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Tips For Nordic Tugs July 2013

- 1. Install a Sealand Characoal Filter in your vent line. No more chemicals needed, no more smelly toilet. Change once per year.**
- 2. Clean you head vent line early in Summer boating season. Bugs, spiders, dirt, etc. will clog up your vent line so pump out will not work. You can use an air canister to blow from outside or a small brush to clean vent.**
- 3. Save \$\$\$.** Buy an Eldridge and use it to determine best times to navigate channels to catch the maximum current flow, it is not the same as tide. You can cruise at 10 knts. Instead of 6 knts. And burn the same fuel
- 4. Winterize your boat yourself to save more \$\$\$.** Plus learn all your systems much better. Purchase a "SeaFlush" it will clean and flush AC hoses, heat exchangers, Oil coolers, flush out salt water. Unclog thru-hull fittings from inside the boat. Plus winterize engines, gensets, and AC in minutes, no hoses to remove.
- 5. Use a fuel additive at every fill up for your outboard gas engines.** Ethenol fuel is terrible and it does not last. Add Starton, ValvTect or Sta-Bil. Plus use an additive at end of season for your diesel main engine, and during the season if not using the boat much.
- 6. Clean, check and drain Racors every time you are ready to start your engine, plus generator. It only takes about 2 minutes.**
- 7. Clean your battery terminals once a year and apply grease or T-9.** Bad connections do not allow a ground to work. Never use wire nuts for battery terminals, they do not make a good connection.
- 8. Check electrical shore power connection fitting on your vessel every year.** Take apart the fitting and make certain all wires are clean & tight.
- 9. Keep you water fresh, fill up your water tanks every time you leave the boat. Do Not use bleach in your alum. Tanks. If you need a freshener use "Aquabon" available at West Marine.**
- 10. Keep your boat smelling good and fresh and dry, plus free of mold and mildew.** Use "DampRid" large hanging bags around your boat in bilge areas, plus hanging lockers. "Kanaberra Gel" is a great natural product

to keep mold and mildew from starting. It's a tea tree oil. Use in AC return vents, heads, cabins.

11. Boat US members save money on fuel, repairs and slip rentals. Always sign up for the Unlimited Gold Package, it gets you a tow home even from a safe dock. Its much more than a towing service: they deliver fuel, battery jump starts, soft ungrounding, emergency pumps etc.
12. Quality Fasteners: Always use the best 316 SS screws, bolts, nuts and washers. Never use 18/8 or 304 SS, it does not hold up well in a salt environment. Brewers yards generally offer only 304 SS as an example.
13. Icom VHF Cable problems: if you have a crumbling mic cable, Icon will help. They will replace you bad cables at no chg no matte if your unit is out of warranty.
14. Absorber is the best chamois on the market bar none. They work and stay flexible and last for years. Do not be tempted to buy the junk at boat shows
15. Exercise all your boats systems at least monthly: This means your windlass, generator, radar, remote flood lights, AC/heat, pumps, macerator, heads, windshield wipers and washers. These systems do not like to sit idle and collect dirt, salt, bugs, etc.
16. Sticky sliding windows cure, spray vinegar in the tracks on the outside after every use in salt water. The vinegar will break up the salt deposits and make the windows easy to operate.
17. Clean AC return vents twice a year and back of AC unit if possible. Remove the filters and place a small jar of Kanaberra Gel to keep boat fresh.
18. Reduce Spiders by spraying all lines, fenders and overhangs on your boat with 100% vinegar at end of weekend or when leaving boat for extended time.
19. Hurricane/Tropical Storm Plan: You must develop a plan now to save life, limb and your vessel. Check with your insurance company, many give you a free or 1/2 price haul out for any named storm. If that is what you wish to do, notify your boat yard now, do not wait as you will then be on the bottom of the list. Have extra heavy lines, fenders, balls waiting at home to help secure your boat if staying at your dock. Many Hurricane holes like Hamburg Cove fill up fast. Many Yacht Clubs, and Marina's will ask you to leave and or haul your boats. Know your Marina's policies. All Bimini's and canvas must be removed. If you do no prep work for a named storm your insurance company may not pay for damages.

20. Interior Teak Refinishing: Teak & Holly soles need to be cleaned well and then use DuraSeal Renovator cleaner and Reconditioner. Your floors will look like new again without any very hard work. Teak trim doors and veneer in good shape only need Forby's lemon oil twice a year. If teak is dirty use denatured alcohol then use 50% dalys teak oil and 50% lemon oil.