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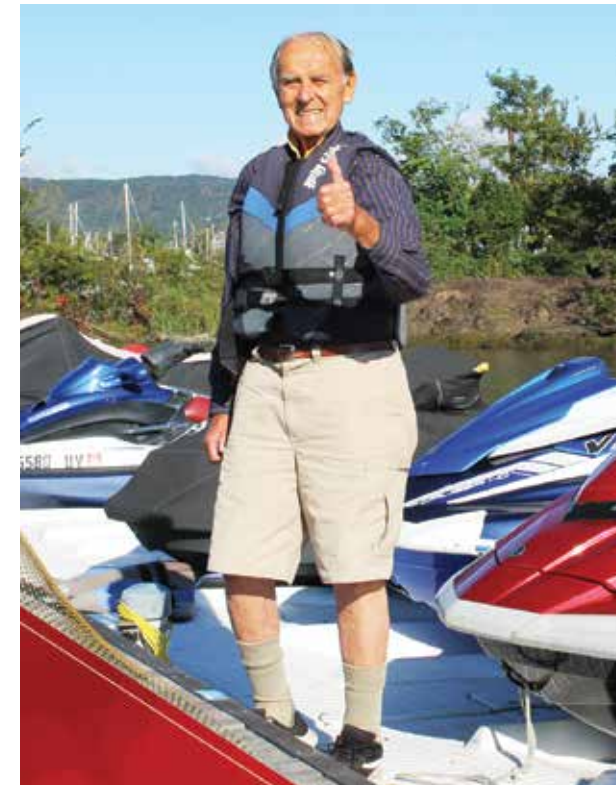


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BOAT QUESTIONS!

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The Boat US article starting on page 34 is exactly what you need to know to solve problems like this!



From the publisher

In 1962 I was at a marina in Yonkers, NY working on a boat when suddenly there was a tremendous explosion. I was down in the engine room changing a starter. Looking up from below it was raining fire. Leaping to the deck I could see a huge ball of fire at the gas dock and people in the water.

I ran to the fire, jumped over a guy who was fiddling with a water hose and swam out to a man and a woman who were screaming for help. Unfortunately I never took my sneakers off and they were dragging me down. Getting between the man and woman I screamed at the guy on the dock with the garden hose to throw it to me. I caught it, held onto the hose and the man and woman were pulled to the dock. I sat there shaking as the Yonkers Fire Department arrived.

Pieces of burning debris had started fires in different areas of the marina.

After an investigation it turned out that the 54 ft wooden Richardson yacht HAD A ROTTEN FUEL HOSE. While filling the boat with gasoline most of it went into the bilge. Upon getting ready to leave the dock the captain turned on the ignition key and blew up the boat.

From that day to now I try to stay as far away as possible from anyone fueling a boat. There were four boats that blew up in one year from this situation.

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