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Dewinterization Procedure

If you had your boat winterized by Fred's Marine, this details the procedures for making sure your boat is ready to be on the water.

- Step 1: For most engines, we have re-installed the engine drain plugs and hoses that were removed to drain the water. On some engines (most common are Mercruiser engines with a 1 point drain system) there is a drain plug that is left out and tied to the steering wheel. If this plug is tied to your steering wheel, it needs to be re-installed before running your engine.
- Step 2: Verify that your batteries are properly connected and that they are fully charged, they will go dead while not in use over the winter
- Step 3: Verify your engine oil level. Also verify your V-Drive, transmission, trim, power steering and gearcase oil levels as applicable
- Step 4: Visually inspect the sides of the engine and exhaust manifolds to check for signs of cracks. If your boat is equipped with a heater or shower, visually inspect them for freeze damage.
- Before putting your boat in the lake, verify that the boat drain plug or drain plugs are installed. DO NOT SINK YOUR BOAT!**
- Step 5: Connect your boat to water using a hose attachment or take the boat to the lake to run. While running, visually inspect engine on all sides to check for water leaks. Let the engine run for 10-15 minutes until it has reached operating temperature to verify that it does not overheat

You are not required to bring your boat back to us for a dewinterize, however, you must perform these steps before running or launching your boat in any body of water. If you would like us to perform the dewinterize for you, the charge is \$100. You may schedule a dewinterize by calling the service department at 801-593-8345.