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BOAT QUESTIONS!

If you have a question for Master Mechanic and Owner of Alex's Marine Plus in New Windsor, NY, simply call Alex at 845-565-9199 or e-mail, AlexsMarine@aol.com



"Alex, I bought this boat last year, what do I have to do to get it ready for the water?"

This is a good time to get the family involved. All boats require maintenance. Personally I think it is good to learn ownership is more than just putting in a tank of gas.

You could drop the boat off at our shop and we will do the work for you, or some people do the preparation themselves.

Things you should check:

Battery condition, make sure navigation lights are in working order, bilge pump, blower, etc. is working properly, check

engine oils, fluids, hoses, steering cable, throttle shift cable, etc. (some may need to be changed).

Once you have examined the boat parts, now is the time to run the engine on a water hose to see if its pumping water, check the oil pressure and make sure it is not overheating. If you don't feel comfortable doing it alone, you should find someone to help who knows what to look for, or contact us for help.

Once your all done with the above, your ready to tackle the cleaning. Here are a few tips on cleaning:

1. A long hose
2. A good plastic spray nozzle (so if you drop it, will not damage the boat)
3. A bucket large enough to dip the brush in, but not to large to make it difficult to carry.
4. A soft brush with a dense bristle.
5. A good deaning soap.

Cleaning the boat of debris, especially leaves, dirt, grass and everything else is of primary importance. Not only will the boat look terrific but getting all the debris out of the boat means that your bilge pump will stay clean and operable.

If you keep your boat properly maintained, you will have an enjoyable summer



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