

FUELING

When preparing to take on fuel, the following safety precautions should be followed at all times:

1. Approach the fueling dock at a reasonable speed to eliminate waves and insure control of your boat. Have consideration for others who may be taking on fuel and provisions.
2. Properly secure boat, to dock using bow, stern and spring lines.
3. Close all hatches and ports.
4. DO NOT SMOKE.
5. SHUT OFF EQUIPMENT... ENGINE, GENERATOR, STOVE, CABIN HEATER, RADIOS, LIGHTS, ETC.
6. If practicable, all personnel not involved in fueling should leave the boat.
7. Keep fire extinguisher handy.
8. Remove fill plate using spanner wrench provided, and dip the tank to determine fuel requirements. DO NOT USE HAMMER AND SCREWDRIVER TO REMOVE PLATE. IT MAY CAUSE A SPARK AND GOUGE THE PLATE.
9. Place the nozzle of the fuel hose in the fill pipe. Keep it in contact with the deck plate rim to avoid a static electric charge.
10. Fill slowly. DO NOT OVERFILL. Marine fuels expand with an increase in temperature. Therefore, fill on to approximately 95% capacity.
11. If you cannot see the gasoline pump, ask the attendant or a crewmember to call out the gallonage.
12. After fueling, replace fill plate and wash up any spillage. Go below decks and check for fumes or leakage. Check bilge. IF EITHER FUMES OR LIQUID GASOLINE ARE PRESENT, CORRECT SITUATION BEFORE PROCEEDING.
13. Open all hatches and ports to facilitate ventilation.

14. Run blower for at least five minutes and check blower exhaust for presence of fumes.
15. Be considerate of your fellow yachtsmen. Leave the fueling dock immediately after you are satisfied that no potentially dangerous condition exists.
16. In the event of serious spillage, STOP FUELING IMMEDIATELY. Replace fill plate, notify attendant so he may warn others and wash down thoroughly until all traces of fumes or fuel have disappeared.
17. Do not fuel during electrical storms.