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## **YAMAHA SERVICE TIPS**

All equipment whether an outboard or your car requires some sort of maintenance to keep the unit well tuned and performing.

Today's environment is harsh with the ever changing ways we try to save fuel and resources. We are now using an ethanol grade fuel with 10% alcohol. That changes the way we now do maintenance. With these changes we must always be aware of what we can better do to protect our investment. This sometimes may cost a little more but for the long term it keeps your equipment performing at peak.

- a) Always change your fuel filters every 6 months or 50 hours of operation. The fuels we us today are a cleaning agent and the filter will catch this sediment prior to entering the engine fuel system.
- b) Change your oils and filters while being serviced every 100 hours or annually whichever comes first.
- c) After every use flush the motor with fresh water for 15 to 20 minutes. This will wash the salt out and keep the cooling system passages clean.
- d) Yamaha recommends that the power head is washed with fresh water and silicone is sprayed over all components on the power-head every 3 months, this helps keep corrosion to a minimum.
- e) Every 3 months Yamaha grease should be applied to the engines 6 grease points to help stop corrosion.
- f) Zincs always need to be checked to help keep corrosion from occurring. Without zincs the engine can corrode at a fast rate and will shorten the life by 1/3.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOU IS TO ALWAYS MAINTAIN YOUR ENGINE WITH GENUINE YAMAHA PARTS. USING AFTER MARKET PARTS CAN CAUSE THE UNIT TO SHOW WEAR FASTER THEN NORMAL.**