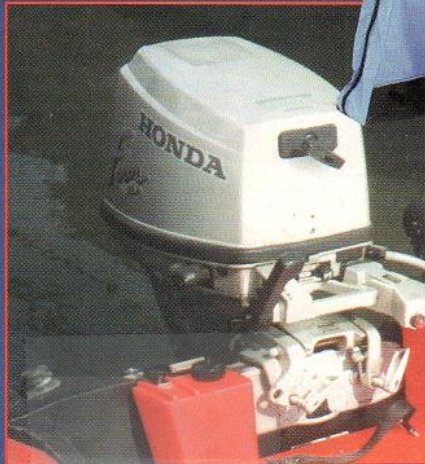


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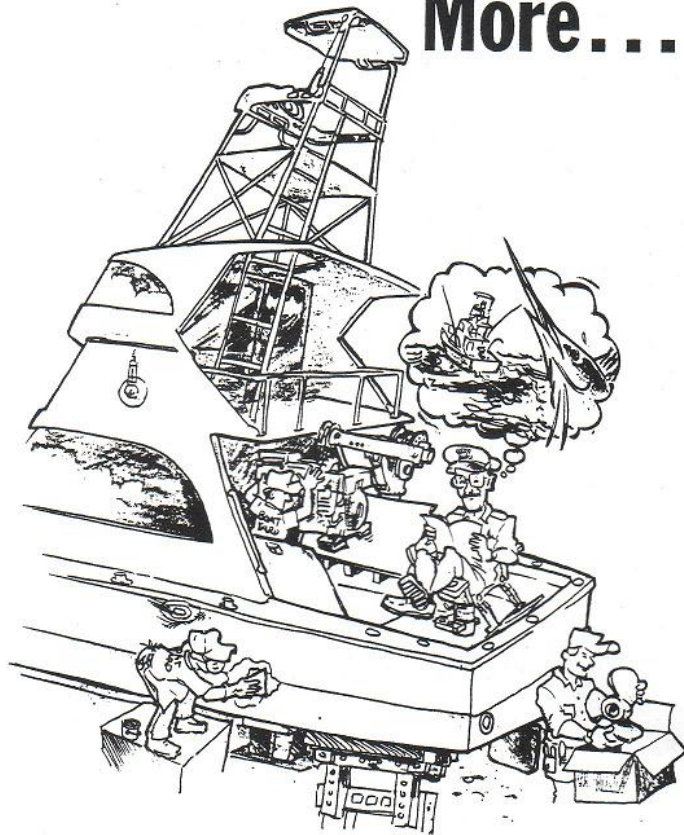


Fuel Purifier Reduces Filter Spares, Costs

Q. *I'm doing a lot of paper planning for taking my sportfisher to Cabo next fall. With all I've heard about fuel problems along the way and knowing the consequences of bad fuel for my big diesels, I want to make sure I've got plenty of fuel filters for the trip down, while I'm there, and the trip back. I might also fish out of Mag Bay where there are no facilities. I still haven't figured out exactly how many replacement filter cartridges are enough, but whatever the final quantity, they are going to take up a whole lot of space. Any way to cut down on the number of filter elements and still be able to guarantee clean fuel for trouble free operation?*

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A. I know some people who take twice the number of filter cartridges they think they will need and end up using most of them. What many skippers do not prepare for is the amount of dirt stirred up by rolling and pitching in heavy seas and the effects of nearly emptying the fuel tanks on long passages. These circumstances, along with some bad fuel, can consume filters hour after hour of operation. You might consider a fuel

purifier such as RCI Diesel Fuel Purifier from RCI Purifier West in San Dimas, California. RCI's purifier goes between the fuel tank and cartridge filter. It uses centrifugal force and baffles to separate water, rust, algae and other contaminants from fuel and trap them in a sump. What does not get to the filter cartridge cannot clog it. A dynamic filter that can be continually cleaned and used unlike a passive filter cartridge.

TIP: According to RCI's literature, really clean fuel and a free-flowing filter cartridge can enable engines to operate at peak efficiency, providing maximum power and fuel economy.