



ALASKA BOATER TIP SHEET

Engine Repair

Engine Repair Basics

Routine engine and mechanical system maintenance is necessary for all boats. However, maintenance and repair can result in spills of fuels, solvents and other toxic materials if care isn't taken! Below are a number of best practices to keep in mind when performing your regular maintenance on your boat, whether on or off the water.

Engine Repair Best Practices

- Perform all oil and filter changes on a regular schedule.
- Used clean oil change practices, making sure to always use absorbents
- Place oil filters in a large container to reduce spillage during transport
- Keep engine maintenance areas clean and free of clutter.
- Store and label all of your repair materials, and keep absorbents on hand.
- Avoid unnecessary parts cleaning.
- Use dry pre-cleaning methods, such as wire brushing.
- Use alternative cleaning agents such as citrus-based cleaners, water-based, or non-VOC cleaners whenever possible.
- Do not mix or add other types of solvents to any degreaser.
- Parts washing solvents must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Catch and reuse solvents as much as possible.
- Do not wash engine parts over bare ground or water.

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