

WHEREVER THE WIND TAKES US

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WINTER IS COMING, IS YOUR BOAT READY FOR HIBERNATION?

That splash of chill in the air brings a reminder that winter is around the corner. While boaters in some warmer states might still enjoy a few days in the water, the rest of us will start planning for boat winterization and storage before the mercury dips below zero.

Seasoned boaters know the drill and begin prepping their prized possession ahead of the winter season to avoid any unnecessary damage. Whether you are new to this game or a veteran at sea, Winterization and Winter Storage of your boat is one of the most important maintenance steps to keep it ship-shape. Let's dive deeper into the options and see which type of boat winter storage is best suited for your need.

WINTERIZATION TIPS:

The solidification of liquid during winter and expansion during launch could potentially cause freeze damage, corrosion, and even foster mold and mildew growth. If you are not taking professional help for winterization and storage, be sure to read the owner's manual and follow the guide to prep your boat for storage. As ironic as it may sound, water could be the biggest threat during winter and you need to flush out all traces of it from your boat to ensure it remains in good shape. Focus on the key systems of your boat that hold water or liquid that can cause trouble during the winter season.

- Outboard Engine
- Inboard Engine
- Boat's Freshwater Plumbing System
- Fuel System
- Remove battery & replenish fuel
- Water storage and any other system that may hold or store water

OUTDOOR VS INDOOR STORAGE

Outdoor Storage

Cost-effective and better suited for mild winters, outdoor storage is like finding a big parking lot for your boat. It's much cheaper than heated indoor storage but may not be the best option for extreme weather and snowy conditions. Even if you cover and wrap your boat to save it from the elements the freezing cold could cause potential damage to the engine and drainage system if moisture gets to those areas

Indoor Storage:

Heated boat storage indoors in sub-zero temp and snowy weather not only protects your boat from harsh elements it prevents moisture growth and saves your boat from possible corrosion and yucky mold and mildew. If you can afford it, indoor storage saves you money in unnecessary repairs later on.

Proper winter storage is the key to a shipshape boat launch next spring. Store well to avoid hiccups and prevent spending money on future repairs.

