ETHANOL: IT’S NOT JUST FOR YOUR AUTOMOBILE. ETHANOL CLEANS THE AIR BY REDUCING TAILPIPE EMISSIONS. IT ALSO PROTECTS MARINE ENVIRONMENTS BECAUSE IT IS LESS TOXIC AND CLEANER THAN GASOLINE. THUS, TEN PERCENT ETHANOL BLENDS ARE INCREASINGLY BECOMING THE FUEL OF CHOICE FOR SAVVY BOATERS.

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. Additionally, ten percent ethanol blends are also used to power outboard engines in this year’s Crappie Masters All American Tournament Trial, a national fishing championship.

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.

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Three out of four recreational boat owners are comfortable using ethanol in their boats, according to a recent survey*. They know ethanol is cleaner, cheaper and provides more power than gasoline.

Get in the know.

*Morning Consult Polling, March 28, 2017

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.

“There is a myth out there that 10% ethanol is not good for marine engines, but we have been operating for over 20 years and have not had any issue with it whatsoever....there are absolutely no problems running on 10% ethanol.” – Steve Rudnick, former VP of Tech Chairman, National Boat Racing Association

“There’s a misconception out there that ethanol is bad for engines, but it’s not. It’s actually the opposite. We’ve had nothing but success.” – Mike Johnson, President/CEO, Crappie Masters.