

THE TRUTH ABOUT ETHANOL AND YOUR ENGINE

There is a lot of misinformation about E10 and its impact on marine engines.

Here are the facts:

E10 IS APPROVED FOR USE IN MARINE ENGINES

E10 is a fuel blend containing 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline. For nearly 30 years, it has been safely used in all types of marine engines, including inboard, outboard, two-stroke and four-stroke. E10 is approved for use by all major marine engine manufacturers, including Honda, Mercury Marine, Kawasaki and Johnson/Evinrude.

E10 IS CLEANER, CHEAPER, AND BOOSTS OCTANE

E10 is a cleaner-burning fuel that reduces emissions that can be harmful to marine life. It is also the lowest-cost fuel option available to boaters, and ethanol's high octane rating provides maximum power and performance. It's no wonder that E10 is the exclusive fuel used by the National Boat Racing Association for all of its races.

Marine Engine Manufacturers Have Approved E10 Use Since Early 1990's

WHAT ABOUT E15 AND E85?

While E10 is approved for use in all marine engines, blends containing higher levels of ethanol blends—like E15 and E85— are not. Federal law restricts the use of E15 and E85 to certain automobiles, and E15 is available at less than 1% of gas stations today. Moreover, federal renewable fuel requirements do not prevent marinas and gas stations from selling E0. In fact, availability of E0 is on the rise according to the American Petroleum Institute.

FOLLOW MANUFACTURER RECOMMENDATIONS

As with the use of any fuel, boaters should check their owner's manuals and follow maintenance and winterization recommendations. Regarding concerns about ethanol and water absorption, Mercury Marine says "the primary cause of water collecting in fuel tanks is condensation from humid air"—not ethanol.

BOTTOM LINE: As stated by Mercury Marine, "E10 absolutely IS an acceptable fuel for everyday use." It is safe, trusted, and offers high performance for all modern marine engines.

