check with the appropriate state agency or the Coast Guard Auxiliary for details.

### 4.1.4 Rules of the Road

Navigating a boat is much the same as driving an automobile. Operating either one responsibly means complying with a set of rules intended to prevent accidents. Just as you assume other car drivers know what they are doing, other boaters assume you know what you are doing.

As a responsible yachtsman, you will comply with the “Rules of the Road”, the marine traffic laws enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard. There are two sets of rules: The United States Inland Navigational Rules and the International Rules. The United States Inland Rules apply to all vessels inside the demarcation line separating inland and international waters. The Coast Guard publishes the “Rules of the Road” in its publication “Navigational Rules, International-Inland.” You can get a copy from your local U.S. Coast Guard Unit or the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, 1300 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20226.

### 4.1.5 Safety Equipment

*Important: Federal law requires you, the owner, to provide and maintain safety equipment on your boat. Consult your Coast Guard, state, and local regulations, to ensure your boat has all required safety equipment on board. Additional equipment may be recommended for your safety and that of your passengers. Make yourself aware of its availability and use.*

We have provided the following safety equipment in your Loose Gear Kit (Does not apply to UK boats):

- (3) Fire Extinguishers
- (2) Stainless Anchor Shackles
- (1) 250' Nylon Anchor Line
- (1) 20' Galvanized Chain
- (6) Adult Form Life Vests (PID)
- (1) White Form Cushion
- (1) United States Coast Guard Pamphlet
- (1) Anchor
- (1) Air Horn

### 4.1.6. Additional Equipment

You should consider having additional equipment on board to help make your boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Some examples include the following:

- Anchor and line \*
- Boat hook
- Bucket & Sponge
- Commonly used spare parts
- Distress signal kit\*
- Docking lines
- Engine and accessory manuals\*
- Extra keys
- Extra V-belts
- Fenders
- First aid kit
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Manually operated bilge pump
- Navigational charts
- Owner's Manual
- Replacement bulbs
- VHF radio
- Spare fuel and oil filters
- Tool kit

\*Provided in Loose Gear Kit (US Boats only)

### 4.1.7 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

There must be one United States Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device of Type I, II, or III for each person on board your boat. The PFDs must be in serviceable condition and readily accessible. A minimum of three PFDs (two wearable and one throwable) is required regardless of the number of persons on board.

#### (A) PFD Type I, Wearable:

This offshore life jacket has the greatest buoyancy. It is effective for all waters where rescue may be delayed. Its design allows for turning most unconscious persons in the water from face down position to a vertical or face-up position.

#### (B) PFD Type II, Wearable:

This near-shore buoyant vest provides less buoyancy than a Type I PFD. It is intended for calm inland waters or waters where there is a chance of quick rescue. It turns its wearer to a face-up position as does the Type I PFD, but the turning action is not as pronounced as the Type I, and it will not turn as many persons under the same conditions as a Type I.

#### (C) PFD Type III, Wearable:

Classified as a flotation aid, this PFD allows wearers

to place themselves in a vertical or face-up position in the water. Type III PFD has the same minimum buoyancy as a Type II PFD. It has little or no turning ability. People participating in water sports often prefer this PFD because it is intended for use in waters where quick rescue is possible and it is generally the most comfortable for continuous wear.

#### (D) PFD Type IV, Throwable:

You must also have aboard at least one throwable PFD Type IV device. The Type IV device can be thrown to a person in the water and held by the user until rescued. The design does not allow it to be worn. The most common Type IV PFD are buoyant cushions or ring buoys. This PFD must be immediately available for use and in serviceable condition.

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## 4.2 Carbon Monoxide Hazard

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*(See enclosed brochure concerning Carbon Monoxide poisoning and preventing)*

As all responsible yachtsmen know, there are unseen dangers when boating. One danger is serious enough that we feel the need to specifically bring it to your attention. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, but can be harmful or fatal if inhaled. Its name is CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

### 4.2.1 Carbon Monoxide Safety

This section is intended to provide educational information about carbon monoxide relative to boats and boating. Carbon Monoxide accumulation is affected by boat geometry, hatch, window, and door openings, ventilation openings, proximity to other structures and boats, wind direction, boat speed, boat maintenance, and a multitude of other variables. This section discusses many of these and enables the boat owner to better understand all conceivable variables. Therefore, the boat owner is cautioned not to exclusively rely on it to prevent the accumulation of Carbon Monoxide.

### 4.2.2 What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide is a highly poisonous gas formed by the combination of carbon and oxygen. Commonly referred to as CO, its chemical formula is C for carbon and O for oxygen. CO is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that, by itself, cannot be detected by human senses. CO

diffuses in the air much more rapidly than other gasses that are detectable by the human senses. The weight of CO is about the same as air so it does not rise or fall like other gasses but will distribute itself throughout the boat. CO is produced any time a material containing carbon is burned. In boating, these materials include, but are not limited to, gasoline, diesel fuel, or propane. All carbon based fuels produce varying amounts of CO, depending on their carbon content. Gasoline is high in carbon and, therefore, produces lower levels of CO. However, the exhaust of all engines and generators as well as any open flame device, produce CO and the same precautions should be taken regardless of the type of fuel.

#### 4.2.3 How Carbon Monoxide Can Enter Your Boat

Any device that burns fuel creates Carbon Monoxide. For example, a propane cook-top or a space heater are both potential sources for CO. But the most serious danger comes from the gasoline engines and generators aboard your own and neighboring boats. There are four basic ways that CO from a running engine or generator can enter your boat.

The “station wagon effect” results from the aerodynamics of deck cabins and flying bridges. With the boat underway, the air flow over the top forms a low pressure area behind the cabin or transom which can suck exhaust gasses into the cockpit and the cabin inefficient trim angles also can cause the station wagon effect.

#### 4.2.4 Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Most important is to know the causes, study the symptoms, and be trained in the emergency care. This is the best way to avoid, understand, and respond to any Carbon Monoxide emergency:

One or more of the following symptoms can signal the adverse effects of Carbon Monoxide accumulation. The order of this list is generally the sequence of symptoms. However, the number of symptoms and the order of their appearance may change for different people.

**Watering and Itching eyes**  
**Tightness in the chest**  
**Flushed Appearance**  
 **ringing in the ears**  
**Throbbing Temples**  
**Inattentiveness Convulsions**  
**Drowsiness**  
**Headache**

**Dizziness**  
**Vomiting**  
**Collapse**  
**Nausea**  
**Fatigue**

#### 4.2.5 Effects of Carbon Monoxide

When inhaled, Carbon Monoxide is absorbed by the lungs and reacts with the blood hemoglobin to form carbon hemoglobin, which reduces the oxygen carrying capacity of the blood. The result is a lack of oxygen for the tissues, causing subsequent tissue death and, if prolonged, death of the individual. Carbon Monoxide in high concentrations can be fatal in a matter of minutes. Even lower concentrations must not be ignored because the affects of exposure to CO are cumulative and can be just as lethal. Certain health related problems and age increases the effects of CO. People who smoke or are exposed to high concentrations of cigarette smoke, consume alcohol, or have lung or heart disorders are particularly susceptible to an increase in the effects from CO. However, the health of all of the boat’s occupants should be considered. Physical exertion accelerates the rate at which the blood absorbs CO. The early effects of CO poisoning are easy to overlook because they are similar to the effects of other boating related stress such as eye strain, fatigue, sun exposure, seasickness, or alcohol consumption. But, as the concentration of CO in the air increases, it has increasingly adverse effects on your health.

#### 4.2.6 When Overcome by Carbon Monoxide

When someone falls victim to Carbon Monoxide poisoning, fast and responsive action is crucial. Know the symptoms. The earlier the effects of CO are detected, the better the chances for recovery. The following list shows the sequences of events that must be done in an effort to revive a CO victim:

- Evacuate, Ventilate, Investigate, complete the Carbon Monoxide poisoning action sequence
- Move the victim to fresh air.
- Administer oxygen if available. If the victim is not breathing, perform artificial resuscitation per approved CPR procedures until medical help arrives and takes over. Prompt action can mean the difference between life and death.
- Ventilate the area.
- Investigate the source of CO and take corrective action.

- As always, you can contact the Red Cross to obtain information for training in CPR or emergency response care.

### 4.2.7 How to Minimize the Accumulation of Carbon Monoxide

Practice good inspection and maintenance habits. Be certain hull exhaust outlets are not blocked or restricted in any way.

Be alert for exhaust gasses from other boats. Always provide adequate ventilation when weather enclosures are in place and engines or generator is running.

Do not run with a high bow angle. Use trim tabs or redistribute the load to maintain a low bow angle. Orient your boat to maximize the dispersion of CO.

We cannot identify or describe every possible variable or combination of variables, you must continually observe passengers for symptoms or Carbon Monoxide intoxication and be aware of the many possibilities of Carbon Monoxide accumulation. For instance, poorly maintained hoses and hose connections on the generator or engine exhaust system(s) can permit Carbon Monoxide to escape into the interior of your boat. Therefore, the exhaust system must be periodically examined and maintained in order to ensure its integrity. Moreover, all accommodation spaces constantly require proper ventilation.

### 4.2.8 Preventative Maintenance

Frequent inspections and proper maintenance of the engine, and exhaust system, as well as, other various areas of your boat are critical in preventing the accumulation of Carbon Monoxide. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure the entire boat is inspected and maintained against CO.

The exhaust systems of your engines and generator are under constant attack from salt water, gasses, vibration, and normal wear. Inspect every exhaust system component often. Start with a visual inspection. Check each joint for discoloration, carbon buildup, stains, water leaks, or other signs of damage. Inspect all metal parts for corrosion, discoloration, or flaking. Check that all hose clamps are in good condition and properly tightened. Carefully inspect all exhaust and cooling hoses for signs of wear, dry rot, cracking, discoloration, chafing, or swelling. If any of these conditions exist, have the entire system inspected and corrected by a qualified technician

before starting the engines or generator.

Next, start each engine and generator one at a time. Follow the full run of the exhaust system, listening and looking for leaks. While doing this, make sure there is adequate ventilation and that your CO detector is on.

Other items to inspect are as follows: If your boat has access panels, check that the access panels around the engine and exhaust are in place and fit snugly to minimize the opportunity for CO to enter the cabin. There should be no large openings where CO could enter the cabin. Ensure that all ventilation systems are in good working order and are not blocked or punctured. Check all sink drains to assure that they have a good water trap to prevent CO from coming in from the outside.

Finally, because poorly running engines produce excessive CO, make sure engines and generators are tuned up. They should run smoothly and not produce black smoke. The spark plugs (gas engines) and ignition systems should be maintained regularly, and the fuel system and air filters should be in good order.

### 4.2.9 Carbon Monoxide Detectors

If you carefully avoid potential CO accumulation and maintain your systems properly, you have made great strides towards protecting yourself and others from the dangers of Carbon Monoxide. We have assisted you in your endeavor by providing CO detectors in each living area aboard your boat. We use only those CO detectors that are UL approved for marine use. RV and residential models won't withstand the elements of the boating environment. Most CO detectors require specific maintenance procedures to remain accurate and functional. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the use and maintenance of the CO detectors.

If you would like to purchase additional CO detectors and receive a special purchase price, please contact our Customer Service Hotline at 800-771-5556,

On the next couple pages we will review some of the CO hazards.

# Know the Dangers!



Swimming near or under the back deck or swim platform. Carbon monoxide from exhaust pipes of inboard engines, outboard engines and generators build up inside and outside the boat in areas near exhaust vents. **STAY AWAY** from these exhaust vent areas and **DO NOT** swim in these areas when the motor or generator is operating. On calm days, wait at least 15 minutes after the motor or generator has been shut off before entering these areas. **NEVER** enter an enclosed area under a swim platform where exhaust is vented, not even for a second. **It only takes one or two breaths of the air in this “death chamber” for it to be fatal.**

Blockage of exhaust outlets can cause carbon monoxide to accumulate in the cabin and cockpit area - even when hatches, windows, portholes, and doors are closed.

Exhaust from another vessel that is docked, beached, or anchored alongside your boat can emit poisonous carbon monoxide gas into the cabin and cockpit of your boat. Even with properly vented exhaust, your boat should be a minimum of 20 feet from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine.

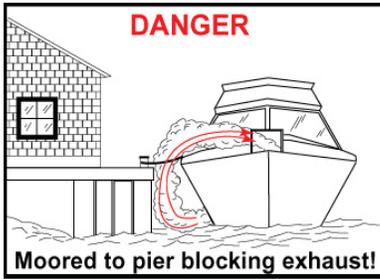
Slow speeds or idling in the water can cause carbon monoxide gas to accumulate in the cabin, cockpit, bridge, and aft deck, even in an open area. A tailwind (force of wind entering from aft section of the motorboat) can also increase accumulation.

The “station wagon effect,” or backdrafting can cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit, and bridge when operating the boat at a high bow angle, with improper or heavy loading or if there is an opening which draws in exhaust.

This effect can also cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit, aft deck, and bridge when protective coverings are used and the boat is underway.

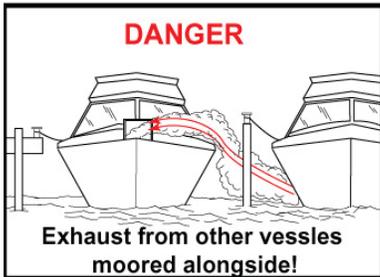
Teak surfing, dragging and water-skiing within 20 feet of a moving watercraft can be fatal.

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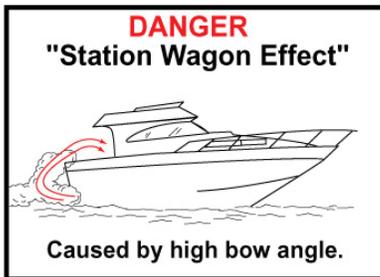
**Figure 4.3.** Blocked hull exhaust outlets near a pier, dock, seawall, bulkhead or any other structure can cause excessive accumulation of Carbon Monoxide gas with the cabin areas of your boat. Be certain hull exhaust outlets are not blocked in any way.

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**Figure 4.4.** Engine and generator exhaust from other vessels alongside your boat, while docked or anchored, can cause excessive accumulation of Carbon Monoxide gas within the cabin and cockpit areas of your boat. Be alert for exhaust from other vessels.

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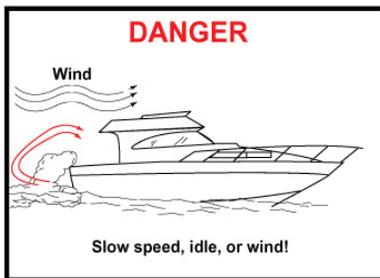
**Figure 4.5.** Engine or generator exhaust from your boat while underway and operating with a high bow angle can cause excessive accumulation of Carbon Monoxide gas within the cabin and cockpit areas of your boat. Always provide adequate ventilation and redistribute the load to lower the boat angle.

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**Figure 4.6.** When protective weather coverings are in place, engine or generator exhaust from your boat, while docked and/or running, can cause excessive accumulation of Carbon Monoxide gas within the cabin and cockpit areas of your boat. Always provide adequate ventilation when the weather coverings are in place and either the engine or generator are running.

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**Figure 4.7.** While underway or drifting slow speed can cause CO buildup, add a tailwind and this can intensify the effect.

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**4.2.10 Carbon Monoxide Review**

Everyone is at risk for Carbon Monoxide poisoning! Particularly sensitive are children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with lung disease, heart disease, or anemia!

WHY? Because Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that prevents the blood from carrying oxygen to the vital organs. CO (Carbon Monoxide) is 200 times more likely to replace oxygen in the blood.

Check the symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning in this chapter (4.2.4) again right now, so you will be able to recognize these symptoms should they ever arise.



Mild Exposure	100 – 400 PPM (parts per million)	causes headaches and fatigue resembling the flu.
Medium exposure	400 – 800 PPM	causes severe headaches, drowsiness, nausea, and rapid heart rate.
Extreme exposure	over 800 PPM	results in unconsciousness, convulsions, heart or respiratory failure, and death.

Many reported cases of Carbon Monoxide poisoning determined that while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disoriented, they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance. Also, children and pets may be affected first.

Carbon Monoxide gas is produced when any type of fuel is incompletely burned. Gasoline engines and fuel burning appliances (furnace, fireplace, oven, stove, water heater, etc.) also, space heaters, gas, and charcoal grills produce CO.

Extended operation of unvented fuel burning appliances (range, oven, fireplace, etc.) can build up high CO levels.



**This alarm will only indicate the presence of Carbon Monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon Monoxide gas may be present in other areas.**



**To reduce the risk of Carbon Monoxide poisoning, test the alarm's operation after the boat has been in storage, before each trip, and once a week during use.**

- DO NOT attempt to test the alarm by any other means than by using the Test/Reset button.
- DO NOT attempt to produce CO to test the alarm. The Test/Reset button tests all functions of the alarm and is the only safe way to be sure the alarm is working properly.

Once again, here and now, check in the DC Electric chapter on the operation of your CO detector. Learn how to use it, how it works, what the alarm signals are, and what your response should be.



**Actuation of your CO alarm indicates the presence of Carbon Monoxide (CO) which will KILL YOU! If the alarm sounds:**

1. Press the Reset/Silence button.
2. Call Emergency Services: Write the number here \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Immediately move to fresh air, outdoors, or to an open window or door. Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. Do not re-enter the premises nor move away from an open door or window until the emergency responders have arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your alarm remains in its normal operation.
4. After following steps 1, 2, and 3, if your alarm reactivates in a 24 hour period, repeat steps 1 – 3 and call a qualified appliance technician:  
Write the number here \_\_\_\_\_

**Where to Install Alarms:**

- For minimum protection, CO alarms should be installed near all sleeping areas.
- For maximum protection, CO alarms should be installed in all sleeping areas.
- Where not to Install Alarms:

- Not behind furniture, drapes, closets, or areas that will block air flow to the alarm.
- Not within 12 inches of window openings, exterior doors, heating or return air vents, or any other drafty areas.
- The alarm should not be located within 5 (1.5 m) feet of any cooking appliance.
- For information on taking care of your CO alarm, see the Maintenance chapter of this manual.

### Limitations of the CO alarm:

Carbon Monoxide alarms will not work without power. Some examples causing no alarm power are: A blown or missing fuse, broken wire, faulty connection, circuit breaker tripped, or a discharged battery.

This alarm will only detect the presence of CO gas at the sensor. Carbon Monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

Carbon Monoxide alarms may not be heard. The alarm loudness is designed to meet or exceed the regulatory standards. However, the alarm may not be heard if alarms are located in remote locations or behind closed doors. The alarm may not be heard by persons who are hard of hearing, have consumed alcoholic beverages, taken prescription or non-prescription medication, or illegal drugs.

This alarm is designed to detect Carbon Monoxide from any source of combustion. It is not designed to detect smoke, fire, or any other gasses. The alarm may not sound at low Carbon Monoxide levels. This product is intended for use in ordinary indoor locations of living spaces. It is not designed to measure compliance with Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards. Individuals with medical problems may consider using warning devices which provide audible and visual signals for levels under 30 PPM.

How else to protect your family from Carbon Monoxide:

Ensure alarms are installed properly. Carefully read and follow ALL the instructions in this manual. Test your unit every week. Alarms that do not work, do not alert you to the presence of Carbon Monoxide.

Make regular visual inspections of all fuel burning equip-

ment including gas water heaters, kitchen gas stoves, space heaters, gas dryers, or other pilots. Check the color of the flame! The color should be blue.

Make regular visual inspections of the engine and generator exhaust systems. Cracked exhaust systems can allow Carbon Monoxide to enter the living area.

Professionally maintain your engine and generator. Although all gas engines and generators produce Carbon Monoxide, a poorly tuned engine and generator will produce greater amounts of Carbon Monoxide.

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## 4.3 Other Dangers

### 4.3.1 Weather

Storms rarely appear without advanced notice. Check the weather forecast before you begin a day of boating. Be aware, however, that weather conditions can change rapidly. If you have a marine radio, listen to the weather reports issued by the U.S. Coast Guard and others. If you have a portable radio, keep it tuned to a station broadcasting frequent weather reports. Many boating clubs fly weather signals. Learn to recognize these signals and listen to your local forecasts before leaving port.

Your surroundings can also be a good indicator of changing weather conditions. Watch for changes in wind direction or cloud formations. There is no substitute for a good understanding of weather conditions and what to do when the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Page 4.16 will explain the dangers of Lightning strikes, with an overview of your protection area.

- Refer to the Chapman's Manual for instructions and precautions in operating a craft in heavy weather.

### 4.3.2 Fog

You can judge the likelihood of fog formation by periodically measuring the air temperature and the dew point temperature. If the difference between these two temperatures is small, fog is likely to develop.

Foggy conditions include mist, snowstorm, or heavy rain.

Avoid operation in such weather, especially if your boat is not equipped with radar or other

#### 4.3.3 Remember these guidelines:

- Unless your boat is well equipped with charts, head for shore at the first sign of fog and wait until conditions improve. If you have charts on board, take bearings as fog sets in, mark your position, and continue to log your course and speed.
- Make sure all persons on board are wearing their personal flotation devices (PFDs). If your boat has sounding equipment, take soundings regularly and match them with known depths on your charts.
- Station a person forward in the boat as a lookout.
- Reduce your speed. From time to time, stop engines and listen for other fog signals.
- Sound the horn or bell at approximately 2 minute intervals.
- If there is any doubt about continuing your excursion, anchor. Listen for other fog signals while continuing to sound your fog horn.

#### 4.3.4 Drugs and Alcohol

Drugs and alcohol affect a person's ability to make sound judgments and react quickly. As a responsible boater, you will refrain from using drugs or alcohol (singly or combined) while operating your boat. Operation of motorized vessels while under the influence carries a significant penalty. Drugs and alcohol decrease your reaction time, impair your judgment, and inhibit your ability to safely operate your boat.

#### 4.3.5 Collision

If a serious collision occurs, first check the persons on board for injuries. Then inspect the boat to determine the extent of the damage.

Prepare to help the other craft unless your boat or its passengers are in danger.

Prepare to help the other craft if your bow penetrated the other boat or its passengers are in danger.

If the bow of the other boat penetrated your boat's hull, prepare to plug the fracture once the boats are separate.

#### 4.3.6 Running Aground

If your boat runs aground, check everyone for injury and inspect damage to the boat or propellers. If lightly grounded, shift weight of passengers or gear to heel the boat while reversing engines. If towing becomes necessary, we recommend using a commercial towing service.

#### 4.3.7 Swamped or Capsized Boat

If your boat becomes swamped or capsized, put on a PFD immediately and set off a distress signal. Chances are good a capsized boat will stay afloat. For this reason, stay with the boat. Do not leave the boat or try to swim to shore except under extreme conditions. A capsized boat is easier to see than a swimmer, and shore may be further away than it appears.

#### 4.3.8 Falling Overboard

One of the most frightening emergencies that can occur aboard a boat is a crew member or yourself falling overboard. Although "man overboard" or "MOB" drills have been a part of boating safety for decades, they have been largely overlooked by many responsible boat owners.

Just as important as acquiring the knowledge to rescue a person is the ability to help yourself if you are the person overboard. Be sure and refer to your "Chapman Piloting", "Seamanship and Boat Handling" manual supplied with your new boat. It is packed with useful and essential safety and emergency procedures to ensure you have a safe and happy boating experience.

We have the utmost interest in your safety. Therefore, we have provided a means of re-boarding the boat should you or a crew member fall overboard. On the transom, we have added steps to aid you in re-boarding. If your boat is equipped with a swim platform, there is a ladder attached to the platform which extends into the water.

#### 4.3.9 Hypothermia

If a person falls overboard, hypothermia may be an immediate concern. Hypothermia means a person's body loses heat to the water faster than the body can replace it. If not rescued, the person will become exhausted and likely drown. In general, the colder the water, the shorter the time for survival. PFDs will increase survival time because they provide insulation.

Water Temperature	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival
32.5	Under 15 min	Under 15 to 45 min
32.5 – 40	15 – 30 min	30 – 90 min
40 – 50	30 – 60 min	1 – 3 hrs
50 – 60	1 – 2 hrs	2 – 4 hrs
60 – 70	2 – 3 hrs	2 – 4 hrs
70 – 80	3 – 12 hrs	3 hrs – indefinite
Over 80	Indefinite	Indefinite

## 4.4 Fire



**A fire aboard your boat is serious. Explosion is possible. Respond immediately. Develop a fire response plan.**

### 4.4.1 Fire

Every boater should develop a fire response plan to determine what kind of fire (fuel, electrical, etc.) might break out, where it might break out, and the best way to react.

*Important: Everyone on board should know where a fire extinguisher is and how to operate it.*

Any fire requires stopping the engines immediately.

If the fire is in the engine compartment, shut off the bilge blower immediately. Do not open the hatch to the engine compartment. The fire will flare up as the fresh air supply increases suddenly.

Keep the fire downwind if possible. If the fire is aft, head into the wind.

Have all persons on board put on their personal flotation devices (PFDs).

If you can get at the fire, aim the fire extinguisher at the

base of the flames and use a sweeping action to put out the fire.

If the fire gets out of control, make a distress signal and call for help on the radio.

Deciding whether to stay with the boat or abandon ship will be difficult. If the decision is to abandon ship, all persons on board should jump overboard and swim a safe distance away from the burning boat.

## 4.5 Distress Signals

### 4.5.1 Mayday

If you have a VHF radio, heed storm warnings and answer any distress calls from other boats. The word “MAYDAY” spoken three times is the international signal of distress. Monitor marine radio channel 16, which is reserved for emergency and safety messages. You can also use this channel to contact the Coast Guard or other boaters if you have trouble.

*Never send a “MAYDAY” message unless there is a serious emergency and you are in need of immediately assistance.*

### 4.5.2 Visual Distress Signals

The U.S. Coast Guard requires that all boats operating on U.S. Coastal Waters have visual distress signal equipment on board. In general, coastal waters include all waters except rivers, streams, and inland lakes. The Great Lakes are considered coastal waters, as is a river mouth more than two miles wide. Boats owned in the United States and operating on the high seas must also carry visual distress signal equipment.

Visual distress equipment must be in serviceable condition and stowed in a readily accessible location. Equipment having a date showing useful service life must be within the specified usage date shown. Both pyrotechnic and non-pyrotechnic equipment must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.

Pyrotechnic U.S. Coast Guard approved visual distress signals and associated equipment include: Red flares, handheld or aerial Orange smoke, hand held or floating Launchers for aerial red meteor or parachute flares. Non-pyrotechnic equipment includes an orange distress flag, dye markers, and an electric distress light.

No single signaling device is ideal under all conditions for

all purposes. Consider carrying various types of equipment. Careful selection and proper stowage of visual distress equipment is very important. If young children are frequently aboard, you should select devices with packages which children, but not adults, will find difficult to open.

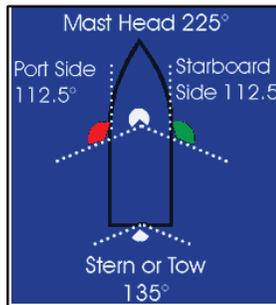
Other helpful publications available from the U. S. Coast Guard include “Aids to Navigation” (U.S. Coast Guard pamphlet #123), which explains the significance of various lights and buoys, the “Boating Safety Training Manual”, and “Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats”. Check with your local Coast Guard Station, your new dealer, or a local marina about navigational aids unique to your area.

### 4.5.3 Running and Navigation Lights

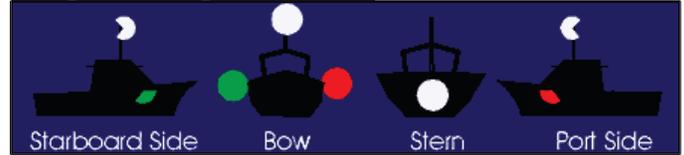
Your boat must have running and navigation lights for safe operation after dark. Observe all navigation rules for meeting and passing. Do not run at high speeds during night operation. Always use common sense and good judgment.

Operating at night can present some special challenges. Not only is your depth perception lessened, bright lights on the shore can cast misleading reflections on the water and if you wear glasses, or worse yet, bifocals, you simply don't see as well at night as you do during the day. It is not only important that you be able to identify other vessels operating in your proximity, it is equally important that other vessels see you. Most recreational vessels are less than 30 feet in length and, according to “The Rules of the Road”, shall be equipped with navigation lights. These lights not only have a certain arc through which they can be seen but must be seen from a minimum distance. Table 1, on page 4.14 will show you the following lighting requirements for recreational vessels both less than 12 meters in length (approximately 39.4’), and over 12 meters in length to 20 meters (65’)

Light	Arc	Color	Visible Range
Masthead Light	225	Wht	2
Starboard	112.5	Grn	1
Port Sidelight	112.5	Red	1
Sternlight	135	Wht	2



direction a vessel is moving. How good are your lights? You should test them to see how visible you might be at night. Whether on a trailer or at the marina, switch on your lights and see how well they can be seen. Walk away from the boat or row away, if you are at anchor or at a mooring, and see how visible the lights are as you move further away. How easy are they to see against the background of lights on shore?



You should always check that your masthead light disappears at the same time each sidelight disappears and they both disappear when the stern light appears.

Check your sidelights from dead ahead. You should see both red and green. However, by moving toward one side by 1-3 degrees, you should then see only one light. If you still see two lights, an approaching vessel won't be able to tell which direction you are going.

When boating at night, remember the following: “When two lights you see ahead, turn your helm and show your red.”

The arc of the lights and color allows you to determine the

**4.5.4 Sound Signaling Device**

Your boat is provided with a horn which conforms with U.S. Coast Guard requirements for boats of this size. All class A boats are recommended to carry a hand, mouth, or whistle, as well as a power operated horn. The device should be used to promote safe passing, as well as a warning to other vessels in fog, or confined areas, or as a signal to operators of locks or drawbridges. Following are standard whistle signals:

One Prolonged Blast	Warning Signal
One Short Blast	Pass on my port side
Two Short Blasts	Pass on my starboard side
Three Short Blasts	Engines in Reverse
Five or More Blasts	Danger Signal

**Table 1 Lighting Requirements**

Vessel	Notes	Lights	Less than 12 meters (39ft.)	12 (39ft.) meters to less than 20 (65 ft.) meters
Power	This includes sailing vessels under power and motor sailing	White Masthead Light	2 NM (3.7 km) see note	3 NM (5.6 km)
		Sidelights or combination lights	1 NM (1.9 km)	2 NM (3.7 km)
		sternlight	2 NM (3.7 km) see note	2 NM (3.7 km)
Sail	Sailing Vessels under sail alone	Sidelights or combination lights	1 NM (1.9 km)	2 NM (3.7 km)
		sternlight	2 NM (3.7 km) see note	2 NM (3.7 km)



### Lightning Storm Warning

All whip antennas should be tied during the storm, unless they are part of the Lightning Protection System.

#### Precautions during lightning storms:

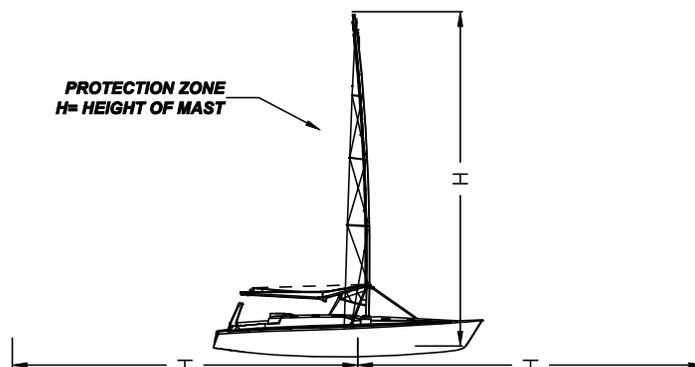
- \* Occupants should take shelter inside a closed area of the boat, *i.e.* below deck!
- \* Occupants should not have any body parts in the water!
- \* Avoid contact with components of the Lightning Protection System or any type of metal objects!

See the protection zone illustration below.

#### Should lightning strike the boat:

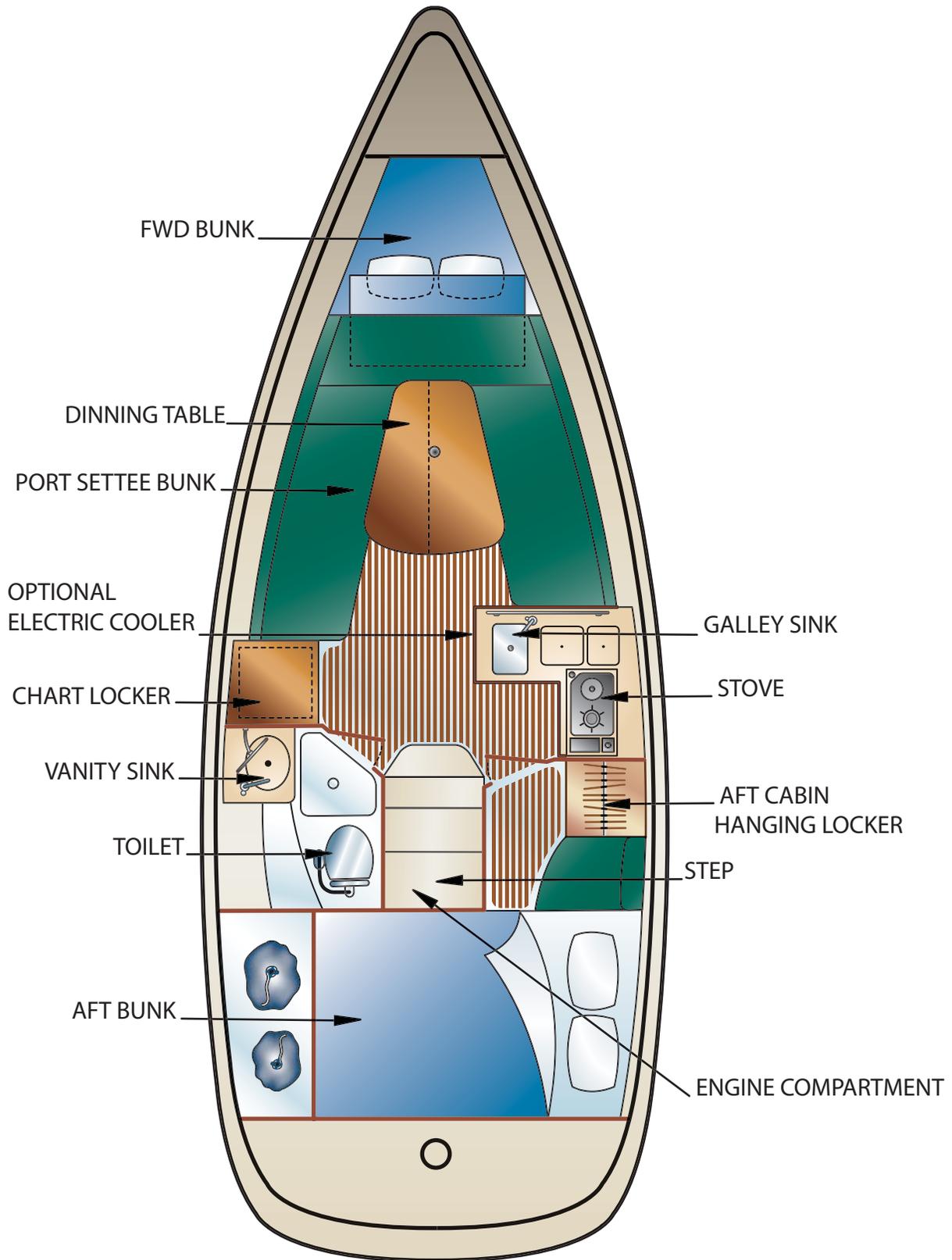
- \* Wait until the threat of the storm has passed then:
- \* Inspect all electronics, electric gear, compass, and the Lightning Protection System for possible damage!
- \* Recalibrate equipment if necessary!

Failure to follow the precautions may result in severe injury or death!

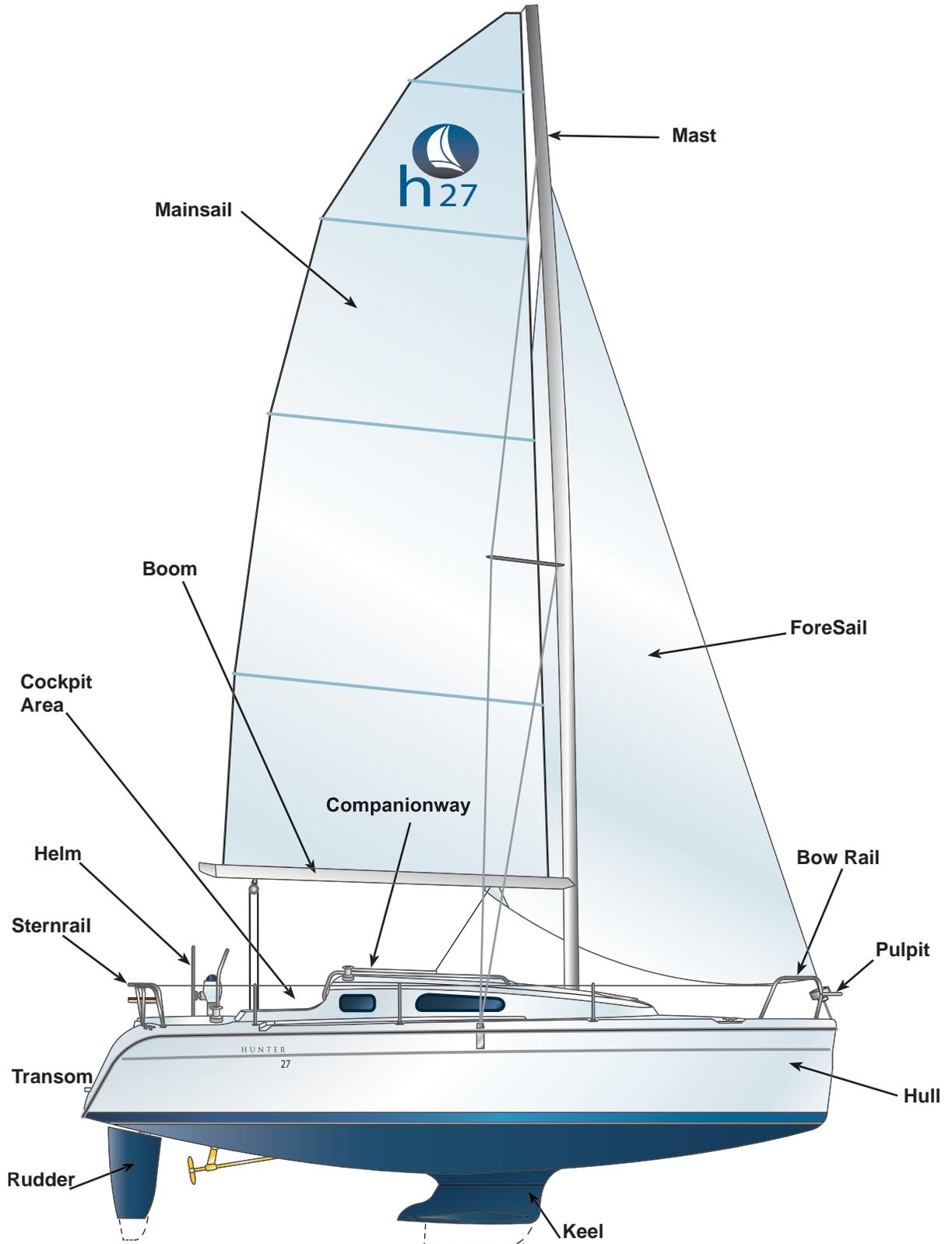


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# Interior Arrangement



# General Boat Arrangements



## Dimensions, Capacities, Etc.

<b>HULL LENGTH</b>	<b>27' 00"</b>	<b>8.23 m.</b>
<b>LENGTH OVERALL ( INCLUDES BOW ROLLER)</b>	<b>27' 04"</b>	<b>8.33 m.</b>
<b>LENGTH OF WATERLINE (LWL)</b>	<b>23' 07"</b>	<b>7.18 m.</b>
<b>BEAM (MAX)(without rubrail)</b>	<b>9' 08"</b>	<b>2.95 m.</b>
<b>BEAM (MAX)(with rubrail)</b>	<b>9' 11"</b>	<b>3.02 m.</b>
<b>DRAFT</b>		
* <b>SHOAL</b>	<b>3' 06"</b>	<b>1.05 m.</b>
* <b>DEEP</b>	<b>5' 00"</b>	<b>1.52 m.</b>
<b>DISPLACEMENT (LIGHTSHIP)</b>		
* <b>SHOAL</b>	<b>7656 lbs.</b>	<b>3473 kg.</b>
* <b>DEEP</b>	<b>7505 lbs.</b>	<b>3404 kg.</b>
* <b>BILGE</b>	<b>8182 lbs.</b>	<b>3711 kg.</b>
<b>BALLAST (LEAD KEEL)</b>		
* <b>SHOAL</b>	<b>2052 lbs.</b>	<b>931 kg.</b>
* <b>DEEP</b>	<b>1901 lbs.</b>	<b>862 kg.</b>
* <b>BILGE</b>	<b>2578 lbs.</b>	<b>1169 kg.</b>
<b>MAST HEIGHT (FROM WATERLINE)</b>		
* <b>STANDARD</b>	<b>39' 09"</b>	<b>12.12 m.</b>
* <b>FURLING</b>	<b>43' 08"</b>	<b>13.31 m.</b>
* <b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>40' 10"</b>	<b>12.45 m.</b>
<b>SAIL AREA (ACTUAL)</b>		
* <b>STANDARD</b>	<b>386 sq. ft.</b>	<b>36 sq. m.</b>
* <b>FURLING</b>	<b>369 sq. ft.</b>	<b>34 sq. m.</b>
<b>SAIL AREA / DISPLACEMENT</b>		
* <b>STANDARD/ACTUAL</b>	<b>ratio 14</b>	
* <b>FURLING/ACTUAL</b>	<b>ratio 13.6</b>	
* <b>STANDARD/TRIANGLE</b>	<b>ratio 11</b>	
* <b>FURLING/TRIANGLE</b>	<b>ratio 13.5</b>	
<b>DISPLACEMENT LENGTH</b>		
<b>I</b>	<b>27' 00"</b>	<b>8.24 m.</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>8' 11"</b>	<b>2.72 m.</b>
<b>P</b>		
* <b>STANDARD</b>	<b>30' 04"</b>	<b>9.25 m.</b>
* <b>FURLING</b>	<b>34' 05"</b>	<b>10.49 m.</b>
<b>E</b>		
* <b>STANDARD</b>	<b>11' 08"</b>	<b>3.55 m.</b>
* <b>FURLING</b>	<b>14' 04"</b>	<b>4.37 m.</b>
<b>STANDARD CABIN</b>	<b>Sleeps 4</b>	
<b>HEADROOM</b>		
<b>STANDARD DECK</b>	<b>6' 2"</b>	<b>1.9 m.</b>
<b>FUEL TANK CAPACITY</b>		
<b>WATER CAPACITY</b>	<b>12 US gal.</b>	<b>45 liters</b>
<b>WATER HEATER</b>	<b>20 US gal.</b>	<b>76 liters</b>
<b>HOLDING TANK CAPACITY</b>	<b>5 US gal./OPTION</b>	<b>19 liters</b>
	<b>10 US gal./OPTION</b>	<b>38 liters</b>
<b>BATTERY CAPACITY(BASE BOAT)</b>		
<b>INBOARD ENGINE</b>	<b>2 x 100 amps</b>	<b>2 x 100 amps</b>
<b>LIFTING POINTS</b>	<b>14 hp.</b>	<b>10.4 kw.</b>
	<b>INDICATED BY "SLING" LABELS ON HULL</b>	

*Chapter 5*

***Fuel***

***Systems***

***H27***

## **FUEL SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR BOARDING**

This fuel safety checklist is designed to be used as a quick reference to minimize the risks associated with fuel hazards. You should refer to this checklist every time you board your boat. Read your owners manual so that you have a full understanding of the fuel system on your boat.

Before approaching your boat, extinguish all smoking materials and make certain there are no other sources of possible ignition near your boat.

Approach your boat alone to make the initial inspection. Have your guests and crew standby a safe distance away.

From the dock, visually inspect your boat for any fuel leaks from the deck fills or hull vents and take notice if there is any odor of fuel.

Once aboard, open the cabin door and sniff at the doorway then inside the cabin for fuel odor.

Open the engine compartment hatch and sniff for fuel odor.

Inspect the engine compartment and all bilge compartments for fuel leaks and sniff for fuel odor.

If there are any signs of fuel leakage, either visually or by odor, open doors, hatches, and windows. Evacuate the boat and inform the dock master. Have an authorized service technician inspect your boat.

If no signs of fuel are present, board your guests and crew.

Run exhaust blowers for five minutes before starting the engines or generator.

Always be aware of the hazards associated with fuel and practice good common sense.

**"HAPPY AND SAFE BOATING" from the Hunter Team**

Fuel Systems

The fuel systems aboard your Hunter boat consists of the following components or sub-systems.

- Fuel Tank
- Fuel Fill
- Fuel Vent
- Fuel
- Lines
- Fuel Filters
- LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) System

5.1 Fuel Tanks

Your boat is equipped with a fuel tank located in the transom.

The tank is filled through a fuel fill.

If your boat has a metal or aluminum tank installed, then the fuel tank should be inspected for signs of leaks, corrosion, and/or pitting at least once a year. Corrosion normally appears as a white, chalky, or flaky substance on the surface of the tank. Sometimes, it also appears as pitting or small pockets of missing aluminum. Another indication of corrosion is bubbles on the paint that coats the tank. If any of these conditions are present, have an authorized service technician inspect the tank immediately. If a leak is found, turn off battery switches and disconnect shore power (See Connecting & Disconnecting Shore Power, AC Electrical System), which explains the proper way to disconnect and disable any possible source of ignition). Contact your dealer or Customer Service immediately.

5.1.1 Fuel Tank Capacity Monitoring

The fuel tank is equipped with a fuel level sending unit, which provides an electrical signal to the display located at the helm.



Fig. 5.1

5.1.1 Fuel Tank Grounding System

The fuel tank and fuel fill on your boat are electrically grounded to the engine negative. (see the DC Electrical chapter). This grounding system is designed to prevent the discharge of static electricity when fueling your boat. An authorized service technician should inspect this system at least once each year.

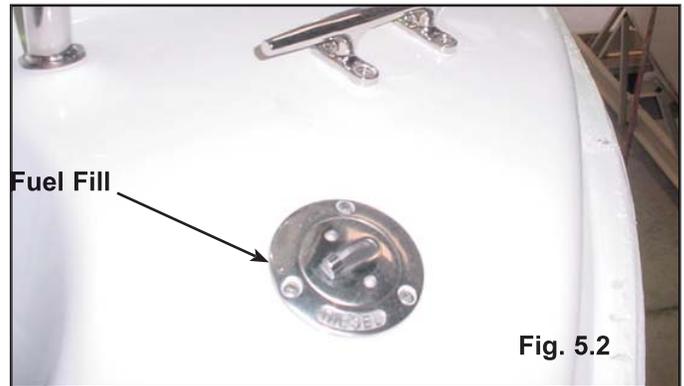


Fig. 5.2

5.1.2 Fuel Gauge

The fuel gauge as shown in Fig. 5.1 is located at the helm, and is the indicator of the fuel level in your tank. Visually inspect the reading against what is showing in the tank to see that the gauge is operational.

**⚠ DANGER ⚠**

Never enter the engine room without proper ventilation first. A spark caused by power tools or lighting equipment could result in fire or explosion which could cause personal injury or death.

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

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**Fuel leaking from any part of the fuel system can lead to fire and explosion that can cause serious bodily injury or death. Inspect system before fueling.**

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**Using the wrong type of fuel will result in severe damage to the engines. Refer to your owner's manual for fuel recommendations.**

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**Leaking fuel is a fire and explosion hazard. Personal injury or death could occur.**

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### 5.1.3 Fuel Tank Fill & Vent

The fuel tank fill fitting is located on the starboard side on the stern. The fuel tank also has a hull vent fitting. This fitting is also located on the starboard side near the fuel fill. You can see the fill in detail in Fig. 5.2, on page 5.3.

The fuel tank vent serves as a pressure / vacuum release and a safety overflow. The vent is a thru hull fitting with a flame arrestor, so it is imperative that you keep the screens clear and in excellent repair. Replace the screen immediately if it becomes damaged or displaced. Periodically check the vent to see that it is not clogged.

The fuel fill and fuel vent hoses, fittings, and connections should be inspected for leaks and signs of dry rot or swelling at least once a year. If any of these conditions are present, have an authorized service technician inspect the fuel system immediately. If a leak is found, turn off battery switches, disconnect shore power, and disable any possible source of ignition. Contact your dealer or Customer Service immediately.



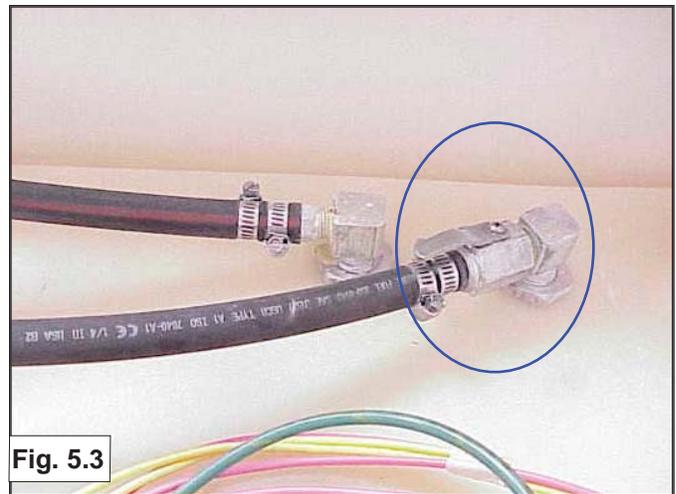
**The use of any hose other than the USCG Type A1 or A2 could result in fuel leakage. Leaking fuel is a fire and explosion hazard. Personal injury or death could result.**

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## 5.2 Fuel Supply Lines and Hoses

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If any fuel fill or vent hose's are in need of replacement, ensure that only USCG Type A1 or A2 are used. The engine has a fuel supply hose that runs from the pickup tube in the fuel tank to the fuel water separator (commonly referred to as the fuel filter), then from the filter to the engine. Also, the engine has a fuel return hose that runs from the engine back to the fuel tank. The fuel supply lines or hoses, fitting, and connections should be inspected often for leaks and signs of wear, dry rot, chafing, or swelling. A good way to inspect the fuel hoses is to run your hand along the length of the hose including the fittings. Leaks will be revealed as wet spots on your hand. If any evidence of hose deterioration is present, have a qualified technician replace all the hoses with USCG Type A1 hoses immediately!



In Fig.5.3 you can see the fuel supply fittings. The photo inset shows the close-up of the fuel valve. See Fig.5.4 for the function of the fuel valves.

*Note: If a leak is found, turn off battery switches, disconnect shore power, and disable any source of ignition. Do not start your engine, or any devices that could create a spark. Contact your dealer or our Customer Service Department immediately! If hoses need to be replaced, make sure only USCG Type A1 are used.*

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## 5.3 Fuel Valves

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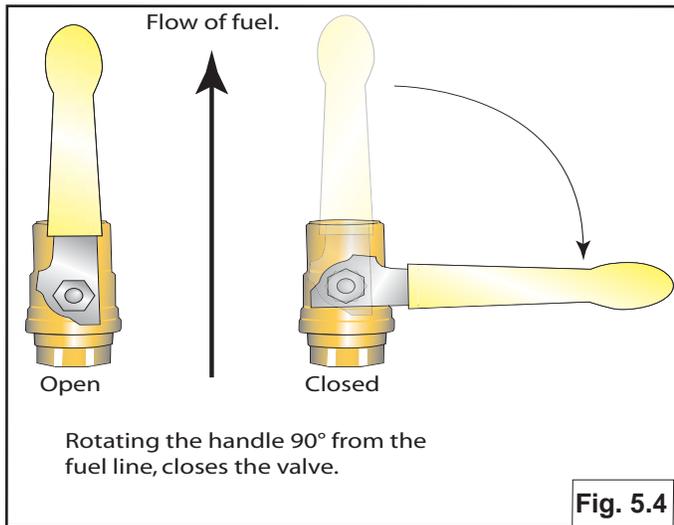
Your boat has fuel shutoff valves located at the tank in the supply line route. These valves are used to start or stop the flow of fuel through the supply lines.

*Note: Even if the fuel supply valves are closed, there may be*

*fuel in the supply lines to the filters and engines ). Disconnecting these fittings without properly bleeding the system of fuel could result in emptying the fuel filters and causing a fuel spill. Only a qualified technician should ever make repairs to your fuel system.*

The fuel supply valves are the “ball type” valves. Turning the handle so it is perpendicular to the valve body shuts off the supply or return. Turning the handle so it is in line with the valve body opens the valve, as shown in Fig. 5.4.

Example of Fuel Supply Lines and Valves



**5.4 Filters (Fuel Water Separators)**

The fuel supplied to the engine may contact impurities found in the fuel tanks or in the fuel from your supplier. If these impurities are not removed prior to starting the engine, performance may be seriously affected. Removal of the fuel impurities is accomplished by external fuel filters.

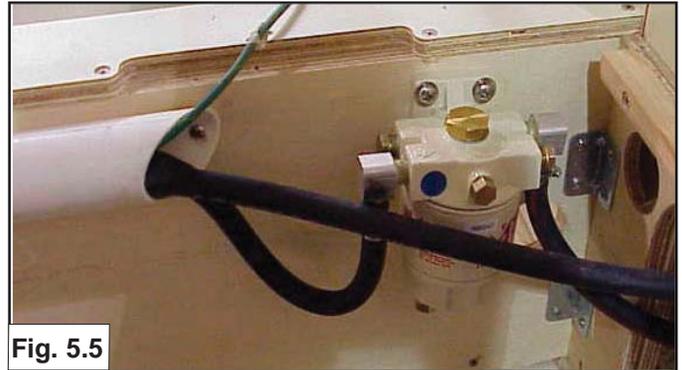
**5.4.1 Main Engine Filters**

Each engine has a separate filter located away from the engine. Check the Fuel Arrangement illustration at the end of this chapter for the exact location of these filters.

An authorized service technician should replace all filters annually prior to spring launch. They may need more frequent replacement if you notice poor engine performance

due to contaminated fuel.

In the Figure. 5.6, page 5.7 you will find an illustration for the Racor Fuel Water separator (commonly referred to as the fuel filter). This will break down the components of the filter and their uses within the filter.



To service the filter:

1. Make sure the engine is off.
2. Close shut-off valve between fuel tank and filter if applicable.
3. Open vent plug on mounting head with a ½” wrench.

*Note: Do not leave drain open for very long as it will empty filter of all fuel.*

4. When fuel is detected coming out of drain, close drain quickly.
5. Close vent plug and tighten snugly.
6. Open shut off valve.  
Follow priming instructions.

Consult your owner’s packet for more information concerning this filter or for replacement parts.

**5.4.5 Here are some general guidelines for fueling your boat:**



**Using the wrong type of fuel will result in severe damage to the engines. Refer to your owner’s manual for fuel recommendations.**

### **WARNING**

**Fuel leaking from any part of the fuel system can lead to fire and explosion that can cause serious bodily injury or death. Inspect system before fueling.**

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Before fueling, check the fuel system for leaks. Check components for weakening, swelling, or corrosion. Immediately replace any leaking or defective components before operating an engine. Keep the tank as full as practical to reduce condensation and the accumulation of moisture in the fuel system. In warm and hot weather, allow for expansion of the fuel. A fuel tank may overflow when the fuel expands after being pumped from cool underground storage tanks or after fueling when air temperatures are cool (night and early morning).

Follow these procedures to fuel your boat:

- Safely and securely moor your boat to the dock.
- Turn off engine.
- Turn main battery switches off to prevent sparks from electrical equipment (lights, blowers, pump, etc.)
- Disconnect shore power if connected.
- Put out all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other items that may produce a spark or flame.
- Ask guests to leave the boat during fueling.
- Remove cap from the fill pipe.
- Insert the fuel hose nozzle into the fill pipe. During fueling, maintain contact between the nozzle and the fill pipe.
- After pumping several gallons of fuel, inspect engine compartment for any signs of fuel leakage.
- Fill the tank completely, allowing space at the top of the tank for thermal expansion.
- Fill slowly near the top to avoid overflow.
- Remove nozzle after tank is full and replace fill cap.
- Make sure cap is tight.

- After fueling is complete, open all hatches, doors, and compartments.
- Visually check all fuel fittings, lines, and tanks for fuel leakage.
- Check all lines up to engines and generator. Smell for fumes.
- Correct any problem before you start the engines.
- Turn main battery switches on.
- Restart engine and restore boat to operating condition.

Do not smoke until your boat is clear of the fuel dock.

### **DANGER**

**Fuel vapors can explode. Do not smoke at the dock. Extinguish all flames, stove, and other ignition sources before you approach a fuel dock.**

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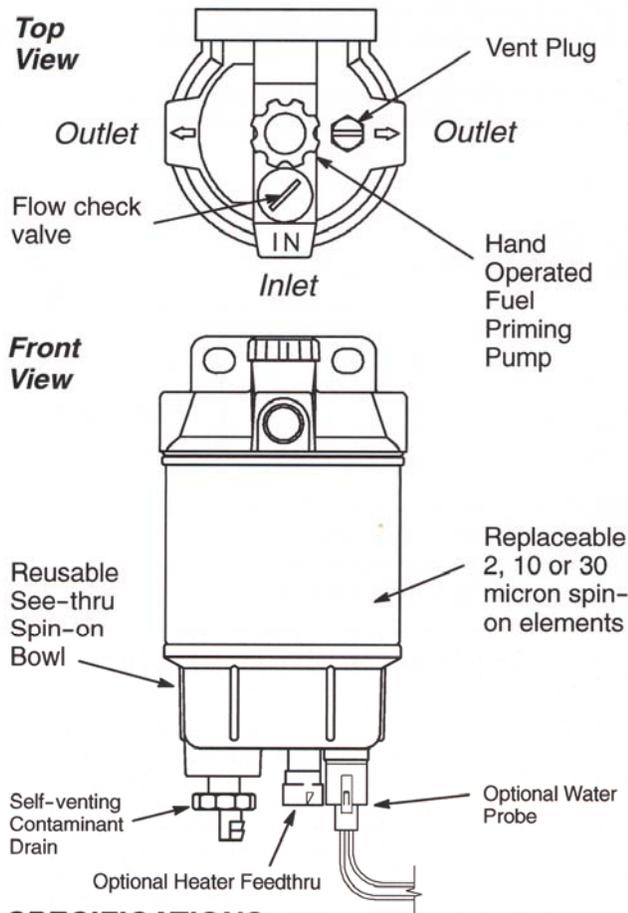
### **DANGER**

**Explosive fuel vapors can become trapped in the lower portions of the boat. Close all hatch covers, windows, doors, and compartments while fueling your boat.**

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## A Quick Fuel Filter Reference

Fig. 5.6



Racor's 215R, 230R, and 245R Fuel Filter/Water Separators are specifically designed to handle today's tough diesel filtration problems. These units feature a standard in-head fuel priming pump and are different from one another only in flow capacity and element size.

These units may be used on the suction (vacuum) side or pressure side (up to 30 PSI) of the fuel transfer pump. The die-cast aluminum mounting head features two outlets and one inlet for installation to most fuel systems. The fuel ports are standard SAEJ476 1/4" NPTF (tapered dryseal pipe thread). Many varieties of fittings are available from Racor or hardware dealers. (Fittings may not be supplied with this unit).

A vent plug is fitted to easily evacuate trapped air, making fuel priming an easy, no-mess experience.

Engines will benefit from near 100% water separation and fuel filtration with Racor's proprietary *Aquabloc™* water repelling media. The replaceable spin-on filter elements are available in 2, 10, and 30 micron ratings.

The reusable see-through contaminant collection bowl allows the operator to check contamination build-up at a glance. The contaminant drain is opened by rotating the knob counterclockwise (if facing the bowl's bottom side).

### OPTIONAL FEATURES:

An available option is a water probe which alerts the operator when it's time to drain the bowl. (The probe must be used with a 12 or 24 vdc powered Water Detection Kit. See Accessories for available models). For use with diesel fuel systems, only.

A powerful 12 or 24 vdc 200 watt In-bowl heater option is available to quickly warm the element fuel thus providing easier starting and optimum operating efficiency in cold weather or climates. **Danger! Accessories are not intended for use with gasoline or flammable liquid applications.**

Additionally, a metal bowl is available for severe service, heavy duty, or marine applications. This bowl features a 3/8"NPT drain plug which may be replaced by a UL listed drain valve (refer to parts list).

For marine applications, specify Models: 215RMAM, 230RMAM or 245RMAM. *Note: Heaters may not be used with these models.*

### PART NUMBER IDENTIFICATION

The example below illustrates how part numbers are constructed.

	<b>245R</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
215R =	15 GPH	Metal bowl.	In-bowl	In-bowl	Filter
230R =	30 GPH	(Omit if not desired)	Water	Fuel Heater:	Micron
245R =	45 GPH	Specify <b>MAM</b> for UL Marine Models.	Probe.	12 vdc or 24 vdc. Not for marine use. (Omit if not desired)	Rating: Specify one: 2, 10 or 30

### SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL		<b>215R</b>	<b>230R</b>	<b>245R</b>
Maximum Flow Rate	GPH	15	30	45
Replacement Element Series	LPH	57	114	170
Fuel Ports (SAEJ476)	NPT	1/4"	1/4"	1/4"
Clean Pressure Drop	PSI	0.12	0.31	0.61
Height	kPa	0.82	2.14	4.21
Width	in.	8.3	9.0	10.5
Depth	mm	211	229	267
Weight, Dry	in.	4	4	4
Operating Temp.	mm	102	102	102
	lbs.	1.8	2	2.2
	kgs.	.80	.90	1.0
		- 40° / +255°F / - 40° / +121°C		

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## 5.5 LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) System

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LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) is a generic term to describe liquefied gasses consisting predominately of Propane (C3) and Butane (C4) hydrocarbons.

### 5.5.1 Hazards

Extremely flammable! These gasses readily form explosive air-vapor mixtures at ambient temperature. Vapor is heavier than air and may travel to sources of ignition (e.g. along drainage systems, into bilges, etc.).

Liquid from the tanks will generate large volumes of flammable vapor (approximately 250:1).

Cold burns (frostbite) will result from skin/eye contact with liquid from the tanks.

Liquid release or vapor pressure jets present a risk of serious damage to the eyes.

Abuse involving willful inhalation of very high concentrations of vapor, even for short periods, can produce unconsciousness or might prove fatal. Inhalation may cause irritation to the nose and throat, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and drowsiness.

Unconsciousness or asphyxiation may result in poorly ventilated or confined spaces.

### 5.5.2 First-Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of cool water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids apart while flushing to rinse entire surface of eye and lids with water. Get immediately medical attention.

Skin: In case of cold burns, immediately place affected area in warm water (41 degrees) and keep immersed until circulation returns. Get immediate medical advice.

Other requirements: Severe inhalation or overexposure to this material may sensitize the heart to cat echo la mine-induced arrhythmia. Do not administer \*cat echo la mine to overexposed individuals. Contact the Poisons Information Service and/or seek further medical advice.

\*(Cat echo la mine are chemical compounds derived from the amino and tyrosine that act as hormones or neurotransmitters.) "Wikipedia Encyclopedia"

### 5.5.3 Fire-Fighting Measures

Activate emergency systems and/or sound the alarm. Call the Fire Department. Evacuate all persons from the area.

Ensure an escape route is always available from any fire. If it is safe to do so, close the container valves). Allow any gas-fueled fire to burn out. If unable to cut off supply of gas, allow it to burn.

Keep LPG cylinders or tanks cool, as pressurized containers will explode if subjected to high temperatures.

Small LPG fires can be attacked with dry powder fire extinguishers, provided the fuel supply can be turned off after the fire is extinguished.

### 5.5.4 Accidental Release Measures

As these substances have a very low flash point, any spillage or leak is a severe fire and/or explosion hazard.

If a leak has not ignited, stop gas flow at container, eliminate all sources of ignition, and evacuate all persons. Stay upwind of release. Inform emergency services.

Liquid leaks generate large volumes of flammable vapor, heavier than air, which may travel to remove sources of ignition (e.g. along drainage systems).

Where appropriate, use water spray to disperse the gas or vapor.

Vapor may collect in any confined space.

If spillage has occurred in a confined space, ensure adequate ventilation and check that a safe, breathable atmosphere is present before entry.

Do not enter a vapor cloud. Only trained specialized individuals should attempt to enter a vapor cloud.

Wear protective clothing. See 5.5.6

In the event of a major leak, contact the appropriate authorities.

Small quantities of spilled liquid may be allowed to evaporate. Vapor should be dispersed by effective ventilation.

### 5.5.5 Handling and Storage

Store and use only in equipment/containers for use with your particular appliance. Tanks should only be stored in a locker installed and designed for LPG storage, outside the living areas of the boat.

Installation or added appliances should only be performed by qualified personnel.

Follow manufacturer’s instructions for changing tanks.

Ensure good ventilation.

Avoid inhalation of vapor.

When handling cylinders, wear protective footwear and suitable gloves.

When handling cylinders (above head height) protective headgear may be necessary.

When changing tanks, wear suitable gloves and safety goggles or face shields.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

**5.5.6 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**

- Skin Protection – Wear suitable protective overalls with long sleeves to cover exposed skin.
- Eye Protection – Use chemical goggles or face shield when changing tanks.
- Hand Protection – Use impervious gloves when changing tanks.
- Use suitable protective gloves when handling cylinders.
- Foot Protection – Wear safety boots or shoes when handling cylinders.
- Head Protection – When handling cylinders above head heights, protective headgear may be necessary.

**5.5.7 Stability and Reactivity**

Stable at ambient temperatures.

Hazardous polymerization reactions will not occur.

**5.5.8 Material to Avoid**

Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents.

**5.5.9 Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Normally Carbon Dioxide.

Incomplete combustion will generate Carbon Monoxide. See the Boating Safety Chapter for more information on Carbon Monoxide.

*Note: Can form explosive mixture with air.*

**5.5.10 Toxicological Information**

Eyes: Will present a risk of serious damage to the eyes if contact with liquid or vapor pressure jet occurs.

Skin: Will cause cold burns (frostbite) if skin contact with liquid occurs.

**Fig. 5.8 Exposure Limits**

	Long Term Exposure Limit (PPM) (8 hr TWA)	Short Term Exposure Limit (PPM) (10 min period)
Butane	600	750
LPG	1000	1250
Propane	None Established. Considered to be an asphyxiate at high concentration in air	
(source: India LPG)		

Inhalation: Low vapor concentrations may cause nausea, dizziness, headaches, and drowsiness. High vapor concentrations may produce symptoms of oxygen deficiency which, coupled with central nervous system depression, may lead to rapid loss of consciousness.

ABUSE: Under normal conditions of use, the product is not hazardous. Abuse involving deliberate inhalation of very high concentrations of vapor, even for short periods, can produce unconsciousness and/or result in a sudden fatality.

**5.5.11 Environmental Information**

Spills are unlikely to penetrate the soil.

Unlikely to cause long term adverse effects to the environment. Will photo-degrade under atmospheric conditions.

Unlikely to cause long term effects in the aquatic environment.

### 5.5.12 Disposal Considerations

Product discharge may only be carried out by qualified persons.

- Do not dispose of any LPG container.
- Return all cylinders to the supplier.

*Note: This section on LPG is to be considered as a Danger alert. However, we have added in the following additional precautions and warnings.*



**Open flame cooking appliances consume oxygen.  
This can cause asphyxiation or death.**

**Maintain open ventilation.**

**Liquid fuel may ignite, causing severe burns.**

**Use fuel appropriate for the type of stove installed.**

**Turn off stove before changing tank.**

**Do not use for comfort heating.**

**Use special care for flames near urethane foam.**

**Once ignited, it burns rapidly, producing extreme heat and releasing hazardous gasses and consuming large amounts of oxygen.**

**Specifically follow all warnings and instructions in your Owner's Manual, your Operator's Manual, and the equipment Manufacturer's Manuals provided to you.**

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## 5.6 Troubleshooting

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Though we cannot cover every problem you might encounter in boating, we hope to assist you in the basic operation and maintenance of the components aboard, or installed on your boat.

Troubleshooting		
Problem	Cause	Solution
Fuel overflows at the fill plate (tank not full)	Fill or vent line blocked	Check lines. Clear obstruction from line or straighten line if kinked.
Water or moisture in fuel tank	Cap on deck fuel fill plate not tight	Check cap. Tighten.
	Condensation forming on walls of partially filled tank.	Follow remedies for "Condensation" above. If remedies fail to correct problem, fuel tank and lines may need to be drained and flushed. See your dealer for service.
	Poor quality fuel from marina tanks.	Diesel engines. Check fuel/water separators. Drain if necessary. Check with your dealer.
Engine cranks but will not start (fuel system)	Lack of fuel.	Clean fuel filter, check fuel level. Check whether anti-siphon valve, if so equipped, is stuck shut. Improper starting procedure. Review starting procedures in engine manual.
	Clogged fuel filter.	Check and replace fuel filter. Check fuel pump, fuel pump filter, fuel filter, and fuel tank line for cracked flanges or restricted fittings.



*Chapter 6*

***Underwater***

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## Underwater Gear

Your underwater Gear consists of the following:

- Propulsion components (sail drive)
- Steering components
- Seawater Intake, and discharge skin fittings
- Monitoring Equipment
- Keel

### 6.1 Mechanical Propulsion Components



**Keep clear of moving parts at all times. Protect moving parts from access during normal use.**

Propulsion components are any component that would be involved in the movement of your boat. This section will detail the components that are submerged or underwater most of the time. Fig 6.1 will detail most of the components.

#### 6.1.1 Propellers

The propeller supplied with your boat has been selected as the best propeller for average use. Propellers use “pitch” or the angle of the blades to determine the amount of power exerted from your engines. Do not change the pitch of your propellers without getting your dealers recommendations first. If you change to a different propeller pitch, under no circumstances use a propeller which allows the engine to operate

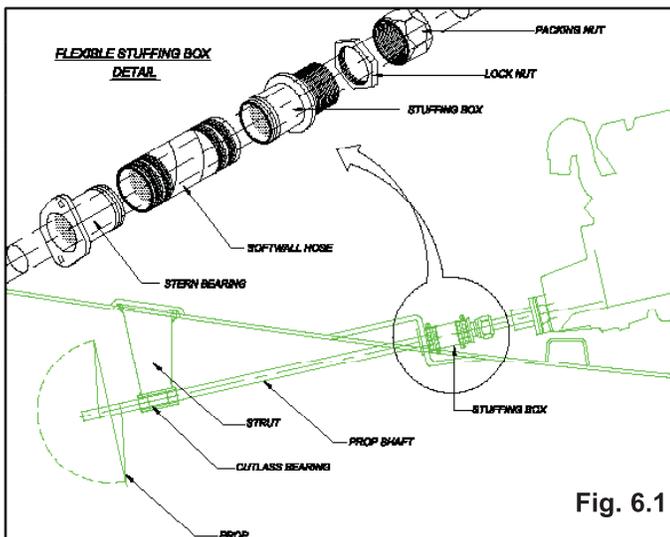


Fig. 6.1

at a higher than recommended RPM. Your engine manual will specify the maximum recommended RPM.

To maintain rated power, propellers should be free of nicks, excessive pitting and any distortions that alter them from their original design. Badly damaged propellers should be replaced, but those that are chipped, bent or merely out of shape can be reconditioned by your marine dealer.

Consider keeping an extra propeller on your boat. If the propeller becomes damaged, you can replace it with the spare and continue your outing. Check with your dealer if you want to purchase one.

#### 6.1.2 Propeller Shaft

The propeller shaft is made of Aquamet 19 or equivalent stainless steel which has excellent corrosion resistance and very high strength. The coupling at one end of the shaft is bolted to the transmission. The other end of the shaft is tapered, threaded, and keyed for installation of the propeller. The propeller shaft passes through the hull encased in the shaft log. Then, on the underside of the hull, is attached a strut, which holds the propeller shaft in position.

#### 6.1.3 Alignment

Aligning the engine with the propeller shaft is critical for smooth operation of your boat. Shaft alignment may change slightly after your boat is in use. Your dealer should check alignment as part of commissioning, particularly if there is vibration, a drumming sound, or loss of RPM's.

Below is an illustration showing the steps for alignment, however we recommend this practice be performed by competent professionals.

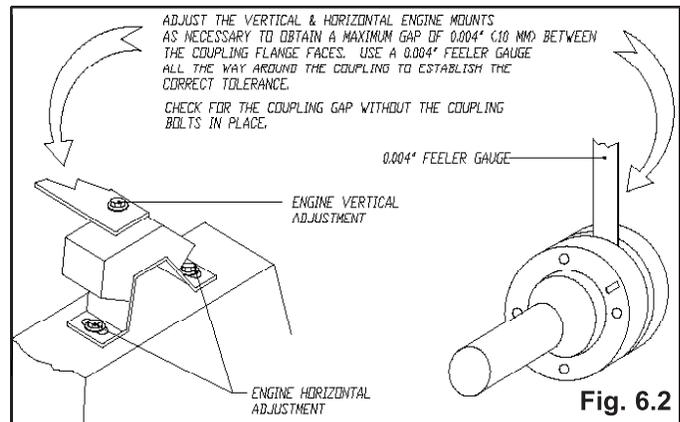


Fig. 6.2

### 6.1.4 Struts

Each propeller shaft is supported by manganese bronze struts fastened to the bottom of the hull. The struts have replaceable bearings to minimize wear and to protect the shaft at the points where it passes through the strut hubs. The strut bearings should be inspected annually and replaced as necessary. Location of the struts can be found in the Underwater Gear Components illustrations at the end of this chapter.

### 6.1.5 Shaft Log / Stuffing Box

The shaft log is a fiberglass tube inserted into an opening in the bottom of the boat aft, for the propeller shaft. A short length of flexible hose connects the shaft stuffing box to the shaft log. See fig. 6.1.

The stuffing box keeps water from leaking around the shaft into the boat. The stuffing box has a Flex packing system.

The shaft seal assemblies should be inspected at least annually.

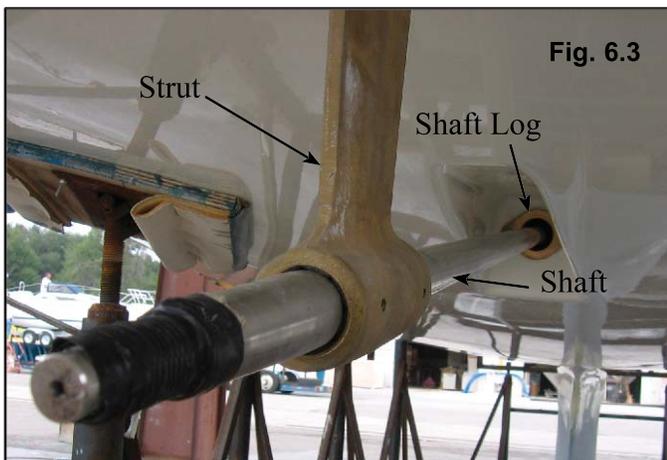


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If alignment is necessary, see your authorized service technician.

## 6.2 Steering Components



**Keep clear of moving steering parts at all times. Protect moving parts from access during normal use!**

### 6.2.1 Steering System

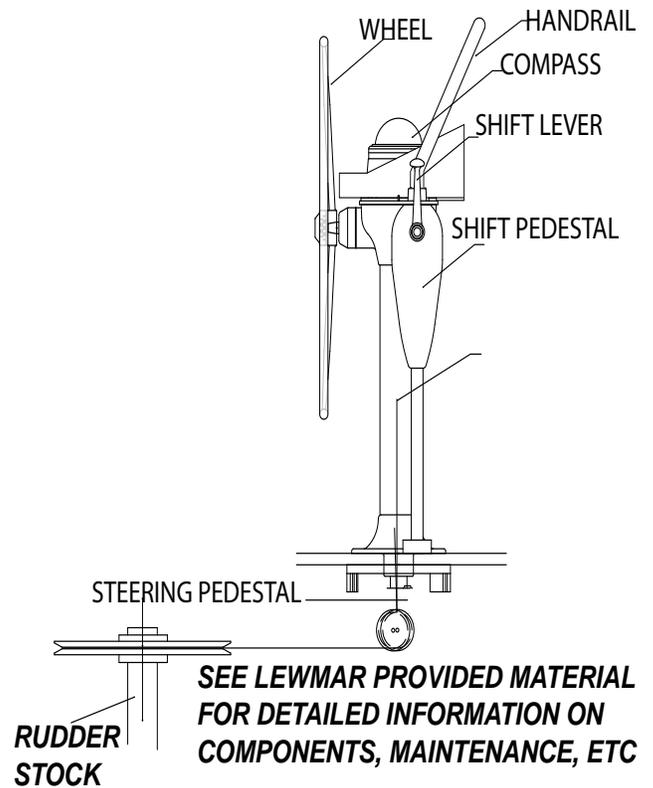


Figure 6.4

The steering system on your boat uses a rack and pinion setup that connect the wheel to the steering gear via a direct drag link. Fig. 6.4 gives you a view at some of the basic components of this system.

To keep it in the top operating condition please read your manual supplied in your owner's packet. This manual contains all the system requirements and maintenance requirements to keep your steering system working for years.

**6.2.2 Rudders**

Your Hunter rudder is constructed with a foam filled composite blade by hand lay-up connected to an internal stainless steel grid and rudder stock structure. The rudder bearings are self lubricating type bearings. Ensure to inspect the free and smooth operation of the rudder stock and bearings at regular intervals.



Fig. 6.5 shows you a view at the rudder under your boat. Your steering system is a very important part of your boat and very important to your boating safety. However, all boat operator's should be prepared for rudder failure or loss.

Fig. 6.5



**An operator must be able to sail without a rudder or otherwise be prepared to assemble a makeshift rudder.**

*Important: Look to the Getting Underway Chapter (chapter 12) for information about using your emergency tiller system. The connections and use are detailed in that section.*

**6.3 Seawater Intake**

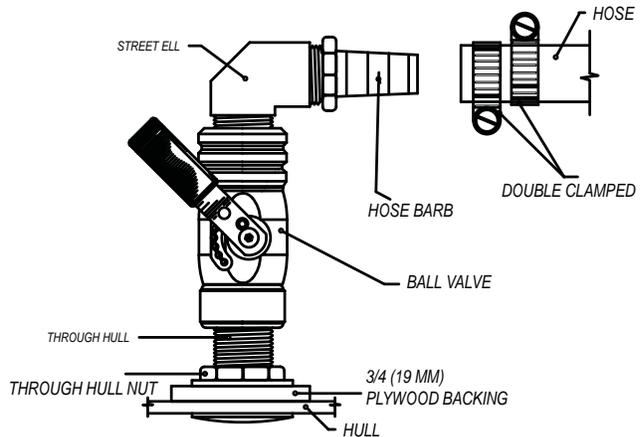
**6.3.1 Skin Fittings and Intakes**

On the bottom of your boat, you will find skin fittings and intakes for the supply and discharge to your boat's various systems.

Care should be taken that these intakes and skin fittings are cleaned of barnacles and other growth as specified in the maintenance section of this manual to maintain a

clear, open passageway.

TYP. THRU-HULL W/ SEACOCK DETAIL



TYP. THRU-HULL W/ SEACOCK DETAIL

Fig. 6.6

The optional electronics package you have ordered on your boat will largely determine the underwater gear that is related to the monitoring equipment. Be sure and refer to your documentation in your owner's packet to find out the details about this equipment.

**6.4 Anchoring (Option)**

**6.4.1 Anchor**

Your Hunter is equipped with a Danforth type anchorwell and drain and a Danforth type anchor as standard equipment. The anchor is selected to suit the size and weight of your boat under normal anchoring conditions, and is most effective in muddy or sandy bottoms.

Fig. 6.7 will show you the details of the anchoring system in illustrated detail, showing the plan view.

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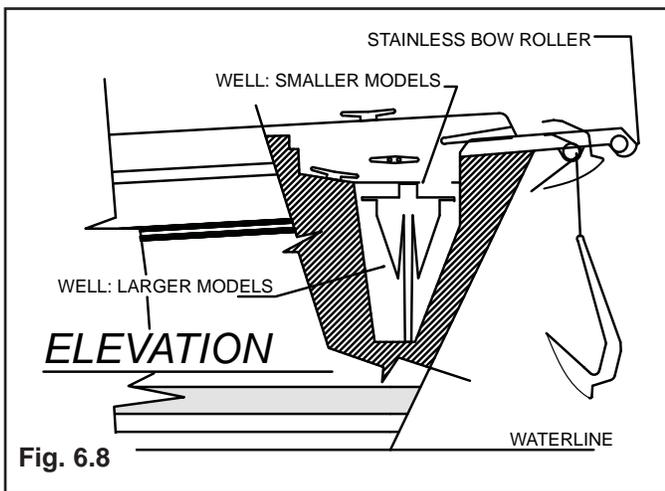
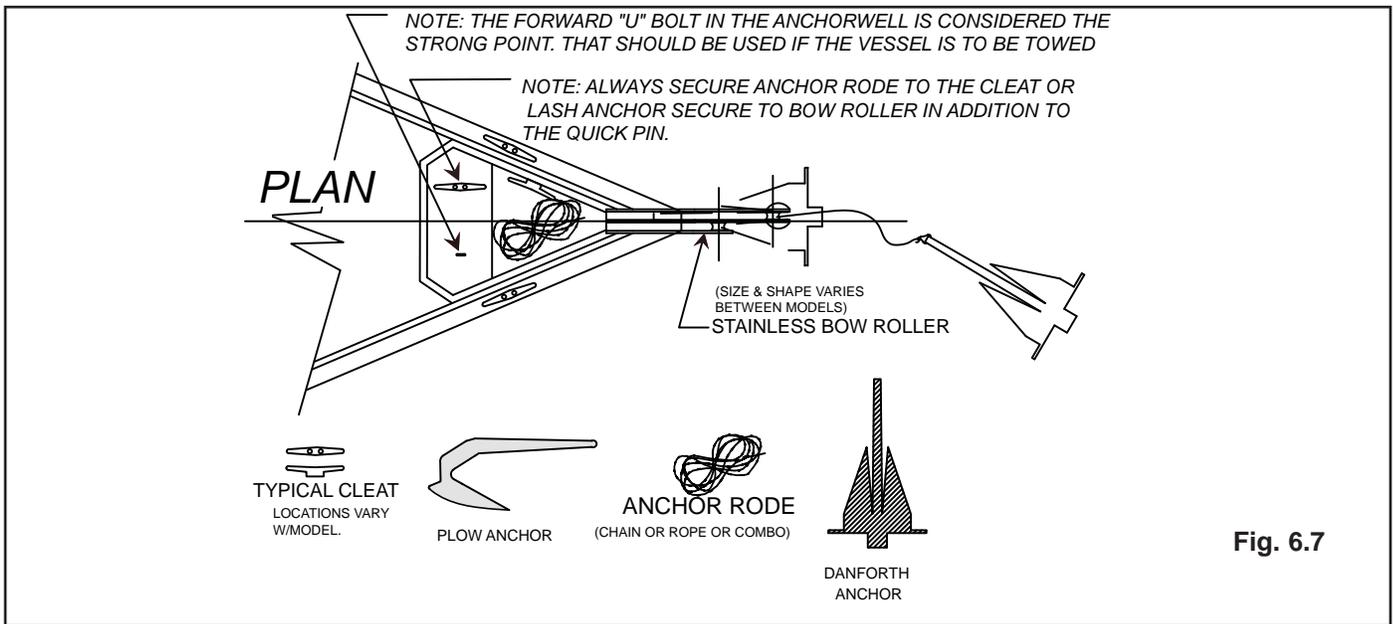


Fig 6.8 shows you a profile view of the anchoring. This illustration shows the smaller and the larger anchor well, in relation to the location.

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠

**Anchoring in unusual water, and or weather conditions will require additional precautions. Consult an approved guide for suggestions.**

## 6.5 Troubleshooting

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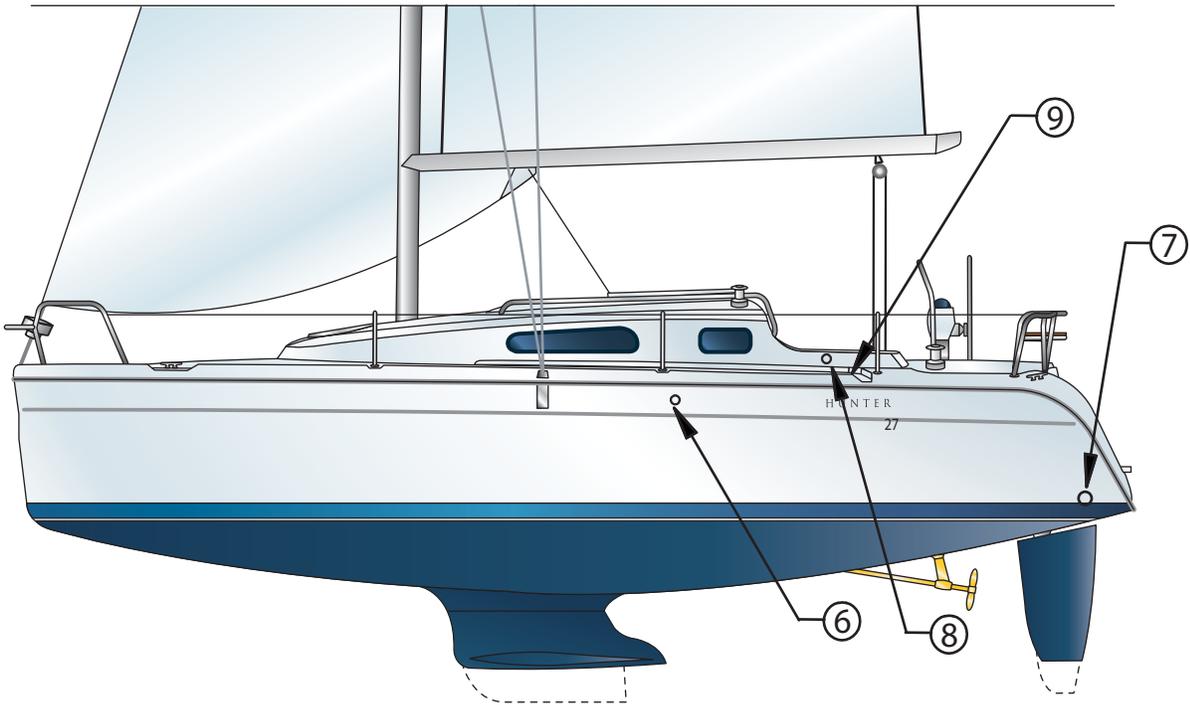
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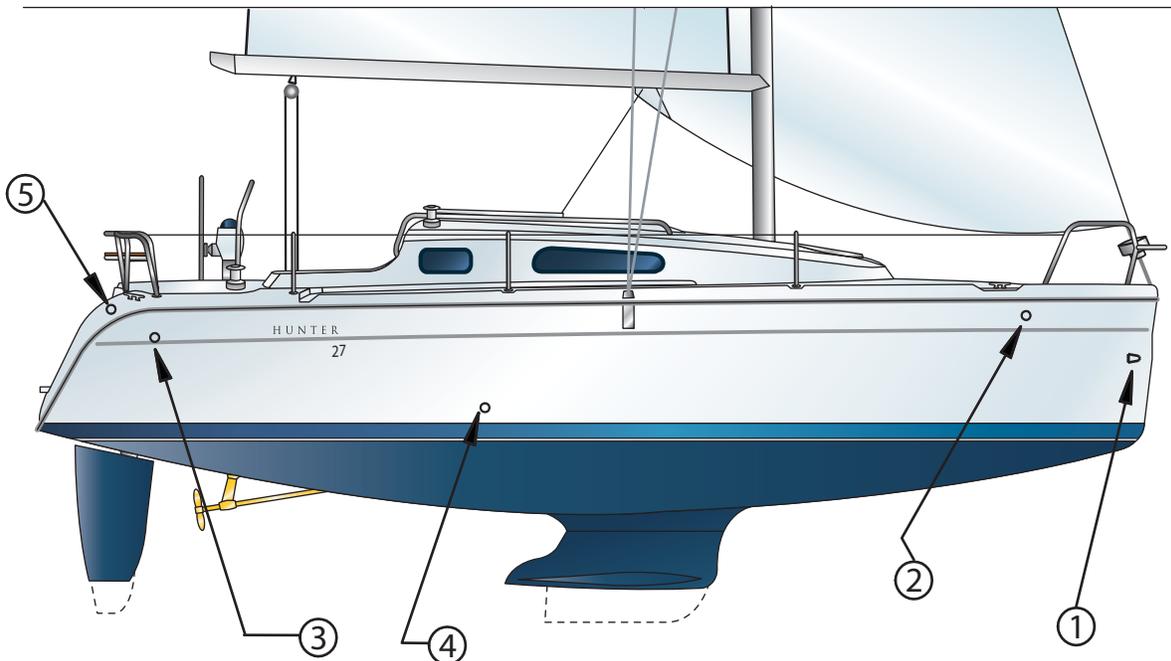
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### Thru Hulls Port and Starboard



1. ANCHORWELL DRAIN	6. BILGE PUMP THRU HULL FITTING
2. WATER TANK VENT	7. ENGINE EXHAUST THRU HULL
3. FUEL TANK VENT	8. WASTE TANK VENT
4. OPTIONAL LP DRAIN THRU HULL FITTING	9. WASTE EXTRACT THRU DECK FITTING
5. DECK FUEL FILL	



<b>Troubleshooting</b>		
Problem	Possible Cause	Resolution
Excessive vibration	Material obstructing propeller	Remove material from propeller, shaft, or rudder by reversing engines. If necessary, stop engines and cut or pull material away.
	Bent prop or shaft	Replace propeller. If vibration continues, see your dealer for service.
	Excessive play in shaft log	Check shaft log for wear. Avoid sudden torque changes. See your dealer for repairs.
	Bent rudder	Replace. See your dealer for service.
Poor performance	Material wrapped around propeller	Run engines in reverse. If necessary, stop engines and cut or pull material away.
	Damaged propeller. Wrong propeller in use.	Replace propeller



*Chapter 7*

***DC Electric  
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## DC Electric Systems

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This section will provide you with the information necessary to understand and operate your DC Electrical Systems.

It is not the scope of this manual to educate you on repair, or extending the electrical system. We cannot educate you in the principals of basic electricity. The scope of your manual is to provide you with the basic information you will need for safety, operation, and maintenance of these systems.

**! WARNING !**

**Do not rely on the information in this manual as a repair guide, as always only competent electrical service personnel should attempt to repair any electrical equipment or extension of the electrical systems. To do so would risk electrical shock, or damage to the boats systems or components.**

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### 7.1 DC Power Systems & Components

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The DC Power Systems & components consists of the following:

- Batteries
- Battery Switch Panel
- 12 Volt DC Panel
- Lighting
- Electric Cooler (Option)
- Water Pump (Option)
- Blower (Option)
- Stereo (Option)
- VHF Radio (Option)
- Instruments (option)
- GPS (Option)
- Engine Starter
- CO Monitors
- Fire Extinguishing System (Option)

This section will be separated into categories of Power Supply Equipment and related Components such as switches, breakers, fuses, panels, chargers, grounding, and the components that are powered by the DC electrical system and their operation.

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### 7.2 Power Supply Equipment & Components

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#### 7.2.1 Batteries

The batteries installed in your boat have been selected for their ability to furnish starting power based on engine starting requirements, as well as their ability to power the DC components attached to the electrical system. See Table 1 for the recommended batteries for your boat.

**! DANGER !**

**Batteries contain Sulfuric Acid and can cause severe personal injury if mishandled. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. In case of contact, flush with water at least 15 minutes. If swallowed, drink large quantities of water or Milk of Magnesia, beaten egg, or vegetable oil and get medical attention immediately.**

**! WARNING !**

**Charging batteries produces gasses which can explode if ignited. Explosion can shatter a battery. Battery acid can cause severe personal injury such as blindness. Keep flame, spark, and smoking materials away from batteries while charging. Charge in a well ventilated area.**

**! WARNING !**

**Batteries contain a large amount of potential electrical energy! Extreme care must taken when working with batteries. An improper connection to a battery can release enough energy to cause severe personal injury or fire.**

The DC System derives its power from two separate battery banks.

Each battery bank is wired to a battery selector switch located under the chart table. A circuit breaker "DC Main" on the battery switch panel connects the batteries to the electrical system. The batteries supply power, first to the battery selector switch then to the 12 Volt DC Panel which distributes power to such equipment as cabin lights, instruments, and accessories.

The negative terminal of all banks are attached to the DC Ground connection on the engine. This system, known as the negative ground system, is the approved system for marine DC electrical systems. The battery wiring system has two color coded wires. The yellow wire is the ground (negative), and the red wire is (positive).

To avoid explosions, do not use jumper cables and a booster battery to start the engine. If batteries are dead, then remove and recharge them ashore.

Batteries produce hydrogen and oxygen gasses when they are being charged. These explosive gasses escape through the vent/fill caps and may form an explosive atmosphere around the battery if ventilation is poor. This gas may remain around the battery for several hours after charging. Sparks or flame can ignite the gas and cause an explosion.

The following precautions must be taken:

- The wiring to the batteries must have proper over current protection in the form of fuse or breakers.
- Use only battery chargers that have been listed by a testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
- Follow the wiring diagrams exactly.

**To remove the battery:**

1. Turn off all power drawing breakers and isolate battery.
2. Remove negative (-) cable first, then the positive (+).

When you install a battery, the battery connections must be made properly.

1. Attach the positive cable to the positive (+) terminal on the battery.
2. Attach the negative cable to the negative (-) terminal on the battery.

*Note: Batteries should always be removed and installed by trained, qualified persons to avoid all damages.*

**Table 1 Recommended Batteries (or equivalent)**

MFG/PN	Group Size	Volts	Qty
Exide Pre-vailler PV-31	31	12	2

**7.2.2 Battery Switch Panel**

The battery banks are connected to a battery selector switch (Fig. 7.1 shown without optional inverter) located under the chart table.

The selector switches are marked as to which battery they control. Turning the selector switch to the Off position turns power off to the respective circuits, likewise, the On position turns power on.



**Figure 7.1**

The battery switch panel houses the breakers for some of the main components in your DC system. The breaker controls are marked at the switch panel, and control systems or components on your boat that require a connection that remains energized even through the Main Panel may be de-energized.

The breakers and switches are described in greater detail in the “Breakers and Switches” section of this chapter.

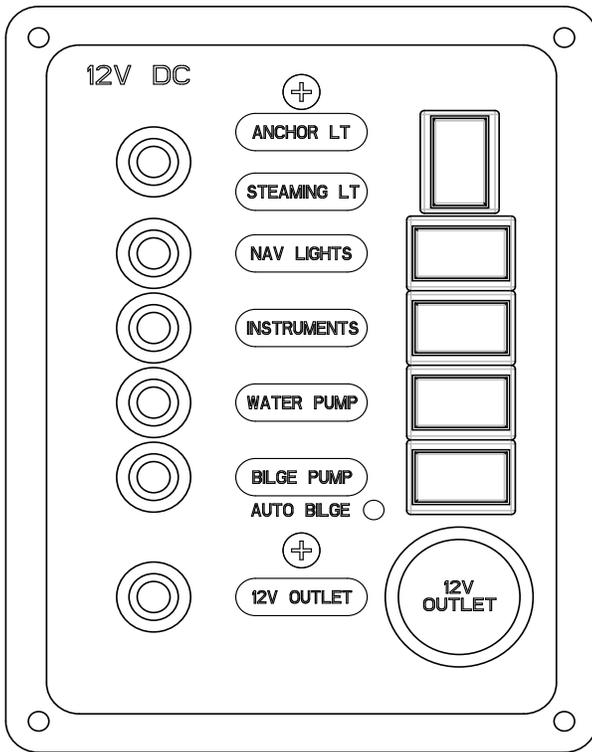
**7.2.3 Battery Charging System**

Refer to the DC Wiring Diagram drawing at the end of this section for the location of the battery charger. The charger is protected by a fuse on the positive and ground side at the charger.

**To operate the charger, ensure that it is operating:**

1. Connect the shore power dockside supply shore power inlet on the stern of the boat on the port side.
2. Turn on AC Main breaker.
3. Turn on the Battery Charger breaker.

**7.2.4 12 Volt DC Panel**



**Figure 7.2**

You can view the DC components controlled by the DC control panel here (Fig. 7.2). Indicator lights are built into most switches and alert you that the selected system is powered.

**7.2.5 Breakers, Switches, and Fuses**

All electrical systems aboard your boat are provided with over-current protection in the form of breakers or fuses. Examples of breakers are the system or component controls at the 12 Volt Panel, or in the battery selector switch panel. Systems that would normally require you to energize them for use are provided with switches.

**7.2.6 Water Systems**

The water systems are outlined in the Water Systems chapter in this manual. However, the controls for this system are powered by the DC Electrical system.

**7.3 System Components and Operation**

The largest part of your controls are on the 12 Volt DC Panel, we will run down the systems and components as they are listed on the Panel. From there, we will look at the helm controls.

**7.3.1 DC Main**

In order to energize the DC system aboard your boat, you must turn the breaker marked “DC Main”, on the battery switch panel, to the “ON” position. This supplies power to the remaining breakers and systems on the DC Panel.

**7.3.1.1 To operate the 12 Volt DC System:**

1. Switch the main battery switch in aft cabin to 1 or 2 position.
2. Switch the DC main circuit breaker at battery switch panel to ON.
3. Switch on relevant switches at the MDP.

*Note: Always switch circuit breakers off when you leave your boat unattended.*

**7.3.2 Lighting Systems**

There are basically two different lighting systems aboard your boat. These are the interior (Cabin) and navigational lighting.

The navigational lighting, closely follows Coast Guard regulations. They are as follows:

- Nav Lights
- Steaming Light
- Mast Light

The red and green lights on the bow rail and the white facing light on the transom are known as “Nav Lights”. These lights should always be on when motoring.

The “steaming” light is the forward facing light mounted at

the top of mast. This should be on when underway with sail power only.

The anchor light is a 360 ° light mounted at the top of the mast and should only be on when anchored.

Lighting circuits and locations are outlined in the end of this chapter.

### 7.3.3 Electric Cooler (Option)

The reset marked “Cooler”, on the backside of 12 Volt DC Panel supplies power to the cooler aboard your boat. Refer to Interior arrangement layout on page 4.16 for the location of the cooler.

#### 7.3.3.1 Basic Cooler Operation

1. On standard battery charger model, turn on house battery selector switch ( aft cabin).
2. Turn on Main DC breaker at Battery Swtich Panel.
3. Set Thermostat to desired temperature.

**Note:** If leaving unit on when away from boat be sure shore power cables are connected and battery charger is on to prevent battery drain.

**Note:** Consult product manual for operating the refrigerator and other information on the unit.

### 7.3.4 Bilge Pump Systems

Your boat is equipped with 1 main bilge pump and 1 (Optional) emergency bilge pump. For locations of the bilge pump systems, consult your Mechanical Arrangement Drawing or the Sanitary Systems Drawing.

The Bilge Pump System consists of a pump and a float switch. When the water level rises far enough to activate the float switch, this activates the pump which lowers the water level down to a point that the float switch stops the power. Fig. 7.4 shows you the typical wiring.

*For more information about your bilge pump system, see Sanitary Systems.*

#### 7.3.4.1 To manually operate your bilge pumps:

**Note:** The power to the MDP does not need to be energized in order to manually operate your bilge pumps.

1. Locate the bilge pump switch at the MDP and switch

to the manual position.

2. Another procedure to be used in extreme circumstances involves locating the float switch and manually rotating the float handle on the side of the float switch to simulate the float switch being underwater. This will energize the pump and the pump will operate.

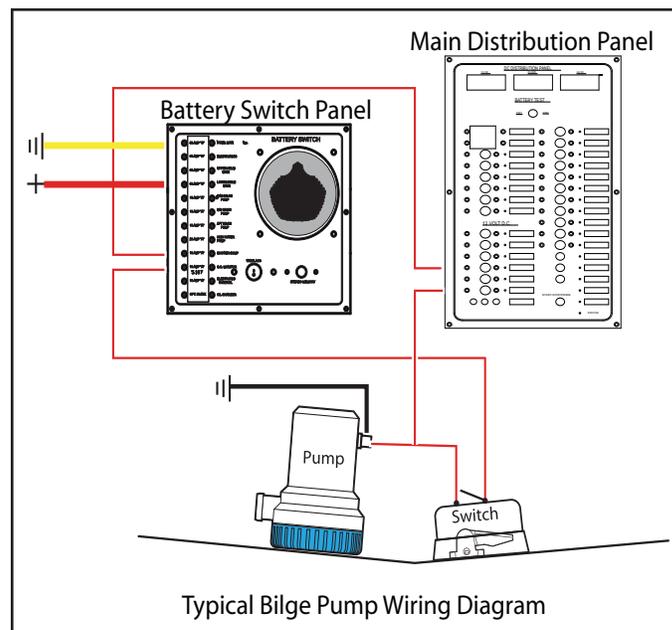


Figure 7.4



**Fuel fumes in the engine compartment can explode. Before working on electrical wiring, ventilate engine room and disconnect battery cables to prevent sparks.**

### 7.3.5 Ventilation

Ventilation is a very important issue with your boat, with the potential for Carbon Monoxide buildup (See Boating Safety Section), along with the simple comfort of fresh air ventilation is a standard that is a necessity.

On your boat, there are essentially types of ventilation, the blower, and the Bomar hatches, which supply you with fresh air when opened. Since the hatches require no power, we will detail the blower, and their function, here. (the blower is optional and only comes with the Automatic Fire Suppression System)

For blower location, consult your Mechanical Arrangement

illustration in the Boating Safety Section.

The engine room blower is an exhaust fan which will remove any exhaust fumes from the engine room, as well as, removing heated air.

**7.3.6 To operate the engine compartment blower:**

Power up the DC system as discussed in this section. Turn on the breaker located on battery switch panel.

**7.3.7 Stereo System (Option)**

The reset marked “Stereo”, on the backside of the 12 Volt DC Panel supplies power to the stereo on your boat. For more information about the controls of your stereo consult product manual in your owner’s packet.

**7.3.8 VHF Radio (Option)**

The reset marked “VHF Radio”, on the backside of the 12 Volt DC Panel supplies power to the radio on your boat. For more information about the controls of your radio consult product manual in your owner’s packet.

**7.3.9 Instruments**

The breaker marked “Instruments”, on the 12 Volt DC Panel supplies power to the instruments on your boat. For more information about the controls of your instruments consult product manual in your owner’s packet.

**7.3.10 CO Monitors**

For your protection, we have installed CO monitors aboard your boat. Be sure and check your Owner’s Packet for more info concerning your CO detectors. You can also review the dangers of CO in the Boating Safety Chapter of this manual.

Do not spray waxes or cleaning agents on the monitor.

**7.3.11 Fire Extinguishing Systems (Option)**

In the engine room, there is a fire extinguishing bottle installed. This system is DC powered with a relay, or “module”, and the alarm at the helm station.

When a fire is detected on your boat, the alarm will sound and set off the Halon bottle. This relay will shut down the engine, and blower. To reset the system, activate the override switch on the monitor at the helm. See Fig. 7.5.



Figure 7.5

**7.3.12 Maintenance**

The maintenance of your DC system is ensuring that all connections are clean, tight, and covered with a corrosion inhibitor compound.

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<b>Troubleshooting</b>		
<b>Problem</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Solution</b>
12 volt equipment not working	Battery selector switch turned off	Check battery selector switches and ensure they are on
Battery not charging with engine running	Check alternator, belt, etc.	Change alternator, tighten belt
Battery not holding a charge	Faulty Battery Faulty battery charger	Replace battery Have your dealer check battery charger
12 volt DC device not working	Circuit breaker for device is off Weak or dead battery  Faulty electrical connection	Switch breaker to on Change battery selector switch position, recharge battery Check 12 volt DC connections, tighten or repair as needed
Cabin lights not working (off or dim)	Cabin breaker for device is off Weak or dead battery  Light bulb burned out	Switch breaker to on Change battery selector switch position, recharge battery Replace bulb
Blower inoperative	Tripped breaker Weak or dead battery	Switch breaker on Recharge or replace battery



*Chapter 8*

***AC Electric  
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## AC Electric Systems

Besides a 12 Volt DC negative ground system, your Hunter boat has a 120V 60 HZ AC system.

It is not the intent of this manual to educate you on repair or extending the electrical system. The scope of this manual is to provide the basic information needed for safety, operation and maintenance of these systems.

### ⚠ WARNING ⚠

**Electricity cannot be detected without the use of specialized test equipment. Never think you know whether a circuit is “live”. Always have qualified, competent professionals inspect or make repairs to your electrical systems.**

## 8.1 AC Power Systems & Components

The AC System consists of the following systems or components:

- 120 Volt AC Panel
- Shore Power
- Outlets
- Microwave
- Battery Charger
- Water Heater

The AC system is a three-wire grounded system powered by shore power hookup located aft. Circuit breaker for AC power is located in starboard aft cabin.

*Note: It is important that you review the “Electric Shock” pamphlet included with your manual and understand the importance of electrical safety. While electricity is one of our greatest friends, it can well be your worst enemy. Be sure and follow the warnings posted in this manual and your component or systems manuals in your owner’s packet and practice good safety. Always have trained, competent technicians to service your electrical systems, it could mean your life.*

A ground fault interruption circuit (GFIC) protects all outlet circuits. This system prevents accidental electrical shock. If power is lost to an outlet, reset the system at the GFIC outlet.

### ⚠ DANGER ⚠

**Never work on an energized circuit! Always treat any circuit as if it were live! Always have trained,**

**competent technicians to service your electrical systems!**

### 8.1.1 Shore Power

#### 8.1.1.1 To Connect and Turn on Shore Power

##### 1. On the boat:

- Turn off equipment breakers. (See Figure 8.1)
- Turn off shore power inlet breaker. (See Figure 8.2)

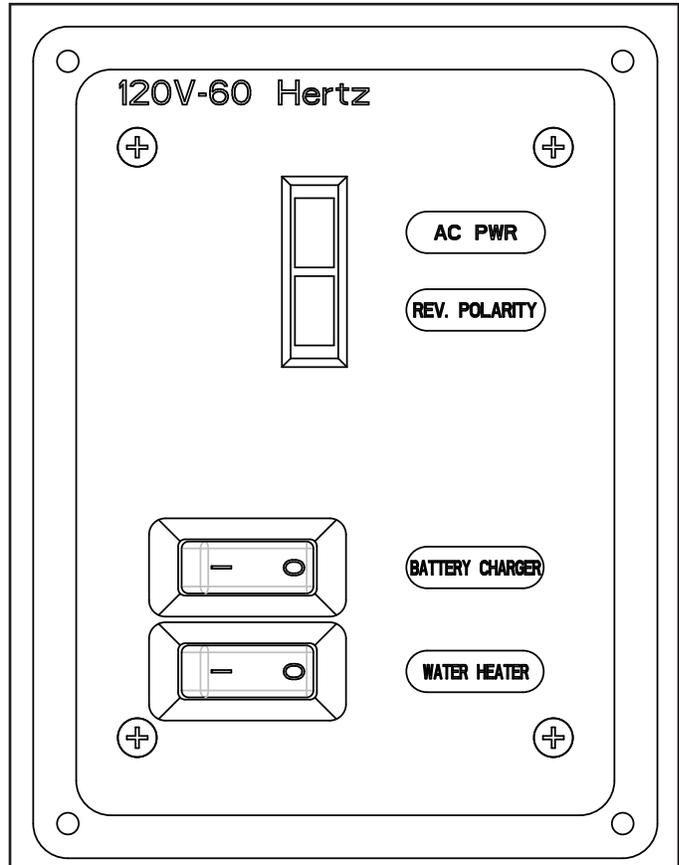


Figure 8.1



Figure 8.2

C. Plug power cable into shore power inlet on stern of boat. Turn clockwise to lock. Thread the locking ring onto the boat receptacle to prevent accidental unplugging.



Figure 8.3

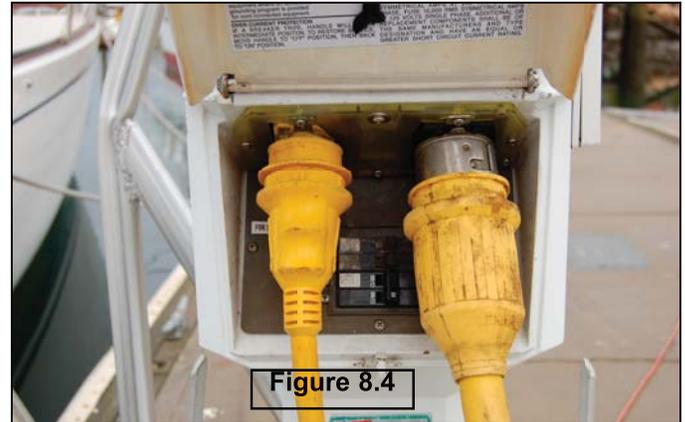


Figure 8.4

### 8.1.1.2 To Disconnect Shore Power

**On the boat: Turn off all breakers**

- A. Turn off equipment breakers.
- B. Turn off shore Inlet Breaker.
- C. On the dock: Turn off the dock breaker**
- D. Disconnect the dock side power cord.
- E. On the boat: Disconnect the power cord from the boat.**



Using a damaged or improper cord for shore power can cause electrical shock and serious injury. Use a cord specifically designed for shore power connection. Do not use a household extension cord.



Water is an excellent conductor of electricity. Keep shore power cord out of water. Do not operate any AC device while you or the cord are in the water. To prevent injury or equipment damage, keep all AC system components dry.



**DO NOT connect the shore power cord to the dockside electrical source first. You could accidentally drop the cord into the water, which may result in electrical shock and serious personal injury.**

### 2. On the Dock:

- A. Turn off dock breaker.
- B. Plug other end of power cord into dock outlet box.
- C. Turn on dock breaker.

### On the boat:

- D. Turn on shore inlet breaker.

### 8.1.2 Shore Power Cable

The shore power cable set is intended for use outdoors. To prolong the life of the set, store indoors when not in use. The metallic parts of your cable set are made to resist corrosion. In a salt-water environment, periodically wiping the exposed parts with fresh water, drying and spraying with a moisture repellent can increase life of the product. A soiled cable can be cleaned with a grease cutting household detergent. A periodic application of vinyl protector to both ends will help to maintain cables original appearance.

Incase of salt water immersion, rinse plug end and/or connector end thoroughly in fresh water, shake or blow out excess water and allow to dry. Spray with moisture repellent before re-use.



**DO NOT allow the dockside power cord to come in contact with the water. Never operate any power tool or other electrical equipment while you or the devices are in contact with the water, as this may cause electrocution resulting in shock or death.**

### 8.1.3 AC Distribution Panel

The distribution panels for both AC and DC power are located in the aft cabin.

### 8.1.4 Battery Charger (Option)

The boat's batteries are normally charged whenever the engines are running. If you are docked for an extended period of time, operating DC devices and equipment will drain the power from the batteries. Unless the batteries are kept charged, they may not have enough power to start the engine when you need them.

The battery charger (Fig. 8.6) will automatically charge the engine batteries when the power supply is through the AC system. The battery charger breaker is at the AC Distribution Panel.

Leaving the battery charger on whenever AC power is available is a good idea. It will keep the batteries fully charged. After the batteries are recharged, it provides a maintenance or trickle charge as needed. The battery charger is under the chart table. Refer to the manufacturer's owner's manual for operating procedures.

#### 8.1.4.1 Basic Battery Charger Operation Procedure

1. Connect shore power cable to power AC Panel and turn on the AC Main breaker.
2. Turn "Battery Charger" breaker to the "ON" position.  
Note: **It is not necessary** to turn on the "House/Start" battery switch to provide charging power to the batteries.



The circuit breakers for the battery chargers are located on the AC Distribution Panel.

### 8.1.5 Engine Alternator Operation

1. Check sea strainer and open engine raw water sea-cock.
2. Turn battery selector switch to the #1 position.
3. Start engine. (Follow starting instructions in the "Engine Manual")
4. Turn battery selector switch to both to charge all batteries

### 8.1.6 Water Heater (Option)



**Be certain the water heater is full of water and does not contain air. If the water heater is not full of water, damage to the heating elements may result when electrical power is turned on to the unit.**

The water heater use and function is described in the Water Systems Section.

The water heater is powered by the AC Distribution Panel. It is much the same as an electric water heater in your home except in this case, the heater uses 120 volt (220 overseas), but it uses elements to heat the water to a specified temperature. Consult the manufacturer's documentation for any internal information about the water heater.

### 8.1.7 Microwave (Option)

The inverter automatically transfers shore power to the AC panel when shore power cable is connected and dockside power is present at AC panel bypassing the invert mode capabilities.

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Troubleshooting		
Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No AC power	Main breaker(s) aft cabin tripped or off Shore power cord not connected Loose or disconnected wire	Turn breaker on or reset Check cord, plug in if necessary Tighten connections. See your dealer
No power to AC devices	Breaker(s) at AC control Center tripped or off Shore power cord not connected Loose or disconnected wire	Turn breaker on or reset Check cord. Plug in if necessary Check cord. Plug in if necessary Tighten connections. See your dealer
Inadequate power to AC devices	Electrical demand greater than output	Switch off devices and equipment not needed Use shore power AC line if available
Continuous tripping of main breaker	Cause of problem not corrected	Determine cause and correct problem before resetting breaker See your dealer if problem persists
No power at AC outlets	Outlet breaker in AC control center OFF Ground fault interrupter tripped	Switch breaker to ON Reset button on outlet and test



*Chapter 9*

***Water  
Systems***

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The fresh and raw water systems consist of the following components:

- Dockside Water Supply
- Fresh Water Tanks and Fills
- Fresh Water Pump
- A/C Cooling Pump
- Raw Water Pick-up and Strainer
- A/C Pick-up and Strainer
- Engine Seacocks and Strainers
- Fixtures and Valves
- Water Heater



**Always ensure that when filling the fresh water tanks that you are filling through the fresh water fill. Other fills or pump outs may visually look the same. Filling fresh water in to the waste pump out could flood your boat, or filling the diesel fuel tank could damage your fuel system.**

### 9.1.2 Fresh Water Sanitation

*NOTE: Be sure and read the OEM manuals that are supplied with your boat, the next section is taken from one of those manuals.*

## 9.1 Water Tanks (on board water supply)

The fresh water system on your boat has one water tank totaling 20 gallons ( 75L) and one fresh water fill (Fig. 9.1) located at the bow. The vent for the tank is located on the side of the hull, at the fill. See the arrangement drawing at the end of this chapter for locations.



**Fig. 9.1**

*Note: Whenever servicing the fresh water pumps, shut off the DC breaker for the water system.*

### 9.1.1 To fill the fresh water tank:

1. Make sure the potable water supply is suitable for drinking. Not all potable water is drinking water. Check with the dockmaster if necessary.
2. Open the water tank fill fitting. Fig. 9.1
3. Using the hose from the potable water supply, fill the tank until water starts flowing through the vent.
4. Close the fill fitting.

Sanitizing Potable water systems require periodic maintenance to deliver a consistent flow of fresh water. Depending on use and the environment the system is subjected to, sanitizing is recommended prior to storing and before using the water system after a period of storage. Systems with new components, or ones that have been subjected to contamination, should also be disinfected as follows:

*NOTE: The sanitizing procedure is in conformance with the approved procedures of the US Public Health Service.)*

1. Use the following methods to determine the amount of common household bleach needed to sanitize the tank:
  - A. Multiply “gallons of tank capacity” by 0.13; the result is the ounces of bleach needed to sanitize the tank (30 gallons X .13 = 3.9 oz bleach).
  - B. Use the number of liters of tank capacity to determine the number of milliliters of bleach needed to sanitize the tank (120 liters of tank capacity = 120 milliliters of bleach).
2. Mix into solution the proper amount of bleach within a container of water
3. Pour the solution (water/bleach) into the tank and fill the tank with potable water.
4. Open all faucets (hot and cold) allowing the water to run until the distinct odor of chlorine is detected.
5. The standard solution must have four (4) hours of contact time to disinfect completely. Doubling the solution concentration allows for contact time of one (1) hour.
6. When the contact time is completed, drain the tank.

Refill with potable water and purge the plumbing of all sanitizing solution.

## 9.2 Pumps

On board your boat there are both fresh water and raw water pumps that control the flow of water to the related components. These are electrically powered pumps. Some of the features of these pumps are:

- Smooth Flow
- Self-Priming up to 10 feet (3m)
- Dry running capability
- Soft noise absorbing mounts
- Snap-fit port fittings
- Built-in bypass — less pulsation
- Reduces need for accumulator tank
- Corrosion resistant materials

*Remember to read your OEM manuals for complete information, as well as safety warnings, or notices.*

### 9.2.1 Fresh Water Pump

The FRESH WATER PUMP breaker switch is on the DC side of the MDP. When the breaker is switched to ON, the pumps will run until the hot and cold water systems are pressurized. An automatic pressure switch shuts the pumps off until the pressure drops to a preset level (for example, a pressure drop caused by opening a faucet). The pumps will then run again until the system is pressurized and turn itself off. The pumps have a built-in check valve to prevent backflow through the pumps.



The fresh water washdown connection is located on the transom.

*Important: Operate the fresh water pumps only when there is water in the tank. Running the pumps dry will damage the*

*diaphragm.*

*Note: If the pumps run from time to time even though no water is being used, a leak in a water line is a likely cause. Check all lines for leaks and repair immediately.*

### 9.2.2 Toilet Water Supply

The toilet aboard your boat is supplied with flushing water from the fresh water system (Electric toilet option only). Standard toilet use raw water.

More information concerning the operation and maintenance of this system can be found in the Waste and Sanitation chapter, Chapter 10 of your Operator's Manual.

## 9.3 Pickups and Strainers

There are various pickups and strainers installed aboard your boat. Here we will discuss the pick-ups and strainers associated with the water systems.

### 9.3.1 Pick-ups

Pick-ups, or through hulls are placed in various locations in the hull of your boat. The intakes usually have a ball type valve which controls the flow of raw sea water to the specific component, or system associated with the pick-up.

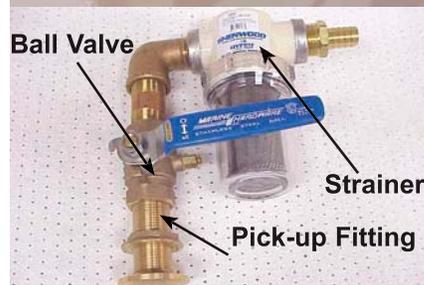


Image showing the typical pick-up-through hull assembly.



It is very important that you ensure that the intake valve is open before using a raw water supplied system. Failure to do so could damage or break down a system or component.

### 9.3.2 Strainers

Your boat is equipped with strainers that strain the raw water taken in the thru hulls or pickups for objects that could damage the impeller or pump equipment. Strainers are equipped with a screen or a filter inside that collect objects taken in. They must be cleaned as part of routine maintenance.

To clean a strainer, first, make sure that the supply valve is in the Off or closed position. Failure to close the intake or seacock could result in a flooded boat. Next, remove the “collector” or glass encasement that houses the screen. Remove any objects collected inside and wash the screen.

### 9.3.3 Engine Seacocks and Strainers

It is a very important function for your main engine to remain a specific temperature when operating. This is done with the aid of raw water from the main engine seacocks. Heat from the closed cooling system on the engines is transferred to the cooler seawater through heat exchangers inside the engine. The raw water is then discharged through the exhaust.

To clean your main engine strainer, first close the main engine seacock, remove the top cover on the strainer remove the screen and clean.



Always ensure engine seacocks, or intakes are open before starting. Failure to do so could overheat and a damage these components.

Before re-installing the cap onto the strainer, check the ‘o’ ring that is the seal on the cap. Check for wear, or leakage. Replace if needed (Contact your dealer for replacement).



Hot coolant under pressure may boil or explode and

cause burns or other personal injury when the pressure cap is removed. Allow the engine to cool, then open the cap slowly to allow any pressure to vent before completely removing the cap.



Before using any system that requires raw cooling water, ensure that the intake valve is opened and the strainers are not clogged.

### 9.3.4 Water Heater

The fresh water pump supplies water to the water heater from the water tank. A breaker on the AC side of the MDP, controls power to the heater.

Follow these procedures when using the water heater:

1. Make sure the water heater is full of water. Open a hot water faucet and allow a steady stream of water to flow out of the faucet to remove all air from the hot water circuit.
2. With shore power connected to your boat, switch on the WATER HEATER circuit breaker at the AC side of the MDP.
3. Wait for the water in the tank to heat up, then use as you would at home.



Hydrogen gas may form in water heater if not used. Open valves. Do not smoke or use electrical appliances for several minutes before use.

## Hunter 27 • Water Systems

Troubleshooting		
Problem	Cause	Solution
Air in system	Tank empty	Fill all water tanks
Fresh water pumps cycle on and off	Tank empty Blocked or pinched water lines Loose electrical connections Defective pumps Leak in system	Refill Clear obstruction or straighten line Check connections. Tighten as needed See your dealer for service See your dealer for service See your dealer for service Repair leak. See your service dealer for repairs
Low water pressure at all sinks and showers	Defective pumps	See your dealer for service
Low water pressure at one sink	Pinched water line	Straighten line
No hot water (AC Power)	Water heater breaker OFF	Switch breaker to ON



*Chapter 10*

***Waste  
Systems  
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This section outlines the use, care, and maintenance of your boat's sanitary systems, as well as, bilge pumps and waste systems.

## Sanitation Systems

Your boat has a sanitation and bilge system that is the cutting edge of sanitation. The components are designed to fit the most demanding environment. Some of the following components are listed in the Sanitation and Bilge Section.

- Head Systems
- Drains
- Pumps
- Holding tanks
- Macerators
- Shower Sump

In this section, we will break the systems down into a format to help you better understand how your systems work and what it takes to maintain them. These systems are further divided into four types of discharge, Gray water, Black water, Raw water, and Gaseous discharges. The gray water system is comprised of waste that is not considered raw sewage, which is categorized as Black water. Raw water is the cooling water that is taken in through pickups, etc. and discharged back. Gaseous discharges are your exhaust, or fuel vents. Parts of the sanitation systems are Drains / Discharges, Pumps, Holding Tanks / Sumps, the lines or hoses that feed or drain these systems, and the components that make up the collective point for waste, and the access point for sanitation.

### 10.1 Drains / Discharges

Most drains are in the form of through hulls or overboard discharges. These fittings connect to a component, or line, that is routed from a collection point or point of waste origin. Any waste outlet that is gravity fed would be called a drain. Likewise, anything that was fed by a pump would be called a discharge.

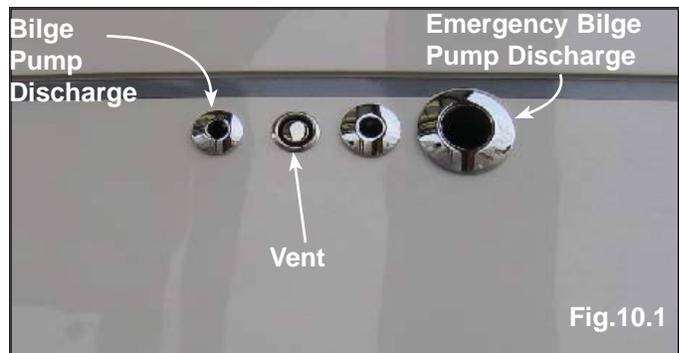
However, waste is not limited to liquids, so, an example might be the exhaust system on your engine or generator. This system disposes of the Carbon Monoxide gas through the exhaust system.

In this section, we will cover all the types of drains and discharges aboard your boat, give you the details of how they work, and the information so you can maintain these

components.

#### 10.1.1 Through Hulls

There has to be an outlet or a way to discharge the liquid waste. These are called through hulls, and they are openings in the hull or sides of your boat with bronze fittings. These are fitted to drain hoses and sized to be compatible with the system that they drain. At the end of this section, you will find illustrations showing you the locations of your through hulls and their specific function. The hoses that feed the through hulls on your boat are looped over the fitting in order to prevent any water or waste from leaking or draining back into your boat. Fig. 10.1 gives you a look at some through hulls.



Vents, also shown in Fig. 10.1, are another type of through hull and, yet another type of waste disposal. These are limited to allowing over flow or air to escape the fuel and the holding and water tanks aboard your boat. This is one way that gaseous waste products, as well as in some instances, liquids are disposed. However, you should always avoid using the fuel tank vent as a way to tell if your tanks are getting full when fueling. Fuel spills are a dangerous hazard. (See the Fuel Section of this manual).

Any waste outlet that is gravity fed would be called a drain. Likewise, any that was fed by a pump would be called a discharge.

#### 10.1.2 Overboard Discharge

Some discharges have valves associated with them. The Black water, or Raw sewage system from the head is one such system. Located under the waste tank, is the Overboard Discharge Valve. This is a ball type valve in which solid waste from the holding tanks is disposed of after passing through the macerator.

*Note: The Overboard Discharge Valve should remain closed at all times except when in use.*

Basically, all pumps are somewhat associated with the Waste / Sanitation system, but in this section we will focus on the pumps that are directly associated with the process of pumping waste overboard. The supply function of these pumps are discussed in other sections.

*Important: U.S. Coast Guard regulations require that boats have a sanitation system on board to control pollution. Waste is to be stored in a holding tank or other device so it can be properly disposed of at a shore facility. Discharging this waste overboard in U.S. lakes, rivers, bays, and sounds, and within three miles of shore in international waters is prohibited. Check with the Coast Guard regarding regulations in your area.*

### 10.2 Pumps

Probably the most important pump system on your boat is the bilge pump system. Your boat is supplied with one bilge pump and one (optional) high velocity emergency bilge pump. All are part of the Gray water system. This emergency bilge pump has the pumping capacity of 33 gallons a minute from your bilges. Your other bilge pumps vary according to boat model and size, please refer to the documentation for your bilge pumps for the pumping capacities.

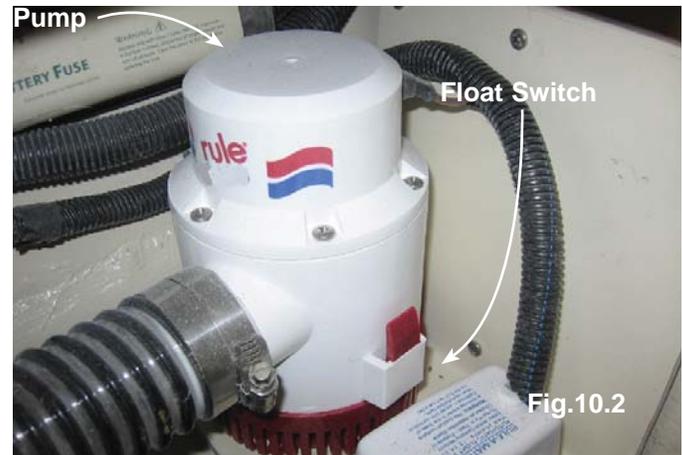
We are concerned about your safety. You should review all information contained in this manual, as well as, the manufacturer's manuals concerning all systems on your boat, but the bilge pump system will be one that is crucial to learn. These pumps have the function of clearing water from the bilges of your boat. You must ensure that they are kept clean and functional in order for these pumps to complete that task.

#### 10.2.1 Emergency Bilge Pump (optional)

The emergency, or High Water Bilge pump, is generally located in the center bilge compartment of your boat. It is mounted higher than the standard bilge pump. This is why it is referred to as a High Water Pump. We discussed in the DC Electric section about the float switch and the operation of the pump, so, you already understand that the water level has to be above a high water level to operate this pump. Fig. 10.2 gives you a look at the emergency bilge pump aboard your boat.

Should the water level rise above the high water mark,

and the emergency bilge pump comes online, you will hear a high water alarm from the helm along with a solid red light. It would also be important to mention here that when you hear the high water alarm (Fig. 10.3), it means that high water exists in the bilges and it is time to take action. Refer to the "Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship and Boat Handling." We have supplied you with a copy of this book aboard your new boat, but if you do not have one, it is a wise idea to purchase this boating manual. It is full of useful safety and navigational information.



Check your Mechanical Arrangement illustration in the Boating Safety Section for the location, and the Waste / Sanitation illustration at the end of this section, for the discharge hose routing for this or any pump.

#### 10.2.2 The Main Bilge Pump

This pump is located in the lowest parts of the bilge. The function of this pump is to clear the water before it reaches the high water level.

Careful maintenance should be made to these systems to ensure they are always operational. Check the DC Electric Section, or the Operation and Maintenance subject of this section, to find the details about operation of these pumps and the details of how to manually run them.

### 10.3 Other Waste Related Equipment

#### 10.3.1 Engine Exhaust

The subject here will be discussed in the Engine & Transmission Section. The motivation for placing this subject in the Sanitation System Section is due to the

fact that exhaust is discharged from your boat. We will have an entire subject concerning engine exhaust in the Engines and Transmissions Section. Here we will simply mention that the exhaust is a gas, Carbon Monoxide (see Boating Safety Section) and is very dangerous. Be sure to follow all guidelines concerning Carbon Monoxide.

### 10.3.2 Holding Tank

The holding tank on your boat is installed to hold black water waste until you can safely dispose or pump it overboard. Refer to the Arrangement Illustrations in the Boating Safety section or at the end of this section for location information about the holding tank. Refer to the Operations and Maintenance subject of this section to learn how to perform maintenance on your holding tank, or to learn how to pump it out.

*Remember: You must make sure it is legal to empty your holding tank in the waters you occupy. Some areas have restrictions on pumping out black water waste!*

## 10.4 Head System

All vessels with fixed toilets that are operated on the waterways of the United States and some foreign countries are required to be equipped with an operable Marine Sanitation Device (MSD). The Marine Sanitation System aboard your boat is a waste tank system defined by the United States Coast Guard as a Type III System. Type III systems permit operation of the toilet without direct discharge of untreated waste after every flush. Type III systems can be discharged at a Marina, Dockside Pump-out stations or, if in coastal waters, at least three miles offshore.

*Note: Overboard discharge capabilities must remain inoperative while within the 3 mile limit. This is accomplished by closing the macerator discharge through hull valve. Refer to the Mechanical Arrangement illustration in the Boating Safety Section or the Sanitation Arrangement illustration at the end of this section.*



**Do not use chlorine-based or caustic cleaning agents, or chemicals such as a drain opening product in your head systems. Use of these products may cause serious damage to the system's seals and hoses.**

## 10.5 Operations and Maintenance

This section details the system's operation and maintenance on the components or systems if applicable.

### 10.5.1 Bilge Pumps

As we previously discussed in this section and in the DC Electric Systems Section, your boat has a total of two bilge pumps. The Emergency, or High Water Pump (optional), and the standard bilge pump. We detailed the operations of these pumps in the DC Electric Section (Section 7).

Here are the steps mentioned in that subject:

#### 10.5.1.1 To manually operate your bilge pumps:

*Note: The power to the MDP does not need to be energized in order to manually operate your bilge pumps.*

1. Locate the bilge pump switches at the MDP and switch them to the manual position.

2. Another procedure to be used in extreme circumstances involves locating the float switch and manually rotating the float handle on the side of the float switch to simulate the float switch being underwater. This will energize the pump and the pump will operate.

#### 10.5.1.2 Maintenance on Bilge Pumps

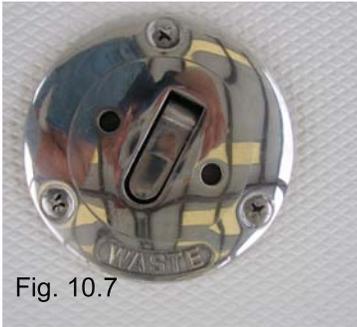
No maintenance is required other than ensuring that the float switches are operational and that there is no debris clogging the pump intakes.

### 10.5.2 Holding Tank

The holding tank must be cleaned or pumped out when it becomes nearly full. There are two methods for removing waste from the holding tank, either by pumping overboard in coastal waters, or by dockside pump-out at a waste facility.

#### 10.5.2.1 Dockside Waste Removal

To remove waste from the holding tank at a dockside waste facility, insert the hose from the pump-out facility into the waste access on the coaming (Fig. 10.7) of your boat and follow instructions at the facility. Instructions from one facility to another may vary.



### 10.5.5.3 Maintenance

Maintenance on the holding tanks is best described as ensuring no methane gas is leaked and to keep odors down to a minimum. Any deodorizer may be used as long as it contains no alcohols or strong chemicals. Steer clear of drain opening type chemicals or strong bleaching type agents.

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## 10.6 Toilets

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### 10.6.1 Toilet Operation

Instructions for operating the manual toilet are mounted at the toilet or consult your owner's packet. Follow these carefully.

### 10.5.6.2 Toilet Maintenance

Clean with mild cleaners and consult your owner's packet for further instructions.



*Chapter 11*

***Engines  
and  
Transmissions  
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## Hunter 27 • Engines and Transmissions

The following is a list of components associated with your engines and transmissions.

- Engine
- Controls
- Engine Monitoring
- Engine Cooling
- Emergency Equipment
- Engine Exhaust
- Transmission (s)
- Shifters and Controls

### 11.1 Engines

The engine on your boat is at the heart of your boat. Proper attention to and maintenance of your engine will assure you many hours of pleasurable, safe boating, and will prevent unnecessary engine problems. You must, therefore, become thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the engines proper operation outlined in the manufacturers Operator's Manuals.

A general maintenance program consists of proper lubrication, cleaning of fuel filters, fuel lines, and air filters.



Take proper care when washing down, or cleaning your engines, that water does not enter the air intakes. Water in the air intakes may go directly to the cylinders, resulting in rust and possibly internal engine damage.

Fig. 11.1 shows you drive and components aboard your boat.

We strongly urge you to comply with the manual provided by the engine manufacturer. Follow the recommended maintenance and warranty schedule in the owner's packet. Engine abuse or improper maintenance may adversely affect the claims made under the independent warranty provided by the engine manufacturer.

The engine manual states the maximum RPM rating established by the engine manufacturer for your boat's engines. Do not exceed this rating. Check the manual for other information about maximum RPM's.

Engines are selected and designed to meet or exceed industry standards set by marine engine manufacturers.

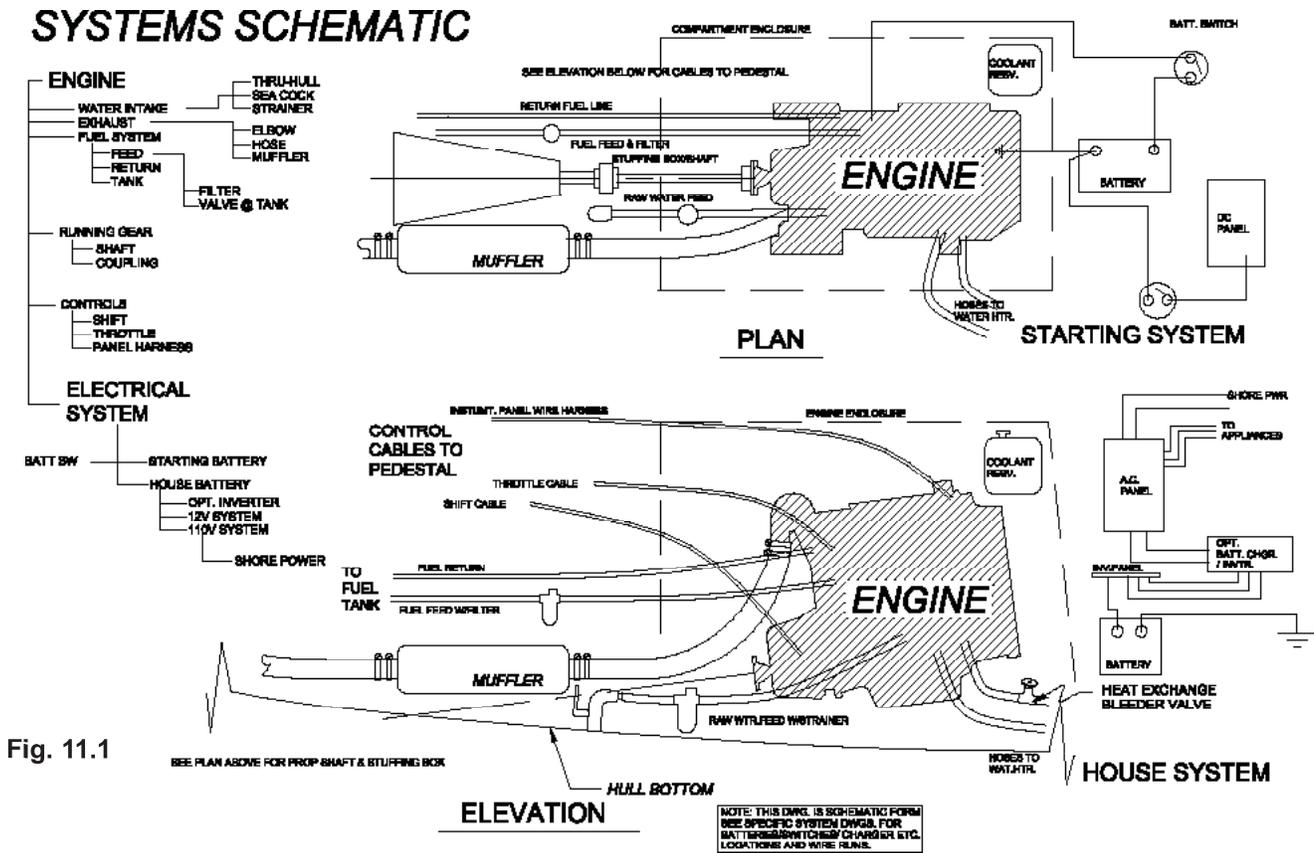


Fig. 11.1

*Important: Engines are not warranted by Hunter Corporation, these warranties are written by the engine manufacturers.*

**⚠ DANGER ⚠**

**When occupying the engine room, or any area that mechanical equipment may be located, always be aware of moving parts or components. Death or dismemberment may be the result of being caught in moving machinery.**

*Important: Engines require air to operate. For this reason, do not operate the engine or generator with this area obstructed.*

*Important: The engine manual supplied by the manufacturer includes complete and detailed information about operating and maintaining your boat's engines. Be sure to read it. Do not start or operate the boat's engines until you have done so. The life and performance you receive from your engines depends greatly on the way you care for it.*

### 11.1.1 Engine Mounts

The engine mounts supplied with your boat are manufactured by the engine manufacturer. These mounts are designed specifically for the engine in which they are attached.

Most engine mounts are designed for adjustment sideways as well as vertical. Vertical adjustment nuts lock up or down on the threaded vertical stud, with a slot provided to allow side to side adjustment on the engine.

*Important: It is advisable to spray a protective coating on the studs to prevent corrosion.*

Many factors warrant the size and type of engine mounts that are used. These mounts also contain isolators which isolate the engine from the boat or stringers to dampen vibration, noise, and other undesirable effects from engines. For more information about the engine mounts see the engine manufacturers manuals.

### 11.1.2 Engine Controls

The engine controls on your boat are located on the steering pedestal.

The straight up position is neutral, shift forward to go forward, moving further forward increases the speed.

Move the lever backwards for reverse, the same as forward more movement in the reverse direction increases

the engine speed.

Press and hold the center button on the shift lever, and move the lever forward to increase the engine RPM without shifting into gear.

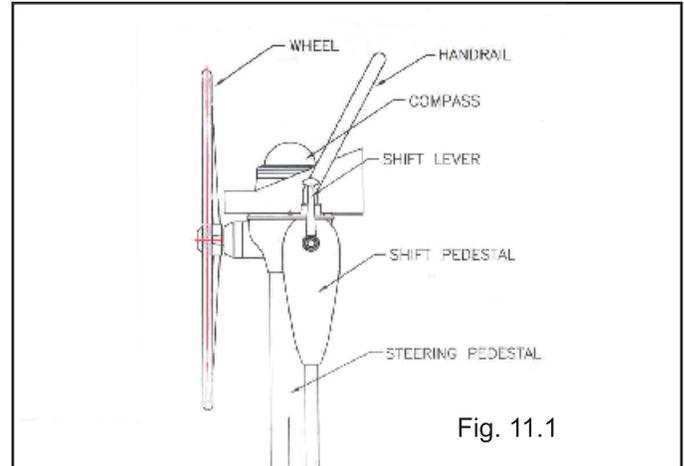


Fig. 11.1

### 11.1.3 Engine Monitoring

**⚠ CAUTION ⚠**

**Always monitor your boats oil pressure, and water temp. while underway, even if your engines are equipped with an alarm system to monitor these.**

**Shut down the engines immediately if the gauges are not in normal ranges or an alarm sounds.**

**Do not restart your engines until the problem is corrected.**

For information on the correct levels for engine running, please consult your engine owner's manuals from the engine manufacturer in your owner's packet.

*Important: The Hour meter will run if you leave the ignition switch on when the engine is not running. This unnecessarily increases the number of engine hours.*

*Note: Instruments have a tolerance for accuracy. In addition, each engine may operate at differing values at the same RPM. As long as the instruments are reading within the proper operating range, the engine is operating properly.*

### 11.1.4 Engine Cooling

There are two separate systems that cool your engines.

The raw water cooling system is described in detail in your “Water Systems” (section 9) of this manual. The internal engine cooling system is supplied by the engine manufacturer. This system features a closed antifreeze coolant bottled in a reservoir attached to the engine. Coolant is circulated through the engine in separate channels than the raw water cooling.

*Note: Be sure the engine seacocks are open before you start the engine. Failure to open them will cause damage to the water pump impeller.*

**⚠ DANGER ⚠**

**Hot coolant under pressure may boil over and cause burns or other personal injury when pressure cap is removed. Allow engine to cool. Open pressure cap slowly to allow pressure to vent before removing cap.**

**11.1.5 Emergency Equipment**

Your engines are set up to operate under the toughest conditions. However, should the oil pressure become too low, or the engine overheat, alarms will sound at the helm. There are several conditions that will sound an alarm and save you from damaging your engines. Be sure and study your documentation supplied by the engine manufacturer to ensure you will know what the alarm means should one sound on your boat.

**11.2 Transmissions**

The transmission has a reduction gear which drives the propeller at a slower rotation speed than that of the engine.

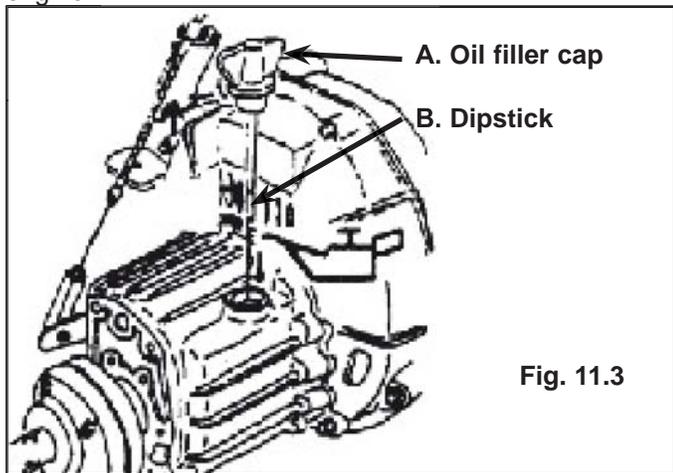


Fig. 11.3

Consult your OEM manual for complete transmission information.

**11.3 Operations and Maintenance**

In the Underway Chapter, (Chapter 12) you will find instructions on starting your engines. Also detailed in the manufacturer's documentation supplied with your boat, you will find instructions on maintenance items that you may perform yourself. Should you have any questions regarding maintenance or operations not provided, be sure and consult your boat dealer.

*Important: Shift the transmission only when the engine speed is at or below 1000 rpm. Shifting at higher engine speeds could severely damage the boat, the transmission, and the engine. Allow the transmission to remain in neutral for a few seconds before reversing the rotation of the propeller.*

**11.3.1 Hydrolock**

Hydrolock is caused by water entering the engine cylinders through the exhaust. The following conditions can cause hydrolock.

**Engine shutdown:** A sudden engine shutdown while the boat is moving may force water into the exhaust system.

**Anchored or adrift:** Rough seas may cause rocking severe enough to cause water to splash out of the mufflers into the engine while the engines are shut down, anchored from the stern, pulling a sea anchor, or adrift.

**Improper hoisting:** Operators are sometimes tempted to reduce hoisting time for propeller changes by hoisting only the boat stern. Such hoisting can cause residual water in the exhaust system to enter the engine cylinders.

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

**Engine manufacturers do not warranty items damaged by hydrolock.**

**11.3.2 Engine Exhaust**

Your engine exhaust contains Carbon Monoxide! Be sure and read the Boating Safety Chapter and know the dangers and how to avoid them. Carbon Monoxide will kill you, and in most situations, by the time you know something is wrong it could be too late. Know

what to look for and what to do in case of necessary action. Inspect your boat's exhaust system frequently, or have a qualified service technician service the system to ensure that there are no leaks.

Always ensure the exhaust clamps are tightened,, throughout the system.

Keep the necessary tools to perform this action on hand.



**Avoid the exhaust outlets, lines, hoses or equipment when the engines have been run for a period of time.**

**These areas may be very hot! You can be seriously burned by the exhaust system after the engines have ran for a period of time. Allow the exhaust system to cool, before handling, or making adjustments to avoid injury.**

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Troubleshooting		
Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine not starting	<p>No fuel reaching engine</p> <p>Improper starting procedures</p> <p>Contaminated fuel</p>	<p>Fuel tank vent blocked. Clean hose and fitting to remove material. Make sure hose is not pinched</p> <p>Fuel line obstructed. Check fuel lines. Make sure line is not pinched</p> <p>Clogged engine fuel filter. Refer to engine manual for instructions on cleaning filter</p> <p>Fuel supply valve closed at tank. Open valve</p> <p>Review starting procedures in engine manual</p> <p>Inspect for water or other contaminants in fuel. If contaminated, drain tank and flush with fresh fuel</p>
Engine starter not cranking	<p>Discharged battery</p> <p>Corroded battery terminals</p> <p>Loose battery terminals</p> <p>Bad starter switch</p> <p>Hydrolock</p> <p>Jammed "starter drive."</p>	<p>Recharge or replace battery</p> <p>Clean battery terminals</p> <p>Tighten connections</p> <p>Test switch continuity. Replace switch if required. See your dealer for service</p> <p>Replace switch</p> <p>See instructions in this Section under "Hydro-Lock". See your dealer immediately</p> <p>Loosen starter motor, then free stuck gear</p>
Engine speed erratic	<p>Pinched or clogged fuel lines</p> <p>Contaminated fuel</p>	<p>Replace line or remove obstruction</p> <p>See your dealer for service</p> <p>Drain fuel tank and lines. Flush with clean fuel and replace fuel filters.</p> <p>See your dealer for service</p>
Engine running rough	<p>Defective fuel pump</p> <p>Idle speed too low</p> <p>Faulty ignition system components</p> <p>Clogged fuel filter</p> <p>Pinched fuel lines</p> <p>Clogged fuel lines</p> <p>Blocked fuel vent</p>	<p>Have your dealer check pump</p> <p>Check idle speed and adjust as needed</p> <p>See your dealer for service</p> <p>Clean or replace filter</p> <p>Straighten lines</p> <p>Remove obstruction</p> <p>Clean vent</p>
Engine overheating	<p>Cooling water seacock closed</p> <p>Seacock pickup blocked</p> <p>Collapsed water pump suction hose</p>	<p>Open seacock</p> <p>Remove obstruction</p> <p>Replace hose</p>
Sudden increase in	Cooling water intake system blocked	Clean seacock strainer
Engine temperature	Water intake hose leaking or ruptured	Remove material blocking line
	Water pump failure	See your dealer for service

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Drop in oil pressure (engine running at constant speed)	Lubrication system leaking  Defective oil pump Pinched oil lines to remote filters	Repair if possible. See your dealer for service See your dealer for service Reroute if possible. See your dealer for service
Excessive vibration	Loose engine mounting bolts Engine not timed properly or misfiring Engine-to-shaft couplings out-of-round or off-center Engine misaligned Worn strut or transmission	Inspect and tighten as required See your dealer for service  See your dealer for service See your dealer for service Replace bearings if needed. See your dealer for service
Poor performance	Boat overloaded Weight poorly distributed  Excess bilge water Damaged or incorrect propeller  Fouled or damaged hull bottom Engine misaligned	Reduce load Distribute weight evenly. Trimming may help Pump out water. Check for leaks Inspect propeller. Replace if necessary Inspect, clean, or repair See your dealer
Low cranking speed	Loose or dirty electrical connections Low battery charge Defective battery Engine oil too heavy for prevailing temperatures	Check all related electrical connections and wires Charge battery Replace battery Drain oil and refill with correct grade viscosity oil. See engine manual for correct grade and viscosity
Poor acceleration	Throttle not full open Engine overheating	Inspect cables and linkage for binding, obstructions, and loose fasteners See solutions under "Engine Overheating" problem
Excessive fuel consumption	Restriction in air filter	Remove filter and clean or replace
Low oil pressure	Insufficient oil in crankcase  Excess oil in crankcase Diluted or improper grade and viscosity oil  Oil leak in pressure line	Check and add correct grade and viscosity oil. Visually check engine for leaks Check and remove required amount of oil. Check for cause of excessive oil (improper filling, bad fuel pump, etc.). Change oil and oil filter. Be sure to use the correct grade and viscosity oil Inspect all oil lines and tighten all connections as necessary
No oil pressure	Defective gauge, gauge tube, or oil line No oil in engine	Replace gauge or gauge sender Refill crankcase. See engine manual for proper grade and viscosity

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High oil pressure	Too heavy grade of oil Dirt or obstruction in oil line	Drain oil and replace. See engine manual for proper grade Drain and clear oil system. Check for bent or flattened oil lines and replace as necessary
Sludge in oil	Infrequent oil changes Dirty oil filter Water in oil	Drain oil and refill with oil of proper grade and viscosity Replace filter Drain oil and refill. See your dealer if problem persists
Transmission shifts hard	Corroded or pinched linkage	Lubricate or replace linkage as needed

*Chapter 12*

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## Sails & Rigging

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Most sailors believe that sailing is hard work: all those lines to tend, halyards to yank and sails to lug. Hunter Marine has dispelled that myth once and for all! Innovations by the crew at Hunter Marine have made sailing easier, safer and more comfortable. The result - much more sailing fun!

Whether you are ready to set sail for the islands or just around the buoys, your Hunter can really make a difference. Starting with the tall, fractional rig, which is a direct descendent of the B&R rig, Hunter has engineered the mast to carry less weight aloft with a smaller sections. This is accomplished by utilizing swept-back spreaders and reverse diagonals. This combination provides superior strength without a backstay and increases the stability at the same time. By using a large roach main as the power sail, Hunter has eased the effort in sail handling and allowed for real versatility for all wind and sea conditions.

Your benefit: better performance with less effort. The deck layout reflects the innovation that accompanies the rig. An integrated arch protects the cockpit from snapping main sheets and blistering sun with the optional bimini. This arch keeps the cockpit clear and open.



**Refer to Boating Safety, and the Getting Underway chapters for safe boat handling information.**

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If this is your first boat of this type or you are changing to a new boat you are not familiar with, please ensure that you obtain handling and operating experience before assuming command of the boat. This document is not a course on boating safety or seamanship. Your dealer or national sailing federation or yacht club will be pleased to advise you of local sea schools, or competent instructors.

Never underestimate the potentially dangerous power of wind, tide and the sea. Always ensure there is sufficient trained and proficient crew on board to handle the boat and its operating systems even in adverse conditions.

*NOTE: Standing rigging will stretch slightly when initially loaded. Therefore, the rigging may have to be further tensioned slightly after a few sails in a strong breeze to compensate for this initial stretch. Once the mast is tuned and initial stretch is taken out, the rig should need retuning only at the beginning of each season.*

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## 12.1 Main Rig Components

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- Anodized B&R Rig Mast
- Boom
- Dual Single Line Reefing System
- Furling Jib
- Inboard Jib Track w / Adjustable Cars
- Internal Halyards led to Cockpit
- Jib Furling System
- Large Roach Mainsail w/Flaking System
- Mainsheet on Arch
- Self-Tailing Jib Winches w/Handles
- Self-Tailing Rigging Winches w/Handles
- Line Stoppers & Organizers

Over the course of the next few pages we will outline some of the components featured here, along with some of the optional components of your sails and rigging aboard your Hunter sailboat.

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## 12.2 The Mast

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Your main and most vital rig component is the mast. It carries the sails and is supported by the standing rigging as shown on page 12.11.

Your Hunter features the B&R rig; a design by Lars Bergstrom and Sven Ridder. The design was born in the 70's and has been used on ocean racers as well as world cruisers producing tremendous success. The B&R rig is designed to eliminate inner forestays, backstays, and running backstays. The 30-degree sweptback spreaders and reverse diagonals support the mast sideways, fore, and aft and the shrouds are discontinuous. Weight is minimized and using a smaller mast section maximizes airflow to the main. The angles between the shrouds and forestay equal an even 120-degree triangle that evenly spreads the load of the mast.

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## 12.3 The Boom

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The boom carries the lower sheeting point of your main sail and is controlled by the main sheet, the vang and the optional traveler lines. Page 12.12 contains illustrations demonstrating the boom with reefing layout and the Mainsheet Purchase layout.

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## 12.4 The Sails

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As standard your Hunter is equipped with a furling jib sail and a drop down main sail. The mainsail is the sail attached to the aft track of the mast and hoisted with the main halyard from the cockpit. The jib sail is attached to the forestay and like the mainsail hoisted with the jib halyard from the cockpit.

Most Hunter sailboats feature the control of the most important sail controls from the cockpit. In addition to the main and jib halyard you will find a main sheet line with a winch at the aft edge of the cockpit together with the vang and or outhaul control (some optional). The jib is controlled with the jib sheet control lines lead back to the cockpit coming either side. In addition the jib furling line located to the starboard side of the cockpit allows the safe and easy unfurling and furling in of the jib sail.

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## 12.5 Reefing Instructions

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1. Run both reefing lines as illustrated in the boom & reef layout. The shorter reef line will be used on the first reef (Starboard Side, Green). The longer reef line on the second reef (Port Side, Red).
2. Raise the main sail.
3. Ease the mainsheet and vang.
4. Lower the main sail to approximately the first reef position.
5. Take up the slack in the first reef line until the tack and the clew are down to about 2" above the boom.
6. Adjust the main halyard so that the tack reef point is not contacting the goose neck on the front of the spar and is applying tension to the luff of the main above the reef, not below. There will be approximately 6" (150mm) of stretch in the main luff and main halyard when the reefing line is tensioned, so, make sure that this is allowed for when adjusting the main halyard to locate the tack reef block.
7. Confirm that the tack reef point is still clear of the tack shackle and that only the main luff above the reef cringle is tensioned, not the luff between the cringle and the top stacked sail slide. Ease the reef line and readjust the halyard if necessary.

8. Mark the halyard at the stopper with 1" (25mm) single band of indelible marker ink. By dropping the halyard to this mark every time, positioning is made easier. The halyard is automatically in the correct position for the reef.
9. Repeat the procedure for the second reef, using double bands to mark the halyard in the correct position.

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## 12.6 Reefing Procedure

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1. Head up into the wind.
2. Ease the mainsheet and vang.
3. Check the topping lift for adequate boom support.
4. Lower the main halyard to the appropriate mark and snub the line with the stopper.
5. Tension the reefing line with the self-tailing winch until the reef clew is brought down to the boom. Apply stopper and tension the main halyard back up, ease the topping lift (if needed).

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## 12.7 Shaking Out a Reef

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1. Head up into the wind.
2. Ease the mainsheet and vang. Release the tension on the topping. Lift (if needed).
3. Release the line stopper and remove reef line from winch.
4. Tension the main halyard to raise sail, making sure reef lines run freely while sail is being raised. Apply stopper to main halyard.
5. Re-tension vang and mainsheet, ease the topping lift (if needed).

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## 12.8 Spinnaker (Optional)

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To set the optional spinnaker using the dedicated halyard, first attach the halyard to the head ring on the sail. Next, tie the tack downhaul line to the tack ring, lead it through a turning block on the deck near the bow, and run it aft to the cockpit. Set up the tack downhaul so the tack of the sail is about five inches above the deck when the sail is hoisted. Attach the spinnaker sheet to the clew ring of the spinnaker and make sure the line is led aft outside the lifelines to a turning block on the toerail located just forward of the stern pulpit. Then run it forward to a winch allowing

total slack in the sheet. The sheet that is not being used — the lazy sheet — should also be attached to the clew of the spinnaker, led forward *in front of the headstay*, and then back on the other side of the boat — outside the shrouds and lifelines — to another turning block positioned just forward of the stern pulpit. Then take that sheet and lead it to a winch, with the slack in the sheet. Now you are ready to hoist the spinnaker. Start by heading off to a square run. Leave the mainsail fully out during the hoisting procedure as it will blanket the spinnaker and keep it from filling until you are ready for it to be set. A good place to raise the sail is from the leeward side, just ahead of the boom. Once it is fully hoisted, slowly head up to your desired course and pull in the sheet until the sail sets. Make sure you have at least two turns of the sheet around the winch.

Now you are off and sailing with your cruising spinnaker.

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### 12.9 Protecting Your Rigging

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Without careful inspection and proper maintenance, the rigging is subject to fatigue, wear, discoloration, and therefore, product failure. Remember: regular inspection and cleaning will increase the life of your investment and secure your rigging. We suggest the following:

- Always rinse your rigging with fresh water after sailing, especially salt-water sailing. Salt can create corrosion pits, causing cracks and deterioration.
- Clean with a water-soluble chlorine-free detergent. Nonabrasive cleansers are best for hard white vinyl coated cables.
- Inspect rigging for stains. Rust stains may indicate stress cracks or corrosion. Remove stains with synthetic or brass pads. Never use steel wool pads.
- Look for broken wires- a sign of fatigue in rigging. Replace standing rigging if wires are broken.
- Never mix stainless steel and galvanized metals on cable, fittings, pins, cotter keys, etc. If mixing dissimilar metals, electric currents may conduct between metal causing rapid deterioration
- Store rigging in a dry place. Never store in a plastic bag, which can cause corrosion.

#### 12.9.1 Sail Care

Sunlight is a sail's worst enemy, so **cover the mainsail when not in use**. An ultraviolet guard, fitted down the leech of a roller headsail will protect the exposed part from the weathering effect of the sun and from dirt and

grit. Mildew, can be prevented by storing sails dry and by hand washing twice a season. Check all sails regularly for chafe, particularly where they chafe on deck fittings or rigging, at reef points, batten sleeves and the foot of the headsail. Sail batten pockets should be inspected on a regular basis.

To stow the mainsail, start at the leech and flake it onto the boom, left and right, in about 18-in. (46 cm) folds, while pulling the leech aft. Secure with a sail tie and continue to the luff. Lash to the boom with sail ties or shock cord.

#### 12.9.2 General Hardware Maintenance

Check all fittings regularly to be sure screws are tight. Occasionally lubricate (use silicone lubricants) all moving parts on such fittings as blocks, turnbuckles and cam cleats, as well as the locking pins of snatch blocks, track slides, spinnaker poles, etc.

Inspect cleat and fairleads for roughness and smooth with fine-grained emery paper if necessary. Also, replace any missing or damaged cotter pins in turnbuckles and shackles, and either tape them or use them or use protective covers manufactured for that purpose. Grease winches a minimum of once yearly.

#### 12.9.3 Winch Maintenance

Follow the maintenance instructions prescribed by winch manufacturer. We recommend a minimum of an annual cleaning and light greasing.





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Before you go on the first cruise, you should be able to answer “yes” to the following questions:

- Has your dealer completed the pre-delivery service inspection? Have you and your dealer signed the Pre-Delivery Inspection Report?
- Have you filled out and mailed all warranty registration cards?
- Have you read and do you understand this owner’s manual and the OEM manuals?
- Has your boat been registered with the proper authorities? Does your hull display the proper identification?
- Has your dealer reviewed with you the operation of the boat and its systems? Has your dealer answered all your questions?

If you have taken care of these preliminary steps, you are ready to take your first cruise. Before you start, give some thought to the cruise itself. Choose a calm day if you can.

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### 13.1 Boarding your Boat

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Make it a routine to visually inspect the exterior of your boat every time you approach it to board. Look for signs of damage that could be caused by the dock or other boats.

#### 13.1.1 Preparing to Board

As you board your boat, you should listen for any alarms which could be sounding. The high water alarm at the helm will warn you of the high water bilge pump in operation. The CO detectors could indicate the presence of the deadly Carbon Monoxide gas. The dangers of Carbon Monoxide are detailed at length in the Boating Safety Chapter of this manual, and in the insert that is placed in the Boating Safety Chapter.

*Note: There are other issues that could cause these alarms to sound such as the loss of power in the batteries that feed the CO detectors and the systems. This is so you are warned that you are nearing the loss of function of these important systems.*



**This alarm will only indicate the presence of Carbon Monoxide at the sensor. Carbon Monoxide gas may be present in other areas.**

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**Actuation of your CO alarm indicates the presence of Carbon Monoxide (CO) which will KILL YOU! If the alarm sounds:**

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1. Press the Reset/Silence button.
2. Call Emergency Services.
3. Immediately move to fresh air, outdoors, or to an open window or door. Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. Do not reenter the premises nor move away from an open door or window until the emergency responders have arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your alarm remains in its normal operation.
4. After following steps 1, 2, and 3, if your alarm reactivates in a 24 hour period, repeat steps 1 – 3 and call a qualified appliance technician. Write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to investigate for sources of CO from fuel burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. If problems are identified during this inspection, have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not checked by the service technician and contact the manufacturer directly for more information about CO safety and this equipment.

There are also alarms on your engine that could be sounding if the engine is running. Be sure and check your manufacturer’s documentation for information concerning these alarms.

#### 13.1.2 Upon Boarding

If you detect fuel fumes, follow the procedures listed here and in the Fuel Chapter of this manual.

#### 13.1.3 Strong Fuel Fumes

Fuel fumes are heavier than air and can collect in the bilge area. These fumes are extremely hazardous. If you detect strong fumes, proceed as follows:

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

Leaking fuel is a fire and explosion hazard. Personal injury or death could occur.

**⚠ DANGER ⚠**

Explosive fuel vapors can become trapped in the lower portions of the boat. Close all hatch covers, windows, doors, and compartments while fueling your boat.

1. Evacuate all occupied enclosures immediately.
2. Shut down engine.
3. Turn off all electrical circuits.
4. Inform the dockmaster. Have a qualified technician check the boat immediately to determine the source of the odor.
5. Open the boat for natural ventilation.
6. When you can no longer smell fumes, locate the source. Dispose of fuel in a safe, approved manner.

### 13.2 Starting the Engine

First, turn power at the battery switch to the On position, energizing the battery and switch panel (detailed in the DC Electric Chapter). Make sure that the bilge blower hoses are properly attached and that blower openings are not blocked.

It is important to follow the procedures to prevent electric shock.

Check that bilge pumps are working by switching breaker to MANUAL (OFF) position. Switch ON breaker for fresh water pump to make sure it is working.

Check out the following equipment and accessories:

- Seawater intakes that feed propulsion equipment
- Navigation Lights
- Throttle and shifter for smooth operation
- Steering system ease of operation

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

Using a damaged or improper cord for shore power can cause electrical shock and serious injury. Use a cord specifically designed for shore power connection. Do not use a household extension cord.

**⚠ CAUTION ⚠**

Water is an excellent conductor of electricity. Keep shore power cord out of water. Do not operate any AC device while you, or the cord, are in the water. To prevent injury or equipment damage, keep all AC electric system components dry.

**⚠ WARNING ⚠**

**DO NOT disconnect the shore power cord to the boat first. You could accidentally drop the cord into the water, which may result in electrical shock and serious personal injury.**

Check engine, and gear box oil level. Refer to the engine manual for instructions. Add oil if needed.

Check the coolant level.

#### 13.2.1 Running the Engine

Now it is time to start the engine. This is accomplished by the following procedures:

1. First, move the throttle to the idle position and ensure that the shift levers are in neutral.
2. Next, turn the switch to the "On" position. You will then hear an audible alarm. This is the oil alarm and will cease when the engine have started and the oil pressure rises. You can also check the voltage gauge to see if you actually have enough power in the batteries to start the engines.
3. After checking the DC gauges, then start the engine with the start switch.
4. Once the engine starts and the oil pressure builds, the alarm will cease. If the alarm does not cease, shut down the engine and check your oil levels. If normal, seek the help of a professional mechanic.

**! WARNING !**

**In order to prevent premature starter failure, do not continuously crank engine starters for more than 10 seconds.**

5. As the engine warm, the temp gauge will start to rise. Watch the gauge and make sure that the engine do not run hot.

6. Once the engine come up to operating temp (check manufacturer's recommendations for correct temperature), move the shift lever to Fwd and Reverse to make sure that the transmission will engage.

7. Now, shut down the engine and recheck your oil and transmission fluid levels.

**! WARNING !**

**DO NOT remove cooling system filter cap when engine is hot. Allow to cool and then remove pressure cap slowly, allowing pressure to vent. Hot coolant under pressure may discharge violently.**

**! WARNING !**

**Exhaust gasses contain Carbon Monoxide. This is a poisonous gas and can cause death. Shut down engines immediately, if any exhaust leaks are detected.**

*Important: Always be careful when starting the engines. Use common sense and good judgment. Shut down the engines immediately if you observe any unsafe operating conditions.*

*Important: If engine fails to start within 10 seconds, release switch. Allow starter motor to cool for at least 60 seconds, then try starting the engine again.*

*Note: Should there be a problem with the battery voltage level, see the section in this chapter for emergency operation.*

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**! WARNING !**

**Before ever pulling away from the dock, make sure that the shore power cord and the fresh water hoses are disconnected.**

Check that the fresh water tanks are full.

Verify that you have up to date fire extinguisher and flares.

Make sure you have the required safety equipment for your passengers.

After engine reach operating temperature, accelerate the engine to 2000 RPM's. Check that voltmeters read 13 to 14.5 volts.

Check wind, tide, and current to determine the best way to maneuver your boat away from the dock. Cast off mooring lines.

Shift your boat's engine into forward or reverse, depending on whether you want to move the bow or the stern away from the dock first. Your engines should be running at a slow speed as you move away from the dock.

Once your boat is in open water, you can safely accelerate to cruising speed. Advance throttle to setting which provides your desired engine speed (RPM's).

#### 13.3.1 Getting Ready to Sail

*Note: This is not intended to provide a complete guide on sailing! The 'art' of managing a sailboat in all weather, tidal and day/night conditions can not even be taught by reading even the best instruction book. If you are not proficient in handling sail boats please refrain from handling this boat and obtain professional training and certificates of which some might be required for you to navigate this boat in certain areas or countries.*

**The following is a simple guide only:**

1. Install the battens in the mainsail and install the mainsail onto the boom from the forward end. Remove the stop pin or open the sail gate in the mast and install the luff slides into the track on the back of the spar. Reinstall the stop pin or close the sail gate to prevent the slides from falling back out again. Pack the sail into the sailpack lazyjack system on your boom or furl it into the mast care-

fully adjusting some tension on the sheet to keep the sail taught.

2. Install the out haul line in the boom with the messenger line provided and lead from the sheave at the back of the boom through the lower cringle at the back of the sail and aft to the end of the casting.

3. Install reefing lines in the boom with the messenger line provided and lead from the sheave through the relevant cringle at the back of the sail and then down to the sliding eye on the bottom of the boom. Pull enough slack into the reef line so that the sail can be fully raised unimpeded by the reef lines. Tie the mainsail onto the boom with the sail ties provided.

4. Install the jib sheet onto the jib and lead the sheets inside the shrouds to the lead blocks on the cabin top and aft to the jams or winches on the house top. Tie figure eight knots in the end of the sheets to prevent them from running back through the jams.

5. Raise and unfurl sails, beginning with the main and then the jib while powering into the wind. Once each halyard, is tensioned by the winch, the halyard can be pushed down into its respective rope clutches and the halyard removed from the winch, freeing the winch for the next halyard or sheet. However, care should be taken not to inadvertently open the rope clutches, since the sails will lower rapidly if this is done. When the sails are raised, the boat can be laid off and the engine turned off.

6. Once the main is sheeted in and you are sailing upwind, confirm the main topping lift position. The main should be capable of sheeting in hard without the topping lift being tight. With the main sheeted in hard, the topping lift should have eight to ten inches of sag and should be adjusted accordingly.

7. After a day of sailing, the sails should be lowered / furled in while again powering into the wind, with the jib furled in first and then by lowering the main. Protect your sails by covering them with the lazyjack sailcover or furling them completely up.

### 13.3.2 Tuning the B&R Rig

The easiest method for tuning the B&R rig is to perform step one as follows before the mast is stepped, with it lying aft side down on two sawhorses. Begin with all rigging slack. If the mast is already stepped, loosen all the rigging, and then proceed to step one.

1. Start with all the rigging slack. Then induce the mast

bend by tightening the reverse diagonals (diamonds). Measure the bend by tensioning a line or the main halyard between the masthead and the gooseneck. The maximum amount of bend should be no more than 1% of the length of "P" for the standard rig and no more than 2" (50mm) for the furling mast. Measured perpendicular from the aft face of the mast to the halyard at the deepest part of the bend. It can be less than that based on the sail shape and your own preference. The bend should also be evenly distributed along the mast to give a smooth shape. Keep in mind that bending a furling mast may make it more difficult to furl and will not do much to flatten the sail as in a standard rig. It is very important that the mast also be straight from side to side at this time. Tighten or loosen the reverse diagonals to achieve this.

2. Step the mast with all shrouds attached but with the turnbuckles completely loosened (if the mast was not already stepped).

3. Attach the jib halyard to a cleat on the bow to support the mast in a raked position (the masthead should be about 2'-0" {6cm} behind the step). Attach the verticals and tighten them until you can just see the hole for the cotter pin in the turnbuckle. Tighten the jib halyard until you can attach the forestay. At this point, the masthead should be raked so that a weight hung on the main halyard hangs about 1' behind the mast step.

4. Use the main halyard to check that the mast is centered from side to side. Pull it tight and mark the halyard next to the verticals chainplate. Now do the same in the other side to see if the marks line up. If not, tighten and/or loosen the verticals until the marks line up. Once the masthead is centered, begin tightening the verticals until the turnbuckles are approximately half closed. While tightening the verticals, you may notice the bend in the mast increasing. Now you can tighten the lowers, which will tend to straighten the lower part of the mast. Be sure to tighten port and starboard sides evenly.

5. Now you should tighten the headstay until it is approximately half closed as well. This should induce the approximate amount of headstay tension. Never use anything more than a pair of wrenches to tighten your rigging. If you use an extended piece of pipe on the handle of a wrench, you can over-tighten the rigging and do damage to the mast or rigging.

6. On the Hunter, it is necessary to go up the mast in a Bosun's Chair to tighten the number 2 diagonal shroud (D2 or intermediate shroud). Always use caution when "going aloft". You should always use a mountain climbing

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harness or Bosun's Chair intended for this use. Always tie into the harness with the halyard using a bowline and then secure the shackle as a back up as the knot is more reliable than a mechanical fastener. The person hoisting you aloft should keep the halyard stopper closed to prevent falls. Good communication between the two of you is also important. Tighten the D2 until it has just become tight ened then add two complete turns. While at the first spreader, look up the back of the mast to see if it is straight (rather than bent from side to side). If it is not straight then adjust the appropriate D2 to straighten it.

7. Have the person on deck carefully lower you. They should keep the halyard wrapped at least twice around the winch and should always have one hand able to stop the halyard from running free. Once on deck, look up the back of the mast and see if it is straight (rather than bent from side to side). If not, then adjust the lowers (D1) until it is.

8. If you have the standard rig, you need to attach the struts at this time. Attach the lower end of the strut to the smaller hole in the chainplate. Adjust the length by turning the ball joint bearing in the upper end of the strut until the holes in the pin can be attached. It is normal to have some play between the strut and the chainplate and strut bracket.

9. The final test is to go sailing in 10-15 knots of wind. If, when sailing upwind, the shrouds on the leeward side are slack then tighten them to remove about half the slack keeping note of the number of turns. Then tack and do the same to the other side. Do this until you are happy with the tension and the leeward side does not get loose when the boat is heeled. Now, sight up the mast to be sure it is still relatively straight from side to side. If it is not then adjust to appropriate rigging to correct it. For example: If the mast is straight until the upper spreader and then hooks to the windward side, then you will have to revisit steps 6 and 7 above. Remember to always tighten the new leeward shroud, tack and tighten the new leeward shroud the same amount. This prevents damage to the turnbuckles and is also much easier to do. Keep in mind it is also possible to have something too tight such as a diagonal shroud.

10. At this point, you should have adequate headstay tension. The sails are built for an average of 14" (350mm) of headstay sag, possibly more or less, depending upon light or heavy air. The bend in the standard mast should be about 1% (maximum) of "P" and 2" (25mm) (maximum) in the furling mast and it should be nearly straight from side to side when sailing upwind. If any of these are

not true, then revisit the appropriate step above to correct it. If the sag in the headstay is too much then adding tension to the verticals will fix it.

11. Once the rig is tuned, you should make sure to add the cotter pins to all the rigging, bending back the ends and taping them to prevent snagged lines, sails, and fingers.

Remember that rigging, like everything else, can age. As it gets older, it may need to be replaced. The frequency for which this becomes necessary depends on the climate and conditions in which the boat is sailed. For example: If you sail in the Caribbean, it should be replaced every 2-3 years compared to every 10 years for the Great Lakes. You should consult a professional rigger for advice.

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### 13.4 Returning to Port

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After completing the day's cruise and mooring your boat, shut down the engine.

\* Reduce engine speed to idle. Place transmission control in neutral. Allow engine to idle for a few minutes.

\* Move switch to OFF to shut down the engine.

Before going ashore, check the following items:

- Shore power on and plugged in
- Battery charger operating
- Shaft and rudder log for leaks

A thorough washdown of your hull, decks, and rigging with soap and fresh water will help keep your boat looking like new for years.

*Note: See the AC Electric section in this manual for information on connecting the shore power, and the Water Systems chapter for information on connecting the dockside water supply.*

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### 13.5 Emergency Operations

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You should always understand and be prepared to engage in Emergency Operations aboard your boat. The sea is unforgiving in this area, and you can find yourself in very bad trouble in a very short time, even if you are prepared.

Do not rely on this manual to educate you in all the

emergency procedures aboard your boat.

Always insure that you, and all aboard know the outlines for emergency operations.

Here we will provide you with some of the basics for some of the situations you may encounter. You may also review the Boating Safety chapter, of this manual.

### 13.5.1 Fire

Your boat may have an optional halon (or equivalent) fire extinguisher system which operates automatically to extinguish a fire in the engine compartment. The system has an indicator light on the helm. Moving the switch to NORMAL before starting the engines activates the light. Check this light every time you start the engines. It shows that the system is charged and ready to operate.

A loud sound (similar to that of small arms fire) followed by a “rushing” air sound indicates activation of the extinguisher. If the green indicator light goes out or if you hear the extinguisher discharging, proceed as follows:

- \* Activating the automatic fire system will automatically shut down the engine and the generator.
- \* Evacuate all occupied enclosures immediately. If practical, evacuate the boat.
- \* Do not run the blowers.
- \* Do not open the engine compartment. Allow the halon fire extinguisher to soak the compartment for at least fifteen minutes.



**Flash fire erupting from the engine compartment can burn you. Opening the engine compartment will feed oxygen to the fire and cause the fire to flash back. Keep engine compartment closed for at least 15 minutes after fire extinguisher discharges.**

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- \* Wait for hot metals and fuels to cool before inspecting for damage or cause of fire.
- \* Open engine compartment slowly. Have approved portable fire extinguisher at hand and ready for use.

Do not breathe fumes or vapors caused by fire. HALON FUMES ARE TOXIC!



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(The information below is Hunter Marine's opinion and should not be considered complete or exact list of recommendations.)

You have made the investment to purchase your boat. Now is the time to take care of it. Here we will supply you with the knowledge to do just that.

We will separate this chapter into sections that deal with each part of your boat. The exterior, the interior, and the mechanical components. At the end of the chapter, we will offer you some maintenance tips and also give you a schedule of maintenance to be performed. Remember that any manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedules supersedes ours and their specific schedules or tasks should be performed.

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### 14.1 Maintenance Materials

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Following is a list of tools we recommend that you carry on board your yacht. Note that this list is the minimum required:

- Flashlight
- Vise grips (small and medium)
- Needle nose pliers
- Screw and nut driver set with ratchet handle
- Multi-bladed knife
- Set of screwdrivers (Phillips and flat blade, including "shorty" in both)
- Offset screwdriver
- Set of combination wrenches (box at one end, open end at the other)
- Extra batteries for flashlight
- Set of tubing wrenches
- Wire crimping and stripping tool
- Hacksaw

#### 14.1.2 Recommended Maintenance Materials

We recommend that you carry the following on board your yacht:

- Plastic marine tape
- Instant glue
- Silicone rubber
- Electrical tape
- Two-part epoxy adhesive
- Engine oil

Spray lubricant

#### 14.1.3 Recommended Spare Parts

We recommend that you carry the following spare parts on board your yacht:

- Engine oil (1 case) (Refer to engine manual).
- Antifreeze (5 gallons) (Refer to engine manual).
- Transmission fluid (4 quarts) (Refer to transmission manual)
- Oil filters (2)
- Coolant pump impeller and cover plate gaskets (2)
- Spare engine hoses and clamps (2)
- Electric fuses
- Fuel filters (4)
- Water hose or pipe for freshwater unions
- Pipe or hose unions
- Engine accessory belts (2 complete sets)
- Propeller and shaft (for extended cruises)

To keep the exterior of your boat in good condition, you should follow a periodic preventive maintenance program and practice good storage habits. In this section, are important suggestions that will help keep your boat in the best possible condition.

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## 14.2 Exterior

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### 14.2.1 Care and Maintenance During Summer Months

Before storing your boat, remove loose items such as cushions, towels, and similar items. Water trapped under these items can cause gelcoat discoloration and mildew.

After each use, rinse the entire boat with fresh water. If the boat has been used in brackish or salt water, use a mild soap during the washdown.

Covering your boat between uses will protect the finish from direct sunlight. Do not cover it with anything that will not allow moisture to evaporate, for example, sheet plastic.

### 14.2.2 Finish Protection

Waxing two or four times a year is recommended. If you are in a climate where you use your boat year round, wax your boat every three months. If you have a summer boating season, wax at the beginning of the season and before winter storage.

Waxing helps protect your boat from everyday elements. Use a wax recommended for fiberglass (gelcoat) finishes. Many automatic, over-the-counter waxes can be used. Check the product label for recommended surfaces and applications.

### 14.2.3 Color Fading and Yellowing

Darker colors are more prone to fading because they absorb more of the sun's ultraviolet rays. Whites and off-whites will yellow, usually on the deck radii. If the finish on your boat has started to fade or yellow, and waxing will not restore the finish, compounding with a fine grit compound and a low speed buffer may be necessary. An automotive, fine grit rubbing compound will work well in most cases.

\* Follow the manufacturer's application instructions. Do not apply compound or wax in direct sunlight.

\* Never place the buffer in such a manner that the pad touches the ground. The pad will pick up dirt which will cause deep scratches in the finish.

\* After compounding, clean the surface with soap and water. Apply a good coat of wax.

### 14.2.3 Minor Scratches

If you have light surface scratches and rubbing compound does not remove them, wet sanding may be necessary.

\*\* To wet sand:

\* Clean the area with soap and water. During sanding, try to keep the area free of dust and dirt.

\* Use a 500 or 600 grit wet and dry sandpaper. Use a sanding block. Sandpaper and sanding blocks can be purchased from automotive supply stores.

\* When sanding, keep the surface wet. On dry surfaces, press a wet sponge above the sanding area. Always keep the sanding block flat on the surface. Never use the edge or corner. Doing so will make scratches that rubbing compound will not remove.

\* After completing wet sanding, compound the sanded area with a fine grit rubbing compound. Use a low speed (1200 – 2800 rpm) buffer. Several applications of rubbing compound will have to be applied before all the scratches

are removed.

\* Apply a good coat of wax.

### 14.2.4 Stains

You can remove stains using a cleaner specifically made for gelcoat surfaces. Any cleaner recommended for cultured marble or fiberglass tubs and sinks will work. Most of these cleaners can be purchased at a grocery store.

If a cleaner does not remove the stain, use a fine grit rubbing compound. By hand, apply a small amount of the compound to the stain area. Using a cotton cloth and medium pressure, rub the compound into the stained area. After the stain is removed, wash the area with soap and water and apply a good coat of wax.

### 14.2.5 Stainless Steel

Your Boat Hardware is made from top quality stainless steel and with proper care and maintenance will give you many years of service.

### Mirror Finish

The mirror finish on most of your stainless hardware is produced by a series of progressive machine and hand polishing operations. It is this careful polishing that makes the stainless finish so beautiful...and easier to clean and maintain.

### Recommended Cleansers

We have reviewed several general stainless cleansers/polishers to determine their effectiveness in cleaning and protecting your stainless steel. Even though opinions will certainly differ our opinion is that one of the most effective cleaning and polishing products is Collinite® # 850 Metal Wax. To help maintain the factory finish of your stainless steel hardware, try the recommended cleanser because you may agree with us. A sample 'Stainless Care Kit' is supplied with your boat to start you off with the recommended maintenance.

### Recommendations for Cleaning

- Do...Apply an even layer of the polishing compound onto a clean soft rag and distribute over a manageable area of the stainless surface with a soft rotational motion.
- Do...Repeat the application if some surface stains remain until all the finish is back to the original clean shiny finish.
- Do...Remove any excess polishing compound and pol-

ish out the stainless finish for a mirror shine.

- Do...Rinse thoroughly with fresh water after each cruise. Thorough rinsing can prevent a lot of the surface staining that stainless steel produces when left in contact with salt water residue.
  - Do...Dry after each use to prevent mineral deposits from building up on the surface of the finish.
  - Don't...Scour the stainless. Scouring can damage the original finish.
  - Most brands of cleansers contain chemical additives which will affect the original high polish finish if left on the stainless.
  - Don't...Use a steel wool pad to clean your stainless. If a more abrasive product is needed, use a stainless polishing paste being sure to rub in the paste with a clean rag. Steel wool pads have a tendency to break apart and small particles of steel can become embedded in the surface and will rust and will give the appearance that the stainless itself is rusting.
- Following these recommendations for the care and cleaning of your stainless steel will help insure that it will provide you with many years of service.

### Chlorides

Today, chlorides are found in almost all soaps, detergents, bleaches and cleansers; chlorides can be aggressive to stainless steel. However, chlorides are very water soluble. Therefore, THOROUGH RINSING of your bright work after each use will help to keep your stainless looking bright and shiny.

### Scratches

Like many metallic surfaces, your stainless steel will scratch. These are merely usage scratches and over time will blend into the overall finish. Surface scratches can be polished out with a polishing paste but this can be a lengthy and work intense process.

### 14.2.6 Deck Hatches

Wax the rubber gaskets on all deck hatches with a carnauba wax to ensure gasket material does not stick to Plexiglass.

### 14.2.7 Acrylic and Plexiglass

Important: Do not use glass cleaning sprays, scouring compounds, or solvents (such as acetone, gasoline, or thinners) to clean acrylic or Plexiglass.

Following are guidelines for cleaning acrylic and Plexiglass

parts:

- \* Wash acrylic hatches, windows, and any other acrylic compounds with mild soap and plenty of lukewarm water.
- \* Use a clean, soft cloth.
- \* Apply only a light pressure when cleaning.
- \* Rinse with clear water, and blot dry with a damp cloth or chamois.

### 14.2.8 Windows

The window frames on your boat are made of high quality aluminum with an enamel paint surface. The frames need no maintenance other than cleaning with soap and water. Do not use abrasive or strong chemicals. These may damage the finish and allow corrosion to start. Frames should be protected with marine wax.

The glass in the frames is tempered safety glass and requires only normal cleaning.

The side windows and deck hatches are made of acrylic plastic. Refer to instructions for cleaning acrylic and Plexiglass.

### 14.2.9 Caulking

All deck fitting, bow rails, windows, hatches, etc, have been caulked with the highest quality material to ensure a waterproof joint with the boat. However, normal use will flex the joint and eventually break down the seal.

*Note: We recommend that all deck fittings, hatches, windows, rail, etc. be caulked periodically to prevent damaging leaks from developing.*

### 14.2.10 Bottom Paint

We recommend an annual cleaning, sanding, and application of anti-fouling paint. Some owners may have problems with paint failure because of unusually deep penetration of the parting compound used in molding the hull. This condition is unpredictable and is not covered by warranty. Usually cleaning and light sanding is all that is needed before recoating with a quality anti-fouling paint. Check with your boat dealer for recommendations about the specific paint to be used in your area.

*Important: Do not paint the zinc anodes (connected to the*

*boat's bonding system) on the outside of the transom.*

### 14.2.10.1 Keel Maintenance for Cast Iron (where applicable)

The cast iron keel (upper section only on some models) was coated with an epoxy primer before leaving Hunter Marine. You will find that as with most items, particularly underwater gear, ongoing maintenance will probably be required during seasonal or routine haulouts.

The epoxy primer used on your boats Keel or upper section was manufactured by International Marine Coatings. The product numbers used are as Follows:

Intergrade 269 Epoxy Primer / Tie Coating  
Color / EGZ088 – Red Base  
Converter / Curing Agent – EGA 089

The above products should be applied according to the manufactures printed instructions. For more information you may wish to visit their website at <http://www.yachtpaint.com/usa/> or call 800-468-7589 by email to [Interluxtechnicalservice@international-paint.com](mailto:Interluxtechnicalservice@international-paint.com) .

Compatibility of product should be investigated if other brands or types of Epoxy Coatings are preferred by the boat owner or repair facility.

### 14.2.11 Flexiteek

Listed below are specific instructions for the maintenance of your Flexiteek. These instructions are direct from the vendor Control Masters.

“Your Flexiteek deck is low maintenance and never needs oiling or special sealants. The on board shoe traffic amount will determine how often you will need to rinse or wash your deck. Flexiteek is stain resistant. Most spills will brush away with soap and water. (Simple Green is one recommended soap brand.) Should a chemical stain be left to dry out and soap is not enough, then remove it with a piece of 60-grit sandpaper on a sanding block going along the grain pattern. Your deck panels are not a laminate so a light sanding will not harm the surface. No sealant is ever necessary after sanding either. Blend toned by lightly sanding the surrounding area parallel to the caulk lines by applying strokes to the surface in one direction.

Flexiteek may be pressure cleaned. Pressure cleaning is effective, if necessary, to lighten the tone of a deck should

you notice any shading has occurred which may take place in regions close to the Equator. You may choose to sand with 60-grit sandpaper on a sanding block as described to restore to the original tone. Only apply light pressure when sanding for the best results. Unlike real teak, only minimal sanding is ever needed on Flexiteek. Use boat shoes or no shoes at all as you normally do already. Black sole shoes permitted on deck may scuff any deck surface. The unique non-skid characteristic of the deck surface will grip shoes and feet when wet.

**Do Not place hot metals on Flexiteek decks.** Treat your Flexiteek deck with the care you would give a teak deck (except oiling)!

**Acetone must never be used to clean this material surface.**

**Do Not try to mop the surface.** Use a bristled brush, rinse with a hose and leave it to air dry. Power sanders will distort the teak wood appearance.

**Do Not oil, bleach, varnish, paint or lacquer your Flexiteek as this will reduce the non-slip characteristic of the material.** If you wash your walls with bleach, then first spray the Flexiteek deck with water in order to dilute bleach that will run on the deck surface. After walls are washed, re-spray both the wall and Flexiteek in order to rinse away any bleach that has pooled on top of the Flexiteek. A patch can repair any portion of the deck that becomes damaged. Contact your regional distributor listed on our webpage: [www.flexiteek.com](http://www.flexiteek.com).”

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## 14.3 Interior

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You can usually clean the surfaces of these components with a mild cleaner such as Fantastic. Avoid using harsh or abrasive cleaners. Use approved marine sanitary treatment chemicals to control the odor in the toilet and holding tank.

### 14.3.2 Walls

The wood used in your boat is treated at the factory with a multi-coat finish process. To maintain the finish, use a good grade of furniture polish.

### 14.3.4 Bilges

The bilges are finished with a high quality gelcoat which is easy to keep clean. Several brands of bilge cleaners will dissolve dirt and grime, but will not harm the environment when pumped overboard. If you keep the bilge clean, it

is much easier to identify leaks or other problems if they should develop.

*Important: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into or upon navigable waters in the United States. Violators are subject to a penalty.*

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## 14.4 Mechanical Systems and Components

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Refer to the manuals supplied by the boat component manufacturers for their recommended periodic maintenance. The manuals may indicate maintenance requirement, in addition to, the minimum maintenance tasks listed in the following charts.

*Note: In case of conflicts between the maintenance information in this manual and the manuals supplied by the equipment manufacturer, the equipment manuals take precedence.*

### 14.4.1 Engine Oil

See engine operating manual for recommended oils and correct procedures for checking and replenishing oil.



**Hot coolant under pressure may boil over and cause burns or other serious injury when cap is removed. Allow engine to cool. Open pressure cap slowly to allow pressure to vent before removing cap.**

### 14.4.2 Engine Coolant

See engine operating manual for recommended coolants and correct procedures for checking and adding coolant.

### 14.4.3 Engine Exhaust

Visually inspect the engine and generator exhaust systems (hoses, joints, manifolds, etc.) for leaks. Make sure all clamps are tight. Check hoses and exhaust boxes for damage. Replace any damaged exhaust system component.

*Note: Any discoloration around a joint or gasket usually indicates a leak.*

### 14.4.4 Transmission Oil

Refer to the transmission manual for detailed recommendations about checking and adding oil.

### 14.4.5 Fuel Filter

Refer to the engine manual for correct information about checking and replacing the fuel filter on gasoline engines.

For diesel engines, check all fuel filters daily to remove all sediment and water from the filter. Inspect the canister for possible corrosion or deterioration. Replace canister if you observe any corrosion or other deterioration.

Replace the filter element at least once each season, more often if there is contamination of the fuel system. Always replace the bowl gasket each time the filter is reassembled. Check carefully for any signs of leakage.

### 14.4.6 Fuel Line Connections

Check all fuel line connections for leaks at least once a year. Tighten as necessary.

*Important: Be careful when tightening fittings. Over-tightening can crack the flair fittings and flair nuts. Use only tube wrenches when tightening connections.*

### 14.4.7 Batteries



**Avoid spilling battery electrolyte into the engine compartment or bilge. Also, avoid getting saltwater on or in the battery. Either condition can create a gas that is explosive and poisonous if inhaled. If you spill electrolyte, ventilate the area. Neutralize the acid in the electrolyte with baking soda. Clean up neutralized electrolyte with a disposable rag or paper towel.**

**We recommend you use Gel type batteries.**

Although these batteries are relatively maintenance free, some simple routine maintenance can increase the effectiveness and life.

\* Keep the batteries fully charged. Batteries kept fully charged last longer than batteries kept at a partial charge.

\* Check the level of the electrolyte regularly. Correct level is just above the plates. Add distilled water only if

necessary. Over-filling can cause poor performance and early failure.

\* Check the battery every 30 days. Keep the top of the battery clean. When necessary, clean the top of the battery with a baking soda solution and rinse with fresh water.

*Important: To prevent battery failure, do not allow the soda solution to enter the battery cells.*

\* Inspect the cables and clamps regularly.

\* Remove the battery cables and clean the battery terminals and posts regularly. Use a wire brush or bronze wool. After re-connecting the terminals, apply a coating of grease or petroleum jelly (Vaseline) to protect them against corrosion.

Important: Before cleaning the batteries, disconnect and remove them from the boat.

\* Replace corroded or damaged parts immediately.

\* Remove the batteries from the boat during periods of extended storage. Store the batteries in a cool (above freezing), dry area.

All batteries lose some charge during storage, but the loss of charge is inversely proportional to the temperature. The lower the temperature, the less charge is lost. Avoid storing the batteries in a humid area. Humidity will lead to corrosion of the terminals.

### 14.4.8 Shore Power Cable Care



**Electrical shock can cause injury or death. Before working on electrical system, disconnect all power sources. Inform others to prevent accidental re-connection of electrical service. All voltages above 12 volts are dangerous. Maintaining power cable while connected to shore power can cause electrical shock. Disconnect cord before maintenance.**

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Clean the cable with a grease cutting household detergent. Apply a vinyl protector periodically.

The metallic parts of the cable are corrosion resistant. You can, however, increase the life of the cable in a salt water environment by wiping the exposed parts with fresh

water. Then, dry them and spray them with a moisture repellent.

If the cable is dropped into salt water, rinse the plug and connector end thoroughly in fresh water. Then shake or blow off excess water and allow cable to dry. Spray plug and connector with a moisture repellent before you use the cable again.

### 14.4.9 Electrical System Connections

At least once each year, disconnect electrical connectors in the bilge, engine, and upper control areas. Check the terminals for corrosive buildup. Have your boat dealer repair connectors and terminals if they are corroded.

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## 14.5 Periodic Maintenance

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Proper and timely maintenance is the best insurance you can buy for trouble free and pleasurable boating. Included in this section are maintenance charts which identify maintenance tasks and their frequency. Use the charts as a checklist.

Following are specific maintenance tasks that you should complete after the first 20 hours of operation:

- \* Check rudder lip seal for leaks (no leaks at all).
- \* Check propeller shaft packing glands for leaks (approximately 1 drop per minute).
- \* Check all through hull fittings for leaks.
- \* Check all doors and cabinets for proper fit and operation.
- \* Realign propeller shaft
- \* Tighten all engine mounts.
- \* Complete engine maintenance as recommended by engine manufacturer.
- \* Tighten all hose clamps and lubricate them.
- \* Check and tighten all pressurized water system fittings.
- \* Check and service batteries, tighten battery connections, and lubricate as needed.

At the end of this chapter, you will find a maintenance schedule. It is important that you keep the manufactur-

er's documentation for the components and follow the maintenance schedules and procedures listed in that literature. This information takes precedence over what is supplied by the boat manufacturer.

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### 14.6 Storage and Lifting

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In most cases, the reason for storage is winter layup. The information in this section is a general guide. Your boat dealer or a competent boatyard should prepare your boat for winter storage. If you are removing your boat from the water for another reason, use the information in this section as a guideline. Following the procedures in this section helps to extend the life of your boat and its equipment and simplifies re-commencing in the spring.

Indoor storage is beneficial if you are storing your boat in a climate that produces ice and snow. However, the storage building should be adequately ventilated, not tightly closed. Ventilation, both around and throughout the boat, is very important.

If you use outdoor storage facilities, cover your boat with a canvas cover with provisions for ventilation to keep the boat from "sweating." Building a frame over the boat to support the canvas will allow the passage of air around the boat. The frame should be a few inches wider than the boat so the canvas will clear the rails.

Before preparing your boat for winter storage, check the condition of the boat and its systems and equipment. Note any repairs needed. The need for other repairs may become apparent during winterization. Make arrangements to have the repairs completed.

#### 14.6.1 Lifting Your Boat

Following are guidelines which will help prevent damage to your boat as it is being lifted.

- \* Never hoist the boat with a greater than normal accumulation of water in the bilge. Fuel and water tanks should be empty.

- \* Place slings where indicated by the sling tags on the gunwale. Proper location of the aft sling is critical. Lifting aft of the station indicated may damage the propeller shaft. Lifting forward of the station indicated, with the sling under the exhaust outlets, may cause cracking which is not covered by the warranty. Blocks or pads at the chine corners will help keep pressure to a minimum at this point.

- \* Disconnect the propeller shafts at the transmissions to prevent damage to the transmission.

- \* Use flat, wide slings made of belting and spreader bars long enough to keep pressure off the gunwale. Do not use cable slings. Pressure by the slings on the gunwale can cause severe gelcoat crazing or more serious hull damage.

- \* The spreader bar at each sling should be as long as the distance across the widest point the sling surrounds.

- \* Weight should be primarily distributed along the keel. If a marine railway or platform is used, locate and adjust the blocking to distribute the weight over several areas at the intersection of stringers and bulkheads. The bunks and/or blocks should match deadrise angle and provide adequate support and stability.

- \* When lifting the boat, keep the bow higher than the stern so the exhaust lines can drain. This will keep water from running forward through the manifold and into the engine itself where the water can become trapped.

*Note: Keep the bow higher than the stern every time the boat is lifted. Do not lift the stern to change a propeller. Doing so can cause water to enter the engine. Engine failure is possible if water enters the engine cylinders. This water can cause hydrolock and bend the piston rods. Even a small amount of water can cause rust or other damage.*

#### 14.6.3 Draining Your Boat

Your boat has bilge pumps for draining water from the bilges. Some compartments in the bilge may not drain completely because of the position of the boat. Pump these compartments out then use a sponge to remove all remaining water.

Procedures for draining and winterizing the fresh water system are in this section under the "Preparing for Storage" heading.

#### 14.6.2 Preparing for Storage

- \* Clean, scrub, and sponge the hull and deck as soon as the boat is pulled from the water and is still in the sling. Cleaning marine growth from the hull is easier when it is still wet.

- \* Clean the inside of all hull openings, through hull fittings, and screens. Inspect the hull and underwater gear for signs of wear, deterioration, or damage. Note any damage to the propulsion equipment, helm area, cabin, etc. Make repairs, if at all possible, before covering your

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boat.

\* Fill the fuel tanks with treated fuel to prevent condensation. If you use a stabilizer or conditioner, be sure to follow the instructions on the container.

*Important: Do not overfill fuel tanks so fuel flows from the vent. Allow room in the tanks for fuel to expand.*

\*\* Prepare the Engines for Storage:

\* In areas where temperatures fall below freezing, the bilge area under the engines must be pumped out and sponged completely dry. Check for areas that do not drain to the pumps. Drain mufflers.

*Note: Refer to the engine owner's manual for winterization and storage procedures.*

\*\* Prepare the Batteries for Storage:

\* Be sure main battery breakers are off.

\* Remove batteries from boat and store in area where temperatures remain above freezing.

\* Place batteries on a wooden pallet or bench.

\* Keep batteries charged. Check electrolyte levels regularly. Add electrolyte if needed.

\*\* Prepare Holding Tank

\* Empty and rinse holding tank until tank is clean.

\* Close head intake seacock and remove hose.

\* Pour the nontoxic antifreeze into the head and keep flushing the head until the antifreeze reaches the holding tank.

\* If your boat has a macerator discharge and the boat is removed from the water, run the macerator pump long enough for antifreeze to run through the pump and the lines.

\* Remove drain plug from seacock while valve is closed. Allow line to drain. Replace drain plug.

\*\* Prepare the Fresh Water System:

\* Remove the fresh water supply by opening the hot and cold faucets in the galley for 10 minute intervals. Repeat until the fresh water tank is empty.

\* Open all faucets: galley, shower, cockpit shower, etc.

\* Drain the water heater. Disconnect lines from the engine heat exchanger (if equipped). Drain exchanger and lines.

\* Remove hot and cold water lines and hook them together.

\* Remove inlet hose from tank and insert it into a container of nontoxic antifreeze. Turn pump on. Starting at faucet furthest from pump, open all faucets until antifreeze flows out.

\* Turn off pump and reconnect hose to water heater and pump.

\* Remove seacock drain plugs to prevent damage from freezing. Close all seacocks.

\*\* Prepare Interior of Boat for Storage:

\* To keep mildew from forming, remove all items that will hold moisture ( PFD's, towels, blankets, clothing, canvas, etc.).

\* Make sure all garbage is removed.

\* Scrub the inside of the boat. Clean cabinets, drawers, and cupboards. Allow cabin area to dry and air for at least one day if possible.

\* Stand or prop up mattresses and cushions remaining on board to allow good air circulation around them. Hang life preserver and other equipment to prevent mildew.

\* Remove any detachable and valuable equipment and electronics.

\*\* Prepare Exterior of Boat for Storage:

\* Sand the hull bottom and apply at least one coat of anti-fouling paint.

*Note: This coat of paint must be applied during winterization or before the beginning of a new boating season. Check with your dealer for information about the paint you should use.*

\* Apply a coat of wax to the entire boat. Put rust inhibitor on all metal parts.

\* Cover the boat with a tarpaulin or mooring cover. If the boat is stored outside, you may need to place supports

under the cover to shore up pockets where rain or snow can collect.

### 14.6.3 Draining Your Boat

Your boat has bilge pumps for draining water from the bilges. Some compartments in the bilge may not drain completely because of the position of the boat. Pump these compartments out then use a sponge to remove all remaining water.

Procedures for draining and winterizing the fresh water system are in this section under the "Preparing for Storage" heading.

### 14.6.4 Supporting Your Boat During Storage

A cradle is the ideal support for your boat whenever it is not in the water. Properly designed and located, the cradle will support the boat under the main frames. Support at these points is essential for preventing damage to the hull.

If a cradle is not available, the boat may be supported on two or three timbers across a boat well or on another firm footing substantial enough to keep the boat level. The timbers and the foundation must be substantial enough to prevent any change in shape while supporting the boat during storage. The weight carried by the supports should be evenly divided, the keel should carry a share of it.

Store the boat with the bow up so any accumulation of moisture will run off.

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## 14.7 Fitting out after Storage

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If the hull was not painted during winterizing, sand and pain the hull bottom before removing the boat from its cradle.

Before launching your boat, do not load unneeded equipment, furniture, and personal items until the launch and final checkout are complete.

### 14.7.1 Pre-Launch Checkout

\*\* Before placing your boat in the water, check and perform the following:

\* Check all anchor lines and gear and replace, if necessary.

\* Check all through hull fittings to make sure they are clean. Make sure all drain plugs are installed. Check all strut and through hull hardware for damage and tightness. Repair or adjust as needed.

\* Check propellers and propeller shafts for proper installation and tightness. Clean propeller and shafts. Check shaft play in strut bearing. Replace bearing if play is excessive.

\* Check shaft alignment. Refer to the engine owner's manual or check with your boat dealer for details.

\* Clean battery terminal posts and cable terminals with a wire brush or bronze wool. Install batteries and attach cables. After cable posts are tightened down, coat posts with oil or Vaseline to keep out air and acid. Check all wiring connections and contacts for corrosion and tightness.

\* Check all seacocks for easy operation. Check the condition of all hoses.

\* Check operation of bilge pumps in manual and automatic modes. Check operation of shower sump pumps.

\* Check all bilge blowers for proper operation.

\* Check operation of all DC circuits.

\* Launch your boat.

### 14.7.2 Post Launch Checkout

\*\* After launching your boat, check the following:

\* Check all sources of possible leaks from bow to stern. Make this check with boat fully in the water, but still in the slings!

\* Check engines and generator following procedures described in equipment manuals.

\* Check the entire exhaust system for the engines and the generator carefully. Make sure all exhaust systems are gastight. If exhaust opening was plugged or covered during storage, remove blockage.

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Routine Maintenance					
Item	Daily	75hr	250hr	Yearly	
Diesel Engines	See Yanmar Engine Manual for Maintenance Schedule Details				
Check Exhaust system for leaks	X	X	X	X	
Check for loose or damaged parts	X	X	X	X	
Check fuel system line for leaks	X	X	X	X	
Drain water and sediment from primary fuel filter	X	X	X	X	
Drain water from fuel separator				X	
Clean or replace air cleaner elements			X		
Check oil level	X	X	X	X	
Check oil and filters			X		
Check cooling system for leaks	X	X	X	X	
Check zinc anodes					
Tighten engine mounts				X	
Lubricate shifter cables				X	
Check prop shafts for alignment					
Transmissions	See Yanmar Manual for Transmission Maintenance Schedule Details				
Check transmission fluid level	X	X	X	X	
Underwater Gear					
Check rudder and shaft				X	
Check propeller for dents or gouges				X	
Miscellaneous					
Check automatic pumps for operation	X	X	X	X	
Check caulking on deck hardware				X	
Check electrical connections for corrosion				X	
Check bottom paint				X	
Wax deck to maintain sheen				X	
Item	Daily	75hr	250hr	Yearly	
Check and service batteries				X	
Lubricate terminals				X	
Routine Maintenance					
Item	Daily	75hr	250hr	Yearly	

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Tighten all pressurized water system fittings				X	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>25hr</b>	<b>75hr</b>	<b>250hr</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
Miscellaneous					
Halon Fire Extinguishers	X	X	X	X	X
Check battery electrolyte level	X	X	X	X	X
Check raw water strainers (generator, AC unit)	X	X	X	X	X

*Chapter 15*

# ***Glossary***

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**A**

**Aback:** describes a sail when the wind strikes it on the lee side.

**Abaft:** towards the boat's stern.

Abeam:

at right angles to the center-line of the boat.

**Aft:** at or near the stern.

Amidships: the center of the boat, athwartships and fore and aft.

**Anti-fouling:** a poisonous paint compound used to protect the underwater part of a hull from marine growths.

Apparent wind: The direction and speed of the wind felt by the crew. It is a combination of true wind and that created by the movement of the boat.

**Astern:** behind the boat; to go astern is to drive the boat in reverse.

**Athwartships:** at right angles to the fore and aft line of the boat.

**B**

**Back:** when a wind backs, it shifts anticlockwise.

Back a sail: to sheet it to windward so that the wind fills on the side that is normally to leeward.

Backstay: a stay that supports the mast from aft and prevents its forward movement.

**Ballast:** extra weight, usually lead or iron, placed low in the boat or externally on the keel to provide stability.

**Ballast keel:** a mass of ballast bolted to the keel to increase stability and prevent a keel boat from capsizing.

**Batten:** a light, flexible strip fed into a batten pocket at the leech of the sail to support the roach.

**Beam:** 1, the maximum breadth of a boat; 2, a transverse member that supports the deck; 3, on the beam means that an object is at right angles to the centerline.

**Bear away:** to steer the boat away from the wind.

the direction of an object from an observer, measured in degrees true or magnetic.

**Beat:** to sail a zigzag course towards the wind, close-hauled on alternate tacks.

**Belay:** to make fast a rope around a cleat, usually with a figure-of-eight knot.

**Bend:** 1, to secure a sail to a spar before hoisting; 2, to moor a boat; 3, a sleeping place on board.

**Bight:** a bend or loop in a rope.

**Bilge:** the lower, round part inside the hull where the water collects.

**Block:** a pulley in a wooden or plastic case, consisting of a sheave around which a rope runs. It is used to change the direction of pull.

**Boot-topping:** a narrow colored stripe painted between the bottom paint and the topside enamel.

**Bottlescrew:** see Rigging screw.

**Broach:** when a boat running downwind slews broadside to the wind and heels dangerously. It is caused by heavy following seas or helmsman's error.

**Broad reach:** the point of sailing between a beam reach and a run, when the wind blows over a quarter.

**Bulkhead:** a partition wall in a boat normally fitted athwartships

**C**

**Caulk:** to make the seams between wooden planks watertight by filling with cotton, oakum or a compound.

**Cavitation:** the formation of a vacuum around a propeller, causing a loss in efficiency.

**Center-board:** a board lowered through a slot in the keel to reduce leeway.

**Center-line:** center of the boat in a fore and aft line.

**Center of effort (COE):** the point at which all the forces acting on the sails are concentrated.

**Center of lateral resistance (CLR):** the underwater center of pressure about which a boat pivots when changing course.

**Chain pawl:** a short lug which drops into a toothed rack to prevent the anchor chain running back.

**Chain plate:** a metal plate bolted to the boat to which the shrouds or backstays are attached.

**Chart datum:** reference level on a chart below which the tide is unlikely to fall. Soundings are given below chart datum. The datum level varies according to country and area.

**Chine:** the line where the bottom of the hull meets the side at an angle.

**Cleat:** a wooden, metal or plastic fitting around which rope is secured.

**Clevis pin:** a locking pin through which a split ring is passed to prevent accidental withdraw.

**Clew:** the after, lower center of a sail where the foot and leech meet.

**Close-hauled:** the point of sailing closest to the wind; see also beat.

**Close reach:** the point of sailing between close-hauled and a beam reach, when the wind blows forward of the beam.

**Close-winded:** describes a boat able to sail very close to the wind.

**Coaming:** the raised structure surrounding a hatch, cockpit, etc., which prevents water entering.

**Cotter pin:** soft, metal pin folded back on itself to form an eye.

**Course:** the direction in which a vessel is steered, usually given in degrees; true, magnetic or compass.

**Cringle:** 1, a rope loop, found at either end of a line of reef points; 2, an eye in a sail.

**D**

**Dead run:** running with the wind blowing exactly aft, in line with the center-line.

**Deviation:** the difference between the direction indicated by the compass needle and the magnetic meridian; caused by object aboard.

**Displacement:** 1, the weight of water displaced by a boat is equal to the weight of the boat; 2, a displacement hull is one that displaces its own weight in water and is only supported by buoyancy, as opposed to a planning hull which can exceed its hull, or displacement, speed.

**Downhaul:** a rope fitted to pull down a sail or spar.

**Draft:** the vertical distance from the waterline to the lowest point of the keel.

**Drag:** 1, an anchor drags when it fails to hold; 2, the force of wind on the sails, or water on the hull, which impedes the boat's progress.

**Drift:** 1, to float with the current or wind; 2, US the speed of a current (rate UK); 3, UK: the distance a boat is carried by a current in a given time.

**Drogue:** a sea anchor put over the stern of a boat or life raft to retard drift.

**Drop keel:** a retractable keel which can be drawn into the hull, when entering shallow waters and recovering on to a trailer.

## E

**Eye of the wind:** direction from which the true wind blows.

## F

**Fair:** well-faired line or surface is smoother with no bumps, hollows or abrupt changes in directions.

**Fairlead:** a fitting through which a line is run to alter the lead of the line.

**Fathom:** the measurement used for depths of water and lengths of rope. 1 fathom = 6 ft. or 1.83m.

**Fid:** a tapered tool used for splicing heavy rope and for sail-making, often hollow.

**Fiddle:** a raised border for a cabin table, chart table etc., to prevent objects falling off when the boat heels.

**Fix:** the position of the vessel as plotted from two or more position lines.

**Forestay:** the foremost stay, running from the masthead to the stemhead, to which the headsail is hanked.

**Freeboard:** vertical distance between the waterline and the top of the deck.

## G

**Genoa:** a large headsail, in various sizes, which overlaps the mainsail and is hoisted in light to fresh winds on all points of sailing.

**Gimbals:** two concentric rings, pivoted at right angles, which keeps objects horizontal despite the boat's motion, e. g. compass and cooker.

**Go about:** to turn the boat through the eye of the wind to change tack.

**Gooseneck:** the fitting attaching the boom to the mast, allowing it to move in all directions.

**Goosewing:** to boom-out the headsail to windward on a run by using a whisker pole to hold the sail on the opposite side to the mainsail.

**Ground tackle:** general term used for anchoring gear.

**Guard rail:** a metal rail fitted around the boat to prevent the crew falling overboard.

**Gudgeon:** a rudder fitting. It is the eye into which the pintle fits.

**Guy:** a steadying rope for a spar; a spinnaker guy controls the fore and aft position of the spinnaker pole; the foreguy holds the spinnaker pole forward and down.

**Gybe:** to change from one tack to another by turning the stern through the wind.

## H

**Halyard:** rope used to hoist and lower sails.

**Hank:** fitting used to attach the luff of a sail to a stay.

**Hatch:** an opening in the deck giving access to the interior.

**Hawes pipe:** see Navel pipe.

**Head-topwind:** when the bows are pointing right into the wind.

**Headfoil:** a streamlined surround to a forestay, with a groove into which a headsail luff slides.

**Heads:** the toilet.

**Headway:** the forward movement of a boat through the water.

**Heave-to:** to back the jib and lash the tiller to leeward; used in heavy weather to encourage the boat to lie quietly and to reduce headway.

**Heaving line:** a light line suitable for throwing ashore.

**Heel:** to lean over to one side.

## I

**Isobars:** lines on a weather map joining places of equal atmospheric pressure.

## J

**Jackstay:** a line running fore and aft, on both sides of the boat, to which safety harnesses are clipped.

**Jury:** a temporary device to replace lost or damaged gear.

## K

**Keel:** the main backbone of the boat to which a ballast keel is bolted or through which the centerboard passes.

**Kicking strap:** a line used to pull the boom down, to keep it horizontal, particularly on a reach or run.

## L

**Lanyard:** a short line attached to one object, such as a knife, with which it is secured to another.

**Leech:** 1, the after edge of a triangle sail; 2, both side edges of a square sail.

**Leehelm:** the tendency of a boat to bear away from the wind.

**Lee shore:** a shore on to which the wind blows.

**Leeward:** away from the wind; the direction to which the wind blows.

**Leeway:** the sideways movement of a boat off its course as a result of the wind blowing on one side of the sails.

**Lifeline:** a wire or rope rigged around the deck to prevent the crew falling overboard.

**Limber holes:** gaps left at the lower end of frames above the keel to allow water to drain to the lowest point of the bilges.

**List:** a boat's more or less permanent lean to one side, owing to the improper distribution of weight, e.g., ballast or water.

**Log:** 1, an instrument for measuring a boat's speed and distance traveled through the water; 2, to record in a book the details of a voyage, usually distances covered and weather.

**Luff:** the forward edge of a sail. To luff up is to turn a boat's head right into the wind.

**Luff groove:** a groove in a wooden or metal spar into which the luff of a headsail is fed.

**Lurch:** the sudden roll of a boat.

## M

**Marlin spike:** a pointed steel or wooden spike used to open up the strands of rope or wire then splicing.

**Mast Step:** the socket in which the base of the mast is located.

**Measured mile:** a distance of one nautical mile measured between buoys or transits/ranges ashore, and marked on the chart.

**Member:** a part of the skeleton of the hull, such as a stringer laminated into fiberglass hull to strengthen it.

**Meridian:** an imaginary line encircling the Earth that passes through the poles and cuts at right angles through the Equator. All lines of longitude are meridians.

**Mizzen:** 1, the shorter, after-mast on a ketch or yawl; 2, the fore and aft sail set on this mast.

## N

**Navel pipe:** a metal pipe in the foredeck through which the anchor chain passes to the locker below.

**Noon Sight:** a vessel's latitude can be found, using a sextant, when a heavenly body on the observer's meridian is at its greatest altitude. The sight of the sun at noon is the one most frequently taken.

## O

**Off the wind:** with the sheets slacked off, not close-hauled.

**On the wind:** close-hauled.

**Out haul:** a rope used to pull out the foot of a sail.

**Overall length (OAL):** the boat's extreme length, measured from the foremost part of the bow to the aftermost part of the stern, excluding bowsprit, self-steering gear etc.

## P

**Painter:** the bow line by which a dinghy, or tender, is towed or made fast.

**Pintle:** a rudder fitting with a long pin that fits into the gudgeon to form a hinged pivot for the rudder.

**Pitch:** 1, the up and down motion of the bows of a boat plunging over the waves; 2, the angle of the propeller blades.

**Point of sailing:** the different angles from which a boat may sail; the boat's course relative to the direction of the wind.

**Port:** the left-hand side of the boat, looking forward (opp. of starboard).

**Port tack:** a boat is on a port tack when the wind strikes the port side first and the mainsail is out to starboard. A boat on the port tack gives way to a boat on a starboard tack.

**Position line/ Line of position:** a line drawn on a chart, as a result of taking a bearing, along which the boat's position must be, i.e. two position lines give a fix.

**Pulpit:** a metal guard rail fitted at the bows of a boat to provide safety for the crew.

**Pushpit:** a metal guard rail fitted at the stern.

## Q

**Quarter:** the portion of the boat midway between the stern and the beam; on the quarter means about 45 degrees abaft the beam.

## R

**Rake:** the fore and aft deviation from the perpendicular of a mast or other feature of a boat.

**Range:** 1, see transit; 2, of tides, the difference between the high and low water levels of a tide; 3, the distance at which a light can be seen.

**Rating:** a method of measuring certain dimensions of a yacht to enable it to take part in handicap races.

**Reach:** to sail with the wind approximately on the beam; all sailing points between running and close-hauled.

**Reef:** to reduce the sail area by folding or rolling surplus material on the boom or forestay.

**Reefing pennant:** strong line with which the luff or leech cringle is pulled down to the boom when reefing.

**Rhumb line:** a line cutting all meridians at the same angle; the course followed by a boat sailing in a fixed direction.

Riding light to anchor light: an all-around white light, usually hoisted on the forestay, to show that a boat

under 50 ft. (15m.) is at anchor. It must be visible for 2 mls. (3 km.).

**Rigging screw:** a deck fitting with which the tensions of standing rigging, e.g. stays, shrouds, etc. are adjusted.

**Roach:** the curved part of the leech of a sail that extends beyond the direct line from head to clew.

**Run:** to run with the wind aft and with the sheets eased well out.

**Running rigging:** all the moving lines, such as sheets and halyards, used in the setting and trimming of sails.

## S

**Scope:** the length of rope or cable paid out when making anchoring.

**Scuppers:** 1, holes in the toe rail that allow water to drain off the deck; 2, drain cockpit through hull.

**Seacock:** a valve that shuts off an underwater inlet or outlet passing through the hull.

**Seize:** to bind two ropes together, or a rope to a spar, with a light line.

**Serve:** to cover and protect a splice or part of a rope with twine bound tightly against the lay.

**Serving mallet:** tool with a grooved head, used when serving a rope to keep the twine at a constant and high tension.

**Set:** 1, to hoist a sail; 2, the way in which the sails fit; 3, the direction of tidal current or steam.

**Shackle:** a metal link with a removable bolt across the end; of various shapes: D, U.

**Sheave:** a grooved wheel in a block or spar for a rope to run on.

**Sheet:** the rope attached to the clew of a sail or to the boom, enabling it to be controlled or trimmed.

**Shrouds:** ropes or wires, usually in pairs, led from the mast to the chain plates at deck level to prevent the mast falling sideways; part of the standing rigging.

**Sloop:** a single-masted sailing boat with a mainsail and one head sail.

**Spar:** a general term for any wooden or metal pole, e.g., mast or boom, used to carry or give shape to sails.

**Spindrift:** spray blown along the surface of the sea.

**Spinnaker:** a large, light, balloon shaped sail set when reaching or running.

**Splice:** to join ropes or wire by unlaying the strands and interweaving them.

**Split pin:** see cotter pin.

**Spreaders:** horizontal struts attached to the mast, which extend to the shrouds and help to support the mast.

**Stall:** a sail stalls when the airflow over it breaks up, causing the boat to lose way.

**Stanchion:** upright metal post bolted to the deck to support guardrails or lifelines.

**Standing part:** the part of a line not used when making

a knot; the part of a rope that is made fast, or around which the knot is tied.

**Standing rigging:** the shrouds and stays that are permanently set up and support the mast.

**Starboard:** right-hand side of a boat looking forward (opp. of port).

**Starboard tack:** a boat is on starboard tack when the wind strikes the starboard side first and the boom is out to the port.

**Stay:** wire or rope which supports the mast in a fore and aft direction; part of the standing rigging.

**Steerage way:** a boat has steerage way when it has sufficient speed to allow it to be steered, or to answer the helm.

**Stem:** the timber at the bow, from the keel upward, to which the planking is attached.

**Sternway:** the backward, stern-first movement of a boat.

**Stringer:** a fore and aft member, fitted to strengthen the frames.

## T

**Tack:** 1, the lower forward corner of a sail; 2, to turn the boat through the wind so that it blows on the opposite sides of the sails.

**Tacking:** working to windward by sailing close-hauled on alternate courses so that the wind is first on one side of the boat, then on the other.

**Tack pennant:** a length of wire with an eye in each end, used to raise the tack of a headsail some distance off the deck.

**Tackle:** a purchase system comprising of rope and blocks that is used to gain mechanical advantage.

**Tang:** a strong metal fitting by which standing rigging is attached to the mast or other spar.

**Tender of dinghy:** a small boat used to ferry stores and people to a yacht.

**Terminal fitting:** fitting at the end of a wire rope by which a shroud or stay can be attached to the mast, a tang or a rigging screw/ turnbuckle.

**Tide:** the vertical rise and fall of the oceans caused by the gravitational attraction of the moon.

**Toe rail:** a low strip of metal or molding running around the edge of the deck.

**Topping lift:** a line from the masthead to a spar, normally the boom, which is used to raise it.

**Topsides:** the part of a boat's hull that is above the waterline.

**Track:** 1, the course a boat has made good; 2, a fitting on the mast or boom into which the slides on a sail fit; 3, a fitting along which a traveller runs, used to alter the angle of the sheets.

**Transit:** two fixed objects are in transit when seen in

line; two transit give position fix.

**Traveller:** 1, a ring or hoop that can be hauled along a spar; 2, a fitting that slides in a track and is used to alter the angle of the sheets.

**Trim:** 1, to adjust the angle of the sails, by means of sheets, so that they work most efficiently; 2, to adjust the boat's load, and thus the fore and aft angle at which it floats.

**True wind:** the direction and speed of the wind felt when stationary, at anchor or on land.

**Turnbuckle:** see Rigging screw.

## U

**Under way:** a boat is under way when it is not made fast to shore, at anchor or aground.

**Uphaul:** a line used to raise something vertically, e.g., the spinnaker pole.

## V

**Veer:** 1, the wind veers when it shifts in clockwise direction; 2, to pay out anchor cable or rope in a gradual, controlled way.

## W

**Wake:** the disturbed water left astern of a boat.

**Waterline:** the line along the hull at which a boat floats.

**Waterline length (WL):** the length of a boat from stem to stern at the waterline. It governs the maximum speed of displacement hull and effects a boats rating.

**Weather helm:** ( opp. of lee helm).

**Weather side:** the side of a boat on which the wind is blowing.

**Wetted surface:** the area of the hull under water.

**Whisker pole:** a light pole used to hold out the clew of a headsail when running.

**Winch:** a mechanical device, consisting usually of a metal drum turned by a handle, around which a line is wound to give the crew more purchasing power when hauling taut a line, e.g. a jib sheet.

**Windage:** those parts of a boat that increase drag, e.g., rigging, spars, crew, etc.

**Windlass:** a winch with a horizontal shaft and a vertical handle, used to haul up the anchor chain.

**Windward:** the direction from which the wind blows; towards the wind (opp. of leeward).

## Y

**Yawl:** a two masted boat with a mizzen stepped aft of the rudder stock/ post.