



# COBALT BOATS

COBALT BOATS - OWNER'S MANUAL

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Dear New Cobalt Owner,

From all of us at the factory and from your Cobalt Dealer, thank you for purchasing a Cobalt. We greatly appreciate your business and look forward to a long and enjoyable relationship with you as part of the Cobalt family.

This manual is designed to help you maximize the enjoyment of your Cobalt boat, and to acquaint you with proper operation, care, storage, and maintenance of your investment.

Even if you're a seasoned boater and have previously owned a Cobalt, I recommend you take time to read through this Owner's manual. As you read this manual, please remember that "common sense" and "courtesy" are the most valuable traits you can have to fully enjoy safe boating. It is also to your personal advantage to become well acquainted with the rules and general "know how" of boating.

For service and for assistance contact your Cobalt dealer. The dealership staff will be happy to answer questions concerning maintenance, warranty, or any other operational questions you may have about your Cobalt.

All the best in boating,

Paul St. Clair, Chairman and C.E.O.

# MARINE SAFETY STANDARDS

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## **WE WISH YOU SAFE AND HAPPY BOATING!**

The American Boat and Yacht Council, Inc. is an independent organization dedicated to developing and maintaining the highest level of marine equipment safety standards for U.S. boat manufacturers. Working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and other authorities, the A.B.Y.C. reviews marine equipment and systems, including electrical systems, ventilation, steering, flotation, load capacity, fuel systems, and others that may have impact on your safety.

The National Marine Manufacturers Association is an independent organization involved in a wide range of activities aimed toward the promotion and improvement of all aspects of boating. Members include manufacturers of boats, engines, and marine equipment of all types.

One division of the N.M.M.A. provides an inspection and certification program to members. Inspections are performed to the rigid and detailed standards of the A.B.Y.C. and certification requires compliance with all applicable standards and recommendations.

Every Cobalt is built to meet or exceed all applicable standards of these organizations at the time of manufacture. Each model is inspected and certified prior to introduction, and periodic inspections of the entire model line are conducted in-plant to insure continued compliance.



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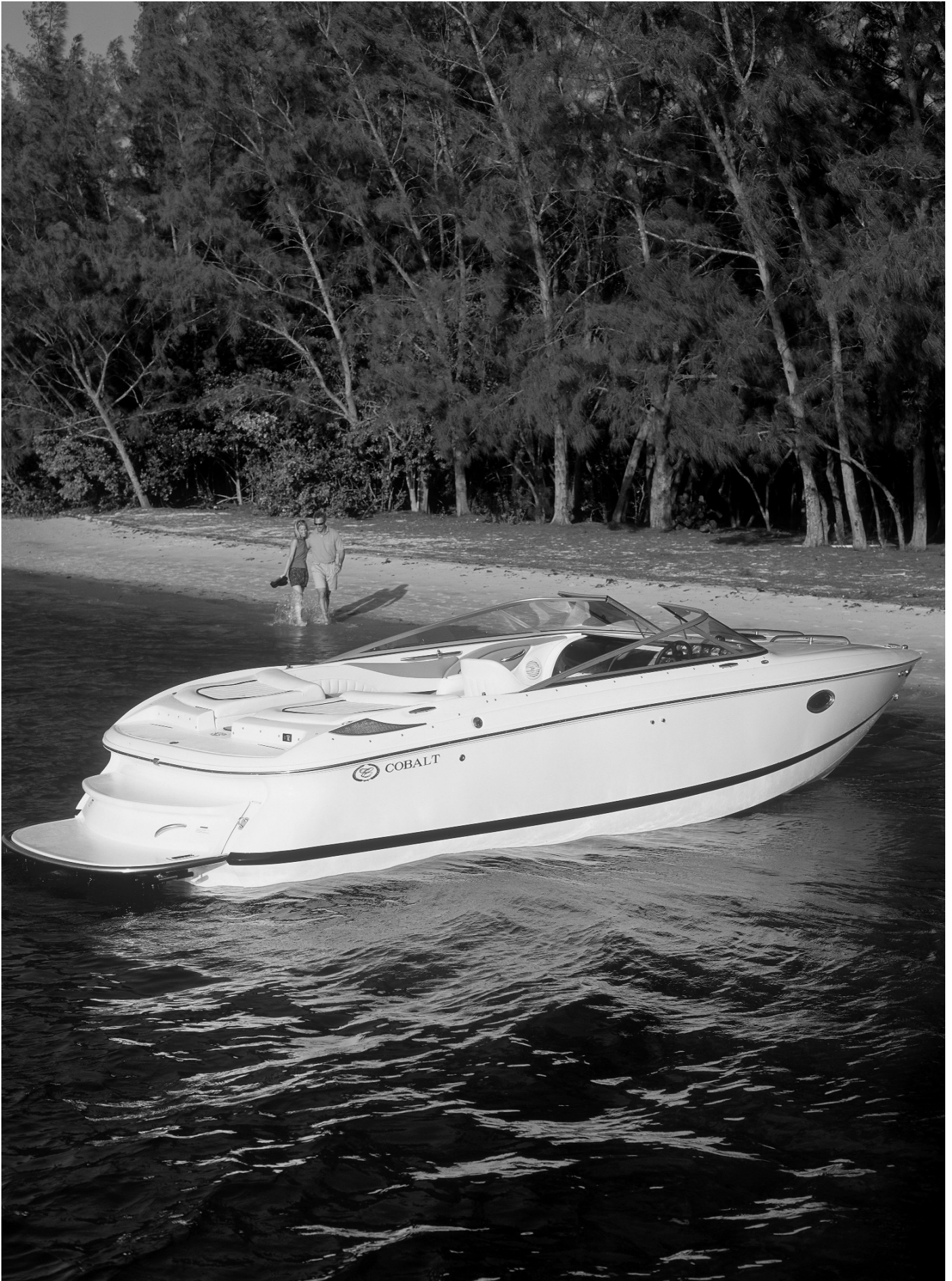
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# WARRANTY PROCEDURE AND OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

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## CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED WARRANTY

Subject to the terms and conditions in this warranty, Fiberglass Engineering, Incorporated, a Kansas corporation doing business as Cobalt Boats ("Cobalt"), warrants to the original retail purchaser (and any subsequent owner) of a new Cobalt boat purchased from an authorized Cobalt dealer for personal, non-racing and non-commercial use ("Owner"), as follows:

**Ten (10) Year Limited Transferable Warranty on Hull and Deck.** Cobalt warrants that the hull and deck including floor, stringers, bulkheads, motor mounts, transom and deck/hull joints of a new Cobalt boat are free from structural defects in material and workmanship under normal, non-racing and non-commercial use for a period of (10) years from the date of delivery to the original retail purchaser.

**Two (2) Year Limited Transferable Warranty on Gelcoat Finish, Upholstery, Components Not Separately Warranted by the Manufacturer and All Components Manufactured by Cobalt Other Than the Hull and Deck.** Cobalt warrants that the gelcoat finish, upholstery, components not separately warranted by the manufacturers thereof and all components manufactured by Cobalt with respect to a new Cobalt boat are free from structural defects in material and workmanship under normal, non-racing and non-commercial use for a period of two (2) years from the date of delivery of such Cobalt boat to the original retail purchaser.

**THERE ARE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES OTHER THAN THE ABOVE LIMITED EXPRESS WARRANTIES. IN THE EVENT ANY LAW DOES NOT PERMIT THE DISCLAIMER OF ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY, THEN IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE, EXTEND BEYOND THE DURATION OF THESE EXPRESS WRITTEN WARRANTIES.**

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

**Exclusions.** The above described limited warranties do not apply if such Cobalt boat has been used at any time commercially, industrially, for racing or other competition or for revenue producing purposes, and also do not apply to: (1) engines, outdrives, propellers, controls, batteries, or other equipment or accessories which are separately warranted by the manufacturers thereof; (2) engines, outdrives, propellers, controls, trailers, equipment or accessories installed by persons or parties other than Cobalt or an authorized Cobalt dealer; (3) windshield leakage, rainwater leakage, windshield or window damage or breakage; (4) deterioration or damage, fading or shrinkage of upholstery, carpet or canvas; (5) damage related to the alteration or modification of such Cobalt boat with any structurally affecting addition, component or accessory not specifically in accordance with Cobalt's specifications or offered as an option by Cobalt; (6) damage or deterioration of gelcoat or other surface finishes, vinyls, fabrics, steel and steel finishes; (7) damage or failures caused by operation of





the Cobalt boat outside of the maximum horsepower specifications recommended by Cobalt; (8) damage or failure related to repairs made by any service provider not approved by Cobalt; and (9) damage or failure related to alteration, modification, misuse, neglect, negligence, accident or failure to provide reasonable care and maintenance of such Cobalt boat.

**Remedies.** During the applicable limited warranty period, as set forth above, covered warranty repairs shall be made without charge by an authorized Cobalt dealer or, at the option of Cobalt, by Cobalt at its plant in Neodesha, Kansas or at a facility specifically authorized by Cobalt. All warranty repairs shall be subject to the authorization of factory-trained personnel of Cobalt, whose decision shall be final. Transportation to and from an authorized Cobalt dealer, and/or to and from the Cobalt plant in Neodesha, Kansas, for warranty repairs, shall be at Owner's expense. Repair of blisters, when authorized by Cobalt, are covered by this warranty, provided the original factory gelcoat surface has not been altered in any way.

The rights and benefits granted under the above described limited warranty extend to (1) the original retail purchaser of a new Cobalt boat, and (2) any owner of such Cobalt boat during the applicable warranty period, commencing with the date of delivery of such Cobalt boat to the original retail purchaser provided that such limited warranty is validated by such subsequent owner, as set forth herein. **COBALT'S ONLY RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE OWNER'S ONLY REMEDY, IS REPAIR AS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARRANTY. COBALT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT OR SPECIAL DAMAGES.**

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state.

**How to obtain Warranty Service.** To validate the above described limited warranty, (1) the original retail purchaser or authorized Cobalt dealer must complete and return the warranty registration card to Cobalt Boats at 1715 N. 8th Street, Neodesha, KS 66757, within ten (10) days after purchase of any new Cobalt boat covered by such limited warranty, and (2) any subsequent owner of a Cobalt boat during the applicable limited warranty period must give written notice of the acquisition of a Cobalt boat to Cobalt within ten (10) days after such purchase. Notification of any warranty claim arising within the applicable warranty period, as set forth above, must be made in writing by the owner of such Cobalt boat or by an authorized Cobalt dealer to Cobalt within thirty (30) days after the discovery of the alleged basis for any warranty claim.



## **OWNER RESPONSIBILITY/WARRANTY PROCEDURE**

### **BEFORE OPERATING**

Before operating your new Cobalt, it is necessary you read and understand this manual. Also, take the time to read the other component manuals supplied to you in your owner's packet.

### **WARRANTY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

All Cobalt warranty service must be completed by an authorized Cobalt dealer. If you are not able to return your boat to your selling dealership, you must contact him so he may assist you in coordinating the warranty repairs. Any claims against Cobalt Boats without prior approval from Cobalt Boats on repairs completed by an unauthorized dealership may be denied.

## **EXTENDED POWERTRAIN WARRANTY**

Your Cobalt warranty includes an Extended Limited Powertrain Warranty. Your dealer submitted the necessary forms to implement this warranty. Please read the extended warranty manual supplied to you by Passport Premiere.

It is important you have your Cobalt serviced per the engine manufacturer's recommended instructions. You must keep, in your possession, records of all service performed should the extended powertrain warranty be needed. This is to prove the required maintenance has been performed. Be sure to collect receipts for work performed and make an entry in the Service Log in the back of this manual.

If you have any questions referencing your Extended Powertrain warranty, please contact your Cobalt dealer.

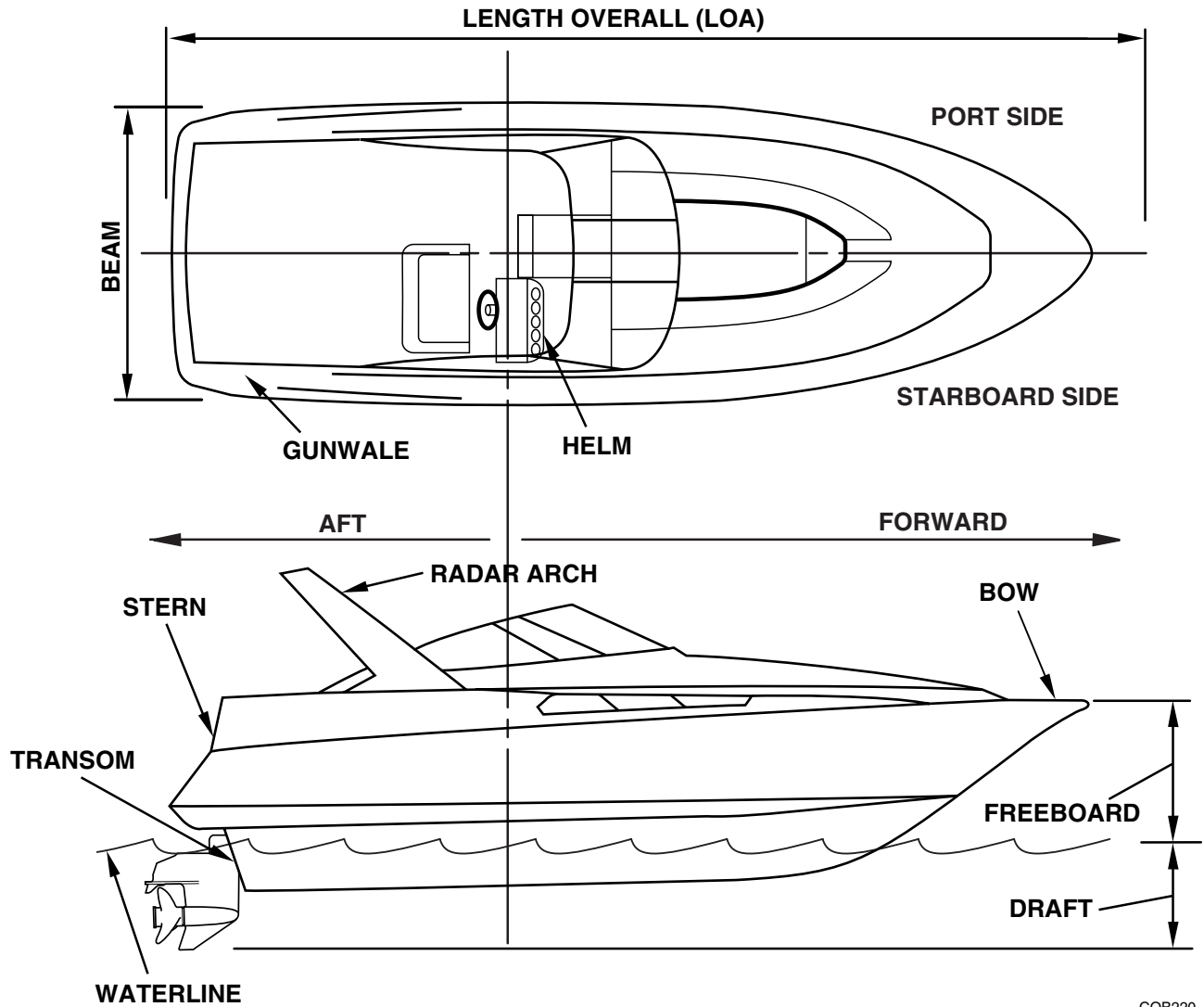
## **IF YOU SELL YOUR COBALT**

Your warranties are transferable. If you sell your Cobalt to anyone other than an authorized Cobalt dealer, please call Cobalt Boats for the appropriate warranty transfer information (800-468-5764 or 620-325-2653). If the proper transfer procedures are not followed, future warranty may be denied.



# BOATING TERMINOLOGY

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\* An easy way to remember PORT side from STARBOARD side is "PORT" and "LEFT" both have four letters.




### WARNING LABELS

Warning labels must remain legible. If you suspect a label is missing or becomes damaged, please contact your Cobalt dealer for immediate replacement.



Your Cobalt has several warning labels displayed to point out safety hazards. The areas are as follows:

 **WARNING**  
 PROPELLER LOCATED BEHIND THIS BOAT.  
 CONTACT MAY CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR FATALITY.  
 DO NOT APPROACH OR USE LADDER AND PLATFORM  
 WHEN THE ENGINE IS RUNNING.

**BOARDING LADDER/SWIM PLATFORM**

 **DANGER**  
 CARBON MONOXIDE IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS AND DANGEROUS. ALL GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES AND GENERATORS EXHAUST CARBON MONOXIDE (CO). DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH. SIGNS OF EXPOSURE TO CO INCLUDE NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND DROWSINESS.  
 Keep Cabin and Cockpit Areas Well Ventilated. Avoid Blockage of Exhaust Outlets.  
 See Owner's Manual for More Details.

**CARBON MONOXIDE**

 **WARNING**   
 LEAKING FUEL IS A FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD. INSPECT SYSTEM REGULARLY. EXAMINE FUEL SYSTEM FOR LEAKS OR CORROSION AT LEAST ANNUALLY.  
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**ENGINE FLAME ARRESTOR**

WARNING - GASOLINE VAPORS CAN EXPLODE. BEFORE STARTING ENGINE:  
 • CHECK ENGINE COMPARTMENT FOR GASOLINE OR VAPORS.  
 • OPERATE BLOWER FOR 4 MINUTES.  
 • VERIFY BLOWER OPERATION.  
 • RUN BLOWER BELOW CRUISING SPEED.

**DASHBOARD**

**WARNING!**  
 SECURE DOOR WHEN CRUISING  
 DO NOT SIT, STAND, OR PLACE HEAVY OBJECTS ON DOOR.  
 KEEP CABIN DOOR CLOSED WHEN ENGINES OR GENERATOR ARE RUNNING.  
 DO NOT USE CAUSTIC MATERIALS TO CLEAN.  
 WASH WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER.

**CABIN DOOR**

**CAUTION**  
 UNLOCK & REMOVE KEY TO AVOID BREAKING



 **WARNING**

DO NOT OCCUPY EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING OR ENGAGED. PROPELLER CONTACT MAY CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR FATALITY. ALL GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE (CO). CO IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS, AND DANGEROUS. DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH.

**EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM**

 **WARNING**

EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM MUST BE ATTACHED WHILE BOAT IS IN USE TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY OR DROWNING. SWIM LADDER IS ATTACHED TO THE PLATFORM.

REMOVABLE FEATURE IS FOR BOAT STORAGE PURPOSES ONLY.

**REMOTE TILT SWITCH**

**WARNING**

AVOID OBSTRUCTION OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND POSSIBLE COLLISION. REMOVE CANVAS BEFORE USING NAVIGATION OR ANCHOR LIGHTS.

**NAVIGATION LIGHTS**

 **WARNING**

Keep hands and feet away from drive unit when tilting.

**COBALT CHECK LIST**

For maximum enjoyment and safety, check each of these items BEFORE you start your engine:

- DRAIN PLUG (Securely in place?)
- LIFE-SAVING DEVICES (One for every person on board?)
- STEERING SYSTEM (Working smoothly and properly?)
- FUEL SYSTEM (Adequate fuel? Leaks? Fumes?)
- BATTERY (Fully charged? Proper water level?)
- ENGINE (In neutral?)
- CAPACITY PLATE (Are you overloaded?)
- WEATHER CONDITIONS (Safe to go out?)
- ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (Lights, horn, pump, etc.?)
- EMERGENCY GEAR (Fire Extinguisher, Bailer, Paddle, Anchor and Line, Signalling Device, Tool Kit, Etc.?)

**RECOMMENDED SAFETY RULES**


- REMAIN SEATED WHILE UNDERWAY.
- AVOID USING REAR PAD OR SUNDECK WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING.
- DO NOT USE BOARDING LADDER WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING.
- TURN OFF ENGINE AND ALL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS WHILE RE-FUELING.
- TURN OFF ENGINE(S) WHEN SWIMMERS ARE NEAR BOAT.

**WINDSHIELD WING, DRIVER'S SIDE COBALT CHECK LIST**





**⚠ DANGER**



**Carbon monoxide (CO)** can cause brain damage or death.

Engine and generator exhaust contains odorless and colorless carbon monoxide gas.


Carbon monoxide will be around the back of the boat when engines or generators are running.

Move to fresh air, if you feel nausea, headache, dizziness, or drowsiness.

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**TRANSOM OF BOAT**

**⚠ WARNING**



**Carbon monoxide (CO)** can cause brain damage or death.

Engine and generator exhaust contains odorless and colorless carbon monoxide gas.

Signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include nausea, headache, dizziness, drowsiness, and lack of consciousness.

Get fresh air if anyone shows signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

See Owner's Manual for information regarding carbon monoxide poisoning.

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**HELM**

**⚠ WARNING**

A wide variety of components used on this vessel contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

**EXAMPLES INCLUDE:**

- Engine and generator exhaust
- Engine and generator fuel, and other liquids such as coolants and oil, especially used motor oil.
- Cooking fuels.
- Cleaners, paints, and substances used for vessel repair.
- Waste materials that result from wear of vessel components.
- Lead from battery terminals and from other sources such as ballast or fishing sinkers.

**TO AVOID HARM:**

- Keep away from engine, generator, and cooking fuel exhaust fumes.
- Wash areas thoroughly with soap and water after handling the substances above.

California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5-.13

**HELM (CALIFORNIA ONLY)**

**CAUTION** -TO AVOID INJURY, GLASS DOOR MUST BE SECURED IN A CLOSED AND LOCKED POSITION WHEN BOAT IS UNDER WAY. USE BOTH TURN LOCKS TO SECURE DOOR

**WALK-THRU DOOR/WINDSHIELD**



## SYMBOLS

Throughout this manual specific precautions and symbols identify safety related information.

The Safety Alert Symbol means ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!



**DANGER**



**WARNING**



**CAUTION**



**NOTE**



**DANGER** INDICATES AN IMMINENTLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, WILL RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



**WARNING** INDICATES A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



**CAUTION** INDICATES A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, MAY RESULT IN MINOR OR MODERATE INJURY.



**NOTE** Indicates installation, operation or maintenance information which is important but not hazard-related.

The precautions listed in this manual and on your Cobalt boat are not all-inclusive. If a procedure, method, tool, or part is not specifically recommended, you must satisfy yourself that it is safe for you and others, and the boat will not be damaged or made unsafe as a result of your decision. REMEMBER--USE COMMON SENSE WHEN OPERATING YOUR BOAT!



# RESPONSIBILITIES AND SAFETY



## OWNER/OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Your safety, the safety of your passengers, and other boaters are among your responsibilities as operator of this boat. Your boat must be in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) safety equipment regulations. You should know how to react correctly to adverse weather conditions, have good navigation skills, and follow the “Rules of the Road” as defined by the USCG and state/county/local regulations.

At the time of delivery, the owner/operator is responsible for:

- Understanding warranty terms and conditions of both the propulsion units and boat.
- Obtaining insurance.
- Examining boat to ensure proper operation of all systems.

Before operating the boat, the owner/operator is responsible for:

- Obtaining state registration of the boat.
- Providing the proper USCG required safety equipment.
- Following proper break-in procedure for the propulsion units.
- Understanding safety information and proper operating procedures within this manual.

While operating the boat, the owner/operator is responsible for:

- Knowing that all safety equipment and personal flotation devices are in good condition and suitable for your boat and passenger load.
- Having at least one other passenger who is capable of handling the boat in an emergency.
- Following safe operating practices and the “Rules of the Road.”
- Understanding proper maintenance and knowledge of the boat’s operating systems.
- Providing safety training for the passengers.
- Avoiding use of alcohol and other drugs.
- Providing assistance to other boaters.



## REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION

The USCG requires that all power boats operated on the navigable waters of the U. S. must be registered in the state of main use; also, many states require registration in that state whenever boating on waters within their state boundary. Contact your state boating authorities (and neighboring states) for registration information on boats and trailers. Your dealer can supply you with the appropriate forms.

## REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 (FBSA/71) established minimum safety standards for boats and associated equipment, specified by the USCG. In addition, the ABYC and the NMMA work with boat builders to develop voluntary standards that exceed base requirements.

The included safety equipment on your Cobalt meets or exceeds the standards of the USCG, ABYC and the NMMA. Some required safety equipment such as personal flotation devices are not included with your Cobalt boat. Your Cobalt dealer can help you choose the appropriate equipment.



**NOTE** Many states' equipment requirements go beyond USCG requirements. Contact your state boating office for further information.

Equipment requirements for coastal and inland waters differ. Check with local authorities or the USCG for further information about coastal water requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	CLASS 1 4.8 to less than 7.9 m (16 to less than 26 ft.)	CLASS 2 7.9 to less than 12.2 m (26 to less than 40 ft.)	CLASS 3 12.2 to not more than 19.8 m (40 to not more than 65 ft.)
PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)	One approved Type I, II, III or V (if used according to Coast Guard requirements) device aboard for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and, in addition, one throwable Type IV device.		
FIRE EXTINGUISHER (Must say Coast Guard Approved.)	At least one B-I type approved hand portable fire extinguisher (Not required on outboard motorboats less than 26 feet in length and not carrying passengers for hire if the construction of such motorboats will not permit entrapment of explosive or flammable gasses or vapors and if fuel tanks are not permanently installed.)	At least two B-I type approved portable fire extinguishers; OR at least one B-II type approved portable fire extinguisher.	At least three B-I type approved portable fire extinguishers; OR at least one B-I type <b>plus</b> one B-II type approved portable fire extinguisher.
DAY AND NIGHT VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS	Orange flag with black square-and-disk (day); and an S-O-S electric light (night); or three orange smoke signals, hand held or floating (day); or three red flares of hand held, meteor, or parachute type (day/night). Required only on coastal waters, the Great Lakes, territorial seas, and those waters connected directly to them, up to a point where a body of water is less than two miles wide.		
WHISTLE/HORN, BELL	Every vessel less than 12 meters (39.4 ft.) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device.	Every vessel 12 meters (39.4 ft.) but less than 20 meters (65.6 ft.) in length must carry a whistle or horn and a bell. The whistle or horn must be audible for 1/2 nautical mile. The mouth of the bell must be at least 200 mm (7.87 inches) in diameter.	

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### PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

All boats must carry one USCG approved Type I, II, or III, wearable, personal flotation device, of the proper size, for each person on board.

All boats over 4.8 m (16 ft ) in length must carry one USCG approved Type IV throwable lifesaving device, such as a ring buoy or buoyant cushion. To meet requirements, each lifesaving device must have a currently legible USCG approval stamp permanently affixed.

The United States Coast Guard's Life Jacket Rule requires all children under the age of 13 years to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets, while aboard recreational vessels underway, except when the children are below decks or in an enclosed cabin. This Rule affects only those States which have not established requirements, by statute or rule, for children to wear life jackets. For the remaining states, the rule recognizes and adopts the existing state regulation even if it is less stringent. The penalties for a boat operator who fails to have all children under this age wear a life jacket, are similar to those for failing to have life jackets on board. Know your state's laws and its requirements.

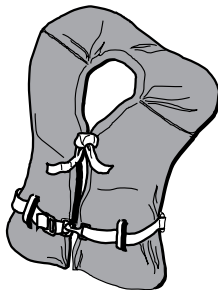
There are four types of PFDs to wear and one type used for throwing in emergency situations.

Type I Life Preserver: Most buoyant PFDs are effective on all waters, especially open, rough water.



TYPE I  
LIFE PRESERVERS  
KC-0041

Type II Buoyant Vest: Good for calm water near shore on most inland waters where quick rescue is likely.



TYPE II  
BUOYANT VESTS  
KC-0051

Type III Flotation Aid: Good for most inland water applications where quick rescue is likely. Comes in various styles and some are designed for water sport activities.



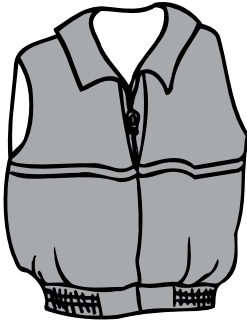
TYPE III  
FLOTATION AIDS  
KC-0042



TYPE IV  
THROWABLE DEVICES

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Type IV Throwable Device: Intended for heavy traffic inland waters where help is available. Designed to be thrown to a person in the water and should never be worn.



TYPE V HYBRID PFD  
MUST BE WORN  
WHEN UNDERWAY

KC-0043

Type V Hybrid PFD: Inflatable design for special use activities and may be used instead of a Type I, II, or III PFD if used in accordance with the approval conditions on the label and if worn when the boat is underway. Some Type V PFDs provide increased protection against hypothermia.



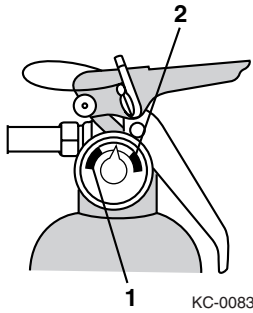
## NOTE

- *A Type V PFD must be worn to be counted toward the minimum carriage requirements.*
- *Special PFDs are available for skiing and other water sports. These PFDs are constructed with materials suitable for high impact falls.*

PFDs are intended to help save lives. The operator should set an example by wearing one. Wear a PFD whenever boating. It is especially important that children and non-swimmers wear a PFD at all times. Make certain all passengers know how to put on and properly adjust their PFDs. Also, selecting the proper type PFD for your kind of outing helps ensure your time on the water can be the safest possible.

At the beginning of each season, check PFDs for damage and test for proper flotation. Refer to the PFD manufacturer's information.

Your Cobalt dealer can help you select appropriate PFDs and throwable lifesaving devices for your area.



### FIRE EXTINGUISHER

All inboard/outboard boats must carry an appropriate portable marine type fire extinguisher in operable condition and accessible location.

The USCG and other law enforcement agency requirements for fire extinguishers are only the minimum needed. Remember, install extra extinguishers where they might be needed such as the galley and engine compartment. Inspect extinguishers on a regular basis.

1. Recharge
2. Overcharge

### VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS

Federal law also requires boats 4.8 m (16 ft ) and longer to carry day and night visual distress signals when operating on coastal waters, the Great Lakes, territorial seas or those waters directly connected to them, up to a point where the body of water is less than two miles wide. Carry several types of signaling devices to handle a variety of conditions. Have enough signals on board to last three days.



### **NOTE**

*Some pyrotechnics are restricted from use on certain bodies of water, so check with local authorities.*

Your Cobalt dealer can help you select appropriate visual distress signals for your area.

### HORN OR WHISTLE

All boats over 16 ft in length must be equipped with an operable horn or whistle, audible from one mile.



## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

In spite of all efforts to the contrary, problems or mishaps sometime occur while boating. Stock these items listed below on your boat to help make unexpected events more manageable.



- Anchor and anchor line
- Local charts and compass
- First aid kit and manual
- Distress signals (flag for daytime, flares for darkness)
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Portable radio and spare batteries
- Cellular phone
- Mooring lines and fenders
- Binoculars
- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
- Boat Hook
- Sun glasses and sun block lotion
- Bailing device (bucket, hand pump)
- Combination oar/boat hook
- Lubricant
- Tool kit
- Spare propeller, nut and washer
- Spare fuses and bulbs
- Tow line
- Parallel ruler and dividers
- Spare keys
- Spare fuel
- Food and water
- Auxiliary starting battery

## RECOMMENDED SPARE PARTS

The following list contains common spare parts you should carry onboard. Review all the equipment on your boat. Be sure to have spare parts available to maintain and make minor repairs if necessary. Refer to all operator's manuals in your owner's packet for the manufacturer's recommended spare parts.

- Extra lanyard for ignition safety switch
- Engine and generator oil
- Hydraulic fluid for the steering system and trim system
- Extra ignition keys
- Tape, tie straps and rope
- Light bulbs and fuses
- Propeller with attaching hardware





## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Boat smart from the start, take a boating safety course and get a free vessel safety check annually for your boat. For more information, contact: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 800-368-5647, [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org); United States Power Squadrons, 888-FOR-USPS, [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

Most boaters can enhance their enjoyment of boating experiences through increased knowledge of safe operation, navigation and regulation of pleasure boats. The following is a list of some of the agencies and organizations that offer Water Safety, First Aid and CPR courses or information. To find boating safety courses in your area, call your state's local boating agency or the USCG boating safety courseline at 1-800-336-2628 (1-800-245-2628 in Virginia).

- American Red Cross
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- U.S. Power Squadrons
- State Boating Offices
- Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
- Yacht Clubs

## INSURANCE

You must get insurance before operating your new boat. Insurance for loss by fire, theft or other causes, or liability protection against accidents is a must for responsible boaters. The boat owner is legally responsible for any damage or injury caused when the owner, or someone else operating the boat, is involved in an accident. Many states have laws detailing minimum insurance needs. Your insurance agent or your Cobalt dealer may be able to supply you with more information.

## SEAWORTHINESS INSPECTION

The following checks are essential to safe boating and must be performed before starting the engine(s). Get into the habit of performing these checks in the same order each time so that it becomes routine.

- Check the weather report, wind and water conditions.
- Check that required safety equipment is onboard.
- Check that fire extinguisher(s) is fully charged.
- Check that bilge drain plug is properly installed.
- Check that no fuel, oil or water is leaking or has leaked into the bilge compartment.
- Check all hoses and connections for leakage and damage.
- Check that all batteries are fully charged.
- Check electrical circuits (lights, pumps, horn, etc.) for proper operation.
- Check that steering system operates properly.
- Be sure the boat is not overloaded.
- Check that all maintenance has been performed.



**WARNING** *DO NOT OPERATE THE BOAT IF ANY PROBLEM IS FOUND DURING THIS INSPECTION. A PROBLEM COULD LEAD TO AN ACCIDENT DURING THE OUTING CAUSING SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH. PROBLEMS FOUND DURING THIS INSPECTION SHOULD BE HANDLED BY YOUR COBALT DEALER.*

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

As a boater, you already appreciate nature’s beauty and the peace of the great outdoors. It is a boater’s responsibility to protect the natural environment by keeping waterways clean.

## MARPOL TREATY

The USCG enforces the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships, commonly referred to as the MARPOL Treaty (MARine POLLution). This treaty prohibits the overboard dumping of all ship-generated plastics, chemicals, garbage and oil.

### FUEL/SPILLAGE

The spilling of fuel or oil into our waterways contaminates the environment and is dangerous to wildlife. Do not discharge or dispose of fuel or oil into the water; it is prohibited and you can be fined. These are two common, accidental types of discharge:

- Overfilling the fuel tanks
- Pumping contaminated bilge water

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCE BOARD (CARB) LABEL

Your boat may have an environmental star label affixed on the bow, port side of the boat as part of the California Air Resource Board (CARB) SD/I rule. This label must stay affixed to the boat if it is operated in California. The label identifies your boat is equipped with a California Certified Engine. The label is positioned so it will be at the leading or trailing edge of the state registration numbers.

## EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY INFORMATION



The engine in your Cobalt boat meets the strict requirements set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The engine has a special environmental tag and the boat has this label affixed to it. The tag and the label are required by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The label has 1, 2, 3 or 4 stars. The label **MUST** be affixed to the boat, if the boat is operated in the state of California and/or bordering waters.

## PROPOSITION 65

### **⚠ WARNING**

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.



**WARNING** *FUMES FROM RAGS CAN COLLECT IN BILGE AND BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. DO NOT STORE RAGS USED TO WIPE-UP FUEL, SOLVENT SPILLS IN THE BOAT OR RAGS USED FOR TREATING TEAK. DISPOSE OF RAGS PROPERLY ASHORE.*

#### **DISCHARGE/DISPOSAL OF WASTE**

Waste means all forms of garbage, plastics, recyclables, food, wood, detergents, sewage, and even fish parts in certain waters – in short, nearly everything. We recommend you bring back everything you take out with you for proper disposal ashore.

Use an approved pump-out facility at your marina. Many areas prohibit the discharge of sewerage overboard or even an operable overboard waste discharge.

#### **EXCESSIVE NOISE**

Noise means engine noise, radio noise or even voices. Many bodies of water have adopted noise limits. Don't use thru-transom exhaust unless you're well off shore. Music and loud conversation can carry a considerable distance on water, especially at night.

#### **WAKE/WASH**

Be alert for NO WAKE zones. You may be responsible for any damage or injury caused by your wake/wash. Prior to entering a no wake zone, come off plane to the slowest steerable speed.

#### **EXHAUST EMISSIONS**

Increased exhaust (hydrocarbon) emissions pollute our water and air. Keep your engine tuned and boat hull clean for peak performance. Consult your Cobalt dealer and propulsion unit operator's manual for information.

#### **PAINTS**

If your boat is kept in water where marine growth is a problem, the use of anti-fouling paint may reduce the growth rate. Be aware of environmental regulations that may govern your paint choice. Contact your local boating authorities for information.

#### **CLEANING AGENTS**

Household cleaners should be used sparingly and not discharged into waterways. Do not mix cleaners and be sure to use plenty of ventilation in enclosed areas. DO NOT use products which contain phosphates, chlorine, solvents, non-biodegradable or petroleum based products. Citrus-based cleaners are excellent for marine cleaning purposes and are safe for you and the environment.

#### **FISHERY RESOURCES**

There is a tremendous drain on our fishery resources. Over-fishing and pollution have strained the fish population. Do your part by keeping only what you will eat and practice catch-and-release.

#### **FOREIGN SPECIES**

If you trailer your boat from lake to lake, you may unknowingly introduce a foreign aquatic species from one lake to the next. Thoroughly clean the boat below the water line, remove all weeds and algae, and drain the bilge before launching the boat in a new body of water.



## EMERGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

Be prepared to deal with emergencies before they happen. Try to formulate plan for each type in advance so that decisions can be made quickly and without hesitation. Precious moments lost can mean the difference between losing and saving a life.

### FIRE

You must be prepared and act quickly when dealing with a fire. It is not recommended to battle a fire for an extended period of time. Turn engine(s) OFF and abandon the boat if the fire cannot be extinguished quickly. Swim at least 23 meters (25 yards) upwind from the boat and use the visual distress signals to get assistance.



**WARNING** *GASOLINE WILL FLOAT ON TOP OF WATER AND CAN BURN. IF THE BOAT IS ABANDONED, SWIM UP WIND, FAR ENOUGH TO AVOID FUEL THAT MAY SPREAD OVER THE SURFACE OF THE WATER TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY.*

Onboard fires involving the fuel system usually result in either an explosion that completely destroys the boat, or the boat burning to the waterline and self-extinguishing. Deciding on abandoning the boat or staying to fight the fire is difficult and depends on many factors. Try to formulate a fire plan in advance to make that decision quickly and without hesitation.

Be sure to:

- Use caution and do not smoke when refueling.
- Verify that fuel does not leak.
- Use only marine approved equipment on your boat.

### FLOODING/SWAMPING

Improper loading, handling, water conditions, weather and anchoring are the most common causes of flooding. Insist on a safe, stable load. Do not operate the boat exceeding your ability to maneuver it. Use extreme caution in hazardous weather and rough water conditions. Anchor from the bow when using one anchor.

### COLLISIONS/LEAKS

If a collision occurs, immediately account for all passengers. Assess the hull for damage and activate the bilge pumps to reduce any water intake. Try to operate the boat to keep the damaged area above water. If necessary, call or signal for assistance.

If a leak is discovered, immediately determine the cause. A collision with an underwater object could cause the hull to develop a leak. A loose fitting or hose clamp on a piece of equipment could cause a leak. Try to repair the leak if possible. If a leak is threatening the safety of you and your passengers, call or signal for assistance.

### GROUNDING

In the event you run aground, assess the situation before proceeding. Immediately stop any water from entering the boat. Inspect the propulsion units, steering and control systems, and the hull for damage. Maneuver the boat to safe water only if the hull and all operating systems are in satisfactory operating condition. Otherwise, call or signal for assistance.



**STORMS**

Take common sense precautions if you are forced to operate your boat in stormy conditions.

- Wear personal flotation devices (PFDs).
- Stow gear below deck and batten down equipment on deck.
- Reduce speed and head for a safe place that you can easily reach.
- If you lose power, keep the boat headed into the waves by using the anchor.

**WATER RESCUE (MAN OVERBOARD)**

Immediately react to a person that has fallen overboard. Keep the victim constantly in your sight. Safely return to the victim as soon as possible. Throw the person a life preserver. Turn the engine(s) off and help the person into the boat.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Be prepared in the event of an emergency. Know how to use your first aid kit. Be aware of any special medical conditions of your passengers.

**DROWNING**

React to a drowning victim the same as described in Water Rescue. Handle the victim with care. They could be injured. If necessary, resuscitate the victim. Immediately signal for help and keep the victim warm.

**OPERATION FAILURE**

If you experience a propulsion, steering or control failure, immediately turn off the engines. Release the anchor to prevent drifting. Try to determine the failure and repair, if possible. Otherwise, call or signal for assistance.

**RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Radio communication is the most important avenue of receiving weather reports and Coast Guard warnings, and sending information such as transmitting request for assistance. Use a VHF/FM radio for short-range communication, and a single-sideband radio (SSB) for long-range.

For all U. S. waters, the National Weather Service operates the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR). This service provides continuous weather information on the following VHF/FM frequencies:

<b>Broadcaster</b>	<b>Frequencies</b>
NOAA Weather Radio	162.400 MHz
	162.425 MHz
	162.450 MHz
	162.475 MHz
	162.500 MHz
	162.525 MHz
Coast Guard Marine Information Stations	162.550 MHz
	2670.0 kHz
	4428.7 kHz
	6506.4 kHz
	8765.4 kHz
	13113.2 kHz



It is good practice to periodically monitor the weather. For additional information, refer to your radio operator's manual in your Owner Information Manual.

A distress call is transmitted on VHF/FM radio channel 16 (156.800 MHz) or 2182 kHz (SSB).

#### AUDIBLE/VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS

Know your audible signals:

- For emergency, the call sign is "Mayday."
- An urgent situation, the call sign is "Pan-Pan."
- For navigational safety and weather warnings, the call sign is "Security."

Repeat the call sign three times.

Immediately react to a distress call. Assist, if possible, using an emergency frequency. Otherwise continue to monitor the situation until help has arrived.

If you are required to carry distress signals, you must have three USCG approved pyrotechnic devices. Be sure they are in serviceable condition, not exceeding the expiration date and stored in a cool, dry location in a waterproof container.



**WARNING** *PYROTECHNIC SIGNALING DEVICES CAN CAUSE INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IF IMPROPERLY HANDLED. FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS.*

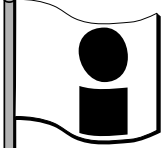



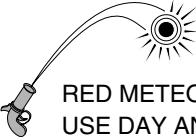
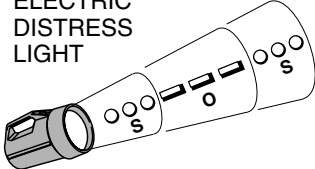

#### CELLULAR TELEPHONE

A cellular phone can be extremely convenient. Cellular telephone service continues to improve by expanding service areas and advancing technology.

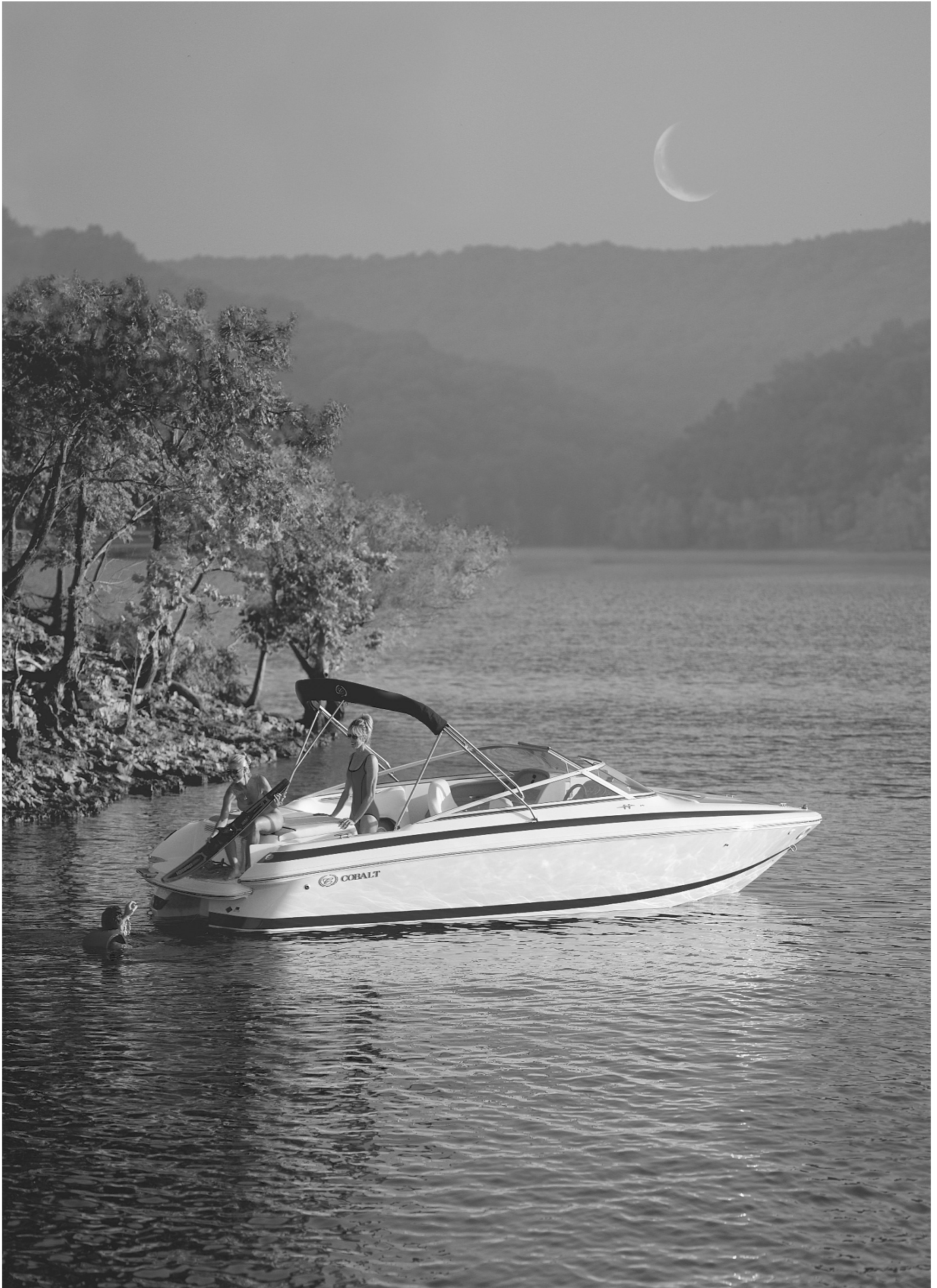
Seek the latest available information regarding network providers in your boating area before purchasing cellular telephone service.



VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS

 <p>ORANGE FLAG</p> <p>USE DAY ONLY</p>	<p>RED DISTRESS FLARE (HAND)</p>  <p>USE DAY AND NIGHT</p>
 <p>ARMS SIGNALS (USE BRIGHT CLOTH)</p> <p>USE DAY ONLY</p>	<p>USE DAY ONLY</p>  <p>ORANGE SMOKE SIGNAL (HAND)</p>
<p>ARMS SIGNALS (USE BRIGHT CLOTH)</p> <p>USE DAY ONLY</p>	 <p>RED METEOR FLARE USE DAY AND NIGHT</p>
<p>ELECTRIC DISTRESS LIGHT</p>  <p>USE NIGHT ONLY</p>	<p>DYE MARKER USE DAY ONLY</p> 









# GENERAL SAFETY

The popularity of boating and other water sports has undergone an explosion in growth the past few years. Because of this, safety is an important issue for everyone who shares in the use of our waterways.



## **WARNING**

- ***READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL AND THE PROPULSION UNIT MANUAL, AND BE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ALL CONTROLS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THE BOAT. IMPROPER OPERATION CAN BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS.***
- ***BE IN CONTROL OF YOUR BOAT. DO NOT OPERATE YOUR BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS.***

Before each outing you should check all safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers, PFDs, flares, distress flags, flashlights, engine stop switch, etc. They should be operable, in good condition, readily visible, and easily accessed.

Check local weather reports before casting off; do not leave the dock area when strong winds and electrical storms are in the area or predicted to be in the area.

Tell someone your travel plans and leave them a float plan. A float plan makes the job of search and rescue much easier for authorities. A float plan template can be found in the back of this manual.

## **SEATING**

Keep your passengers seated in seats. The boat's bow, gunwale, transom platform and seat backs are not intended for use as seats while underway.



**WARNING** ***DO NOT ALLOW PASSENGERS TO SIT IN THE TWO STERN SUN LOUNGES WHEN THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY.***

## **HANDHOLDS**

Handholds are provided for your passengers' safety. Be sure your passengers use the handholds whenever the boat is underway. Failure to use handholds could result in a man overboard situation or personal injury.



**WARNING** ***PASSENGERS SHOULD USE HANDHOLDS WHENEVER THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY.***



### **CAPACITY**

Know the weight capacity of your boat. Do not overload your boat. Overloading of passengers, personal equipment and supplies could result in an accident, especially in rough waters.

### **LOADING**

Be sure that passengers, personal equipment and supplies are in their proper location before operating the boat. It does not necessarily mean you can carry a passenger for every seat. Keep personal equipment and supplies to an “as needed” basis. Maintain a balanced load (front to back and side to side) at all times.

### **OPERATING CONDITIONS**

Every waterway poses hazards that you should avoid, such as shallow water, tree stumps and sand bars. Ask local boaters for information and consult a marine chart when boating on unfamiliar waters. As the operator of the boat, you should try to avoid all hazards, known and unknown. The following information does not contain all possible water hazards.

Operating in shallow water presents a number of hazards. Mud, sand, weeds and debris can foul a propulsion unit propeller or its cooling water. If a propulsion unit strikes an underwater object, check the propulsion unit and boat for damage. If a propulsion unit vibrates after striking an object, it may indicate a damaged propeller.

Sand bars in narrow inlets are constantly shifting, making it difficult to mark them with buoys. Tides in coastal areas affect water levels producing sand bars. Sometimes sand bars are indicated by waves as they form into breakers when passing over the sand bar. Refer to Grounding, in this section, if you run aground on a sand bar.

The water level around a dam spillway is a hazardous area. It is subject to rapid changes caused by currents and turbulence. Keep clear of the spillway areas below dams.

### **WEATHER/SEAS**

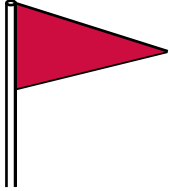
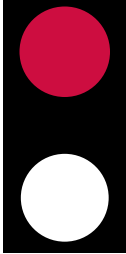
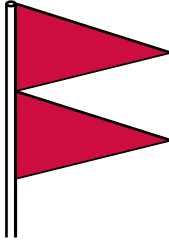
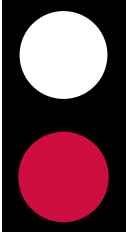
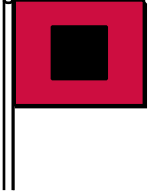

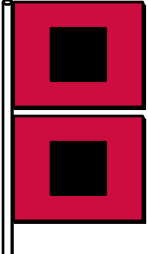
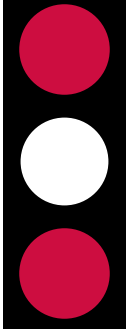
Getting caught in severe weather is hazardous. Check with local weather stations, the USCG, or Weather Service Broadcasts for the latest conditions. It is recommended to check the weather, sea and wind conditions not only before, but, periodically while you are boating.

A change in wave height, wind direction and speed indicates deteriorating weather. Take common sense precautions if you are forced to operate your boat in stormy conditions:

- Wear PFDs.
- Stow gear below deck and batten down equipment on deck.
- Reduce speed and head for a safe place that you can easily reach.
- If you lose power, keep the boat headed into the waves by using the anchor.



**WARNING** WEAR YOUR PFD AND REMAIN SEATED WHEN OPERATING THE BOAT.

DAYTIME WARNING	DESCRIPTION	NIGHTTIME WARNING
	<b>Small Craft Advisory</b> - Winds greater than 18 knots, sustained for two hours or more or hazardous wave conditions. Following a storm, hazardous wave conditions can persist long after the high winds have subsided.	
	<b>Gale Warning</b> - Sustained winds (2 or more hours), of 34-47 knots.	
	<b>Storm Warning</b> - Sustained winds of 48 knots or greater.	
	<b>Hurricane Warning</b> - Forecast winds of 64 knots and above. Displayed only in connection with a hurricane.	

Learn the storm signals.

It is best to avoid operating your boat in foggy weather. When fog sets in, use your GPS and radar unit, if equipped, to take bearings and log courses and speeds. You are required to emit a five-second blast from your horn or whistle once every minute. Additionally, have passengers wear PFDs and observe for oncoming vessels.

**SKILL/EXPERIENCE**

Practice your boat operating skills often in calm water. Avoid windy conditions and rough water. Be sure to maintain good visibility at all times. Do not practice close to any obstructions such as piers, bridges, swim areas or moored boats.

Proceed slowly and give yourself plenty of time to react. Remember, your boat is not an automobile. It requires additional time to maneuver and stop.

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### VISIBILITY

Visibility is not only sight, but also hearing. It is very important the operator maintains good visibility at all times. Arrange passengers and equipment to ensure you have unobstructed vision at all times. Check for other boats or any obstacles before turning the boat.



**WARNING** *CLEAR VISIBILITY MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. IF NECESSARY, ARRANGE PASSENGERS AND EQUIPMENT. DESIGNATE A PASSENGER TO ASSIST WHEN VISIBILITY IS LIMITED DUE TO OPERATING CONDITIONS.*



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### DRUGS/ALCOHOL

Boating, alcohol and the use of other drugs just don't mix. Mixing boating, alcohol and other drugs result in many marine accidents and deaths. These substances reduce your reaction time and affect your better judgement. Combined with the sun, wind, waves, and noise of other watercraft, the effects of drugs are increased and will significantly reduce your reaction time. As the owner/operator, you are responsible for the alcohol/drug use and onboard behavior of your passengers.



**WARNING** *FEDERAL AND STATE LAW PROHIBIT OPERATING A BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS. THESE REGULATIONS ARE ACTIVELY ENFORCED. IMPAIRED OPERATION MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.*



**NOTE** *If the operator's blood alcohol content is 0.10% (0.08% in some states) or above, violators are subject to a civil penalty up to \$1,000.00 or criminal penalty up to \$5,000.00, one year imprisonment or both. Operating a boat under the influence can also result in a loss of automobile driving privileges.*

### PASSENGERS

Whenever you are going for an outing, make sure that at least one passenger is familiar with the operation and safety aspects of the boat in case of emergency. Show all passengers the location of emergency equipment and explain how to use it. Don't allow passengers to drag their feet or hands in the water, or sit on the bow, deck, gunwale or transom platform while the engines are running.



### VENTILATION

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas produced by all engines and fuel burning appliances such as heaters, stoves and generators. Even with the best boat design and construction, plus the utmost care in inspection, operation, and maintenance, hazardous levels of CO may still be present in accommodation spaces under certain conditions. Dizziness, ears ringing, headaches, nausea, unconsciousness and cherry red skin color are symptoms of carbon monoxide poison.

To reduce CO accumulation:

- Ventilate the boat interior by opening the deck hatches, windows and cabin door to provide adequate ventilation.
- Do not operate the engines or generator with the canvas installed.
- Only operate fuel burning appliances in well-ventilated areas.
- Avoid idling or using the generator while at idle for extended periods.
- Regularly inspect the engine and generator exhaust system for proper operation.
- Do not use any fuel burning appliances with a transom exhaust port when swimming from the stern swim platform.

Have a suspected CO victim deeply breathe fresh air and immediately seek medical attention.



**DANGER** *CARBON MONOXIDE GAS (CO) IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ALL ENGINES AND FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES PRODUCE CO AS EXHAUST. DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH. SIGNS OF EXPOSURE TO CO INCLUDE NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND DROWSINESS.*



**WARNING** *TEST THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS OPERATION BEFORE EACH TRIP, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND AFTER THE BOAT HAS BEEN IN STORAGE. DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS. THEY ARE INSTALLED FOR YOUR SAFETY.*



**CAUTION** *A CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTOR WILL ONLY DETECT THE PRESENCE OF CARBON MONOXIDE GAS AT ITS SENSOR. CARBON MONOXIDE MAY BE PRESENT IN OTHER AREAS.*



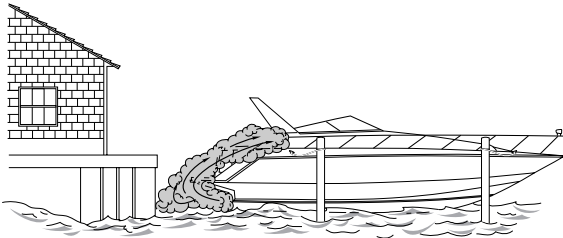
**NOTE** *A carbon monoxide detector will not detect other vapors such as gasoline.*



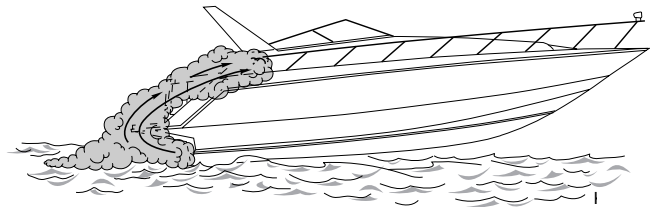
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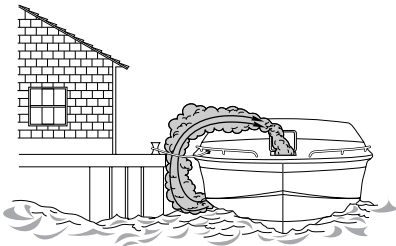
1 Blockage of boat exhausts by obstruction.



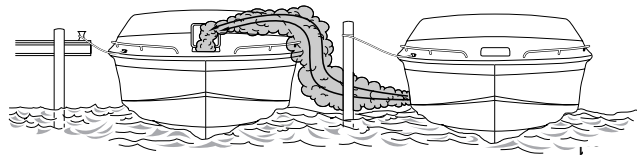
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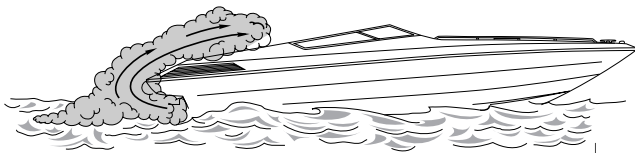
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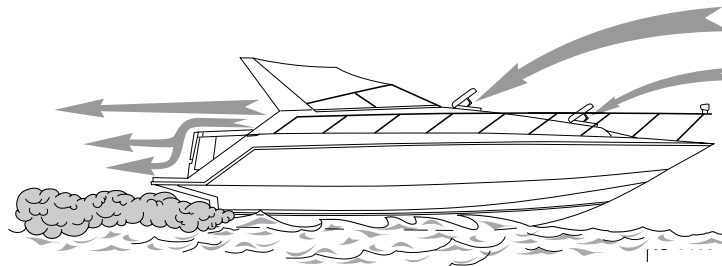
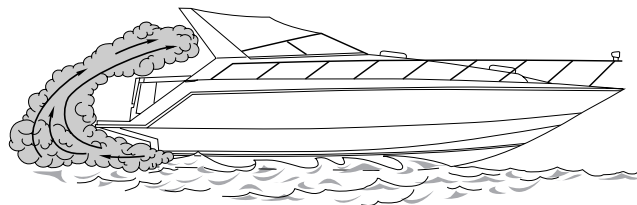
5 Exhausts from other vessels in confined areas.



3 Operating at slow speed or while dead in the water.



6 Operating with canvas tops and side curtains in place without ventilation.



**ENSURE ADEQUATE VENTILATION FOR CORRECT AIR MOVEMENT THROUGH BOAT!**



## **QUALIFIED BOAT OPERATORS**

This manual is not intended to provide complete training on all aspects of boat operation. We strongly recommend that all operators of this boat seek additional training on boat handling and safety. Have all operators become familiar with the handling characteristics, and proper steering and control system usage before attempting high-speed operation.

Some states require youths 16 years of age and younger to complete a boating safety course before operating any watercraft. Many others require operators under the age of 18 to be licensed in small boat operation.

Minors must be supervised by an adult whenever operating a boat. Many states have laws regarding the minimum age and licensing requirements of minors. Be sure to contact the state boating authorities for information.

### **BOATERS EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

Certain states now require mandatory boater education for certain age groups of boaters who operate boats above a certain horsepower and people who are supervising boaters under a certain age. Boaters must carry a Boater Education Card when they are operating a boat and children under a certain age are forbidden to operate a powerboat. Know your state's laws and its requirements.

## **SAFETY WHILE BOATING**

### **FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS**

The USCG is the authority of the waterways; they are there to help the boating public. State boating regulations are enforced by local authorities. You are subject to marine traffic laws and "Rules of the Road" for both federal and state waterways; you must stop if signaled to do so by enforcement officers, and permit to be boarded as asked.

### **RESTRICTED AREAS**

Before boating, check with Local, State and Federal authorities to identify restricted areas. Because of the threat of terrorism, the U.S. Coast Guard has and will continue to implement strict limits on watercraft near U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships and other potential targets.

### **DISCHARGE OF OIL**

The discharge of fuel, oil and other chemicals into the water is prohibited. Be sure to clean up all fuel and oil spillage in the bilge using rags and sponges. Properly store and dispose of them when you get to shore. Do not allow any fuel or oil spillage to be pumped out into the water. If fuel or oil leakage continues to be a problem, immediately have the problem repaired.

When refueling, do not "top-off" the fuel tanks. Allow for expansion which will reduce fuel spillage from the fuel tank vents.

### **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

The disposal of solid waste and plastics into the water is prohibited. Bag all refuse and properly dispose of it when you get ashore.

Have your Cobalt dealer properly service the waste disposal system when needed.



**NOTE** *It is illegal to dispose of any plastic trash into waters of the U.S.*

#### MARINE SANITATION

Direct disposal of sanitation waste into some waters could result in being fined. Be sure to check local regulations.



**CAUTION** *TO AVOID DAMAGING THE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND THE ENVIRONMENT, DO NOT PLACE FACIAL TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS OR SANITARY NAPKINS IN THE HEAD.*

#### EXCESSIVE NOISE

Noise limits are regulated in many areas. Be sure to follow regulations and be courteous.

#### WAKE/WASH

Observe “No Wake” markers. Use caution when operating around smaller crafts, in channels and marinas, and in congested areas.



**WARNING** *YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY YOUR WAKE.*

#### REPORTING ACCIDENTS

The USCG requires the owner or operator of a boat involved in an accident, to report the incident to the proper marine law enforcement agency for the state in which the accident occurred. Immediate notification to the nearest State boating authority is required if a person dies or disappears as a result of a recreational boating accident. If a person dies or sustains injuries requiring more than first aid, a formal report must be filed within 48 hours of the accident. A formal report must be filed within 19 days for accidents exceeding \$500 in property damage or complete loss of boat.

#### RENDERING ASSISTANCE

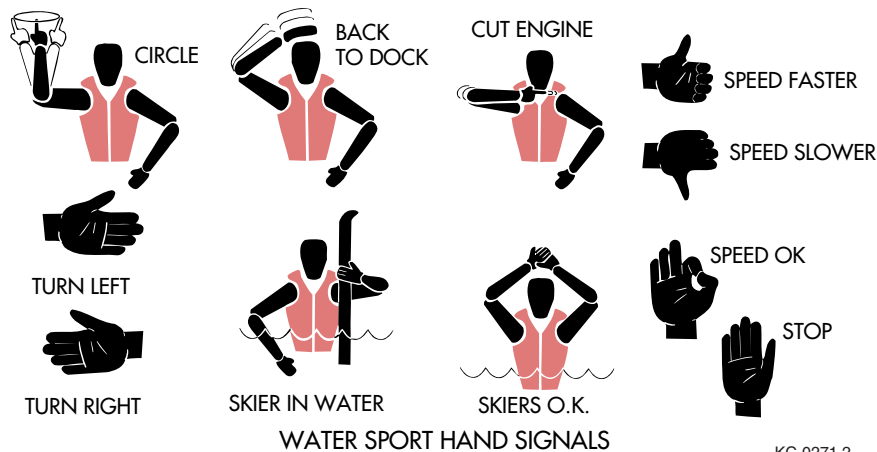
If you see a distress signal or suspect a boat is in trouble, you must assume it is a real emergency and render assistance immediately. By law, the operator in charge of the craft is obligated to provide assistance to any individual in danger if such assistance can be provided safely. Failure to render assistance can result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

The 1971 Boating Safety Act grants protection to a “Good Samaritan” boater providing good faith assistance, and absolves a boater from any civil liability arising from such assistance.





### WATERSPORTS SAFETY



When participating in water sports, be safe and courteous and follow these guidelines:

- Be considerate to fishermen and others you share the water with.
- Do not perform water sports in congested areas.
- Stay away from navigation markers.
- Stay away from other boats and water sports participants.
- Return immediately to a fallen water sport participant.
- Regularly inspect water sport equipment to ensure it is safe.
- Do not use any fuel burning appliances with a transom exhaust port when swimming from the stern swim platform.



### NOTE

*It is unlawful to participate in water sports while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.*



### WARNING

- **WATER SPORT PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A USCG APPROVED FLOTATION DEVICE. A TYPE III WATER SKI VEST IS AN APPROVED AND PRACTICAL PFD.**
- **KEEP AT LEAST 30 M (100 FT ) AWAY FROM ALL OTHER OBJECTS.**
- **WHEN WATER SPORTING, HAVE AN EXPERIENCED DRIVER AND AFT FACING OBSERVER IN THE BOAT.**
- **DO NOT WATER SPORT IN SHALLOW WATER OR AT NIGHT.**
- **DO NOT JUMP FROM A MOVING BOAT.**
- **KEEP A DOWNED WATER SPORTER IN SIGHT.**
- **TURN THE ENGINES OFF BEFORE YOU GET CLOSE TO SOMEONE IN THE WATER.**



Skiers and/or passengers are obligated to be aware of the same safety rules as operators. If you are new to water sports, seek certified training before starting. You will find it especially helpful to join a ski club, World Wakeboard Association and/or the USA Water Ski, when it is possible. Always remember the majority of water sport injuries result from impacts with other objects. Always look where you are going and be aware of your surroundings.

### **TEAK SURFING**

READ, KNOW and UNDERSTAND the information on warning labels and adhere to the boat operation practices described on them. The United States Coast Guard issued a SAFETY ALERT on August 28, 2001 which covers some issues of improper use of the boarding ladder/swim platform. The SAFETY ALERT and portions of the information follow:

Tragic deaths occur from the negligence of unsafe boating and dangerous activities. Experts say, “many of these deaths may have been caused by an invisible hazard, carbon monoxide poisoning.” Taking the risk of swimming under a boarding platform when the engine is running, skiing within 20 feet (6.1 meters), or “teak surfing” behind a moving boat can be fatal. Dangerous activities which can result in a serious injury or death are not considered water sports. Cobalt Boats does not promote unsafe boating risks or jeopardizing any boaters safety. DO NOT use the boarding ladder/swim platform for any other purpose than boarding the boat or preparation of entering the water, and DO NOT use the boarding ladder/swim platform when the engine is running.

### **SAFETY ALERT FROM AUGUST 28, 2001:**

The United States Coast Guard advised boaters not to “Teak/Drag Surf.” Recent boating fatalities revealed carbon monoxide (CO) emitted from a vessel’s exhaust resulted in CO poisoning and death. Do not allow persons in the vicinity of the Swim Platform (in the water or in the boat) with the engine(s) or generator operating, while at rest or underway at slow speed. “Teak/Drag Surfing” places the individual in position directly exposed to the CO in the engine’s exhaust. This can result in a loss of coherent responses and even death. In addition, “Teak/Drag Surfing” dangerously exposes the individual to a possible propeller injury. Since “Teak/Drag Surfing” is done without a life jacket (PFD), it significantly increases the probability of drowning. The Coast Guard stresses, “Teak/Drag Surfing” is a very dangerous activity and advises boaters not to participate in it.

The Coast Guard also stated that carbon monoxide is one of the most dangerous gases. It strikes before you know you are exposed and it impairs in a way that can and too often does lead to death. That is why it is important to the Coast Guard that in every circumstance it should be avoided.



# III NAVIGATION

## “RULES OF THE ROAD”/SOUND SIGNALS

The General Prudential Rule regarding right-of-way is that if a collision appears unavoidable, neither boat has right-of-way. As prescribed in the “Rules of the Road,” both boats must act to avoid collision.

The information in this section outlines only the most basic of the nautical “Rules of the Road.” For more information, contact your local USCG Auxiliary.



**WARNING** *THE NAUTICAL "RULES OF THE ROAD" MUST BE FOLLOWED TO PREVENT COLLISIONS BETWEEN VESSELS. LIKE TRAFFIC LAWS FOR AUTOMOBILES, THE OPERATOR IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE RULES.*

## ENCOUNTERING VESSELS

### WHISTLE/HORN SIGNALS

Signaling other boats with a whistle or horn is similar to using turn signals on an automobile. It is not necessary to sound a signal every time a boat is nearby. In general, boat operators should signal their intention to avoid potentially confusing or hazardous situations.

It is customary for the privileged boat to signal first, and the give-way boat to return the same signal to acknowledge she understands and will comply. Use the danger signal (five or more short and rapid blasts) if intent is not clear.

Use the following signal blast early enough to be noticed and understood by other boaters:

- One long blast: Warning signal (coming out of slip or passing astern)
- One short blast: Pass on my port side
- Two short blasts: Pass on my starboard side
- Three short blasts: Engines in reverse
- Five or more short and rapid blasts: Danger signal!



**NOTE** *In general, boats with less maneuverability have right-of-way over more agile craft. You must stay clear of the vessel with right-of-way and pass to his stern.*

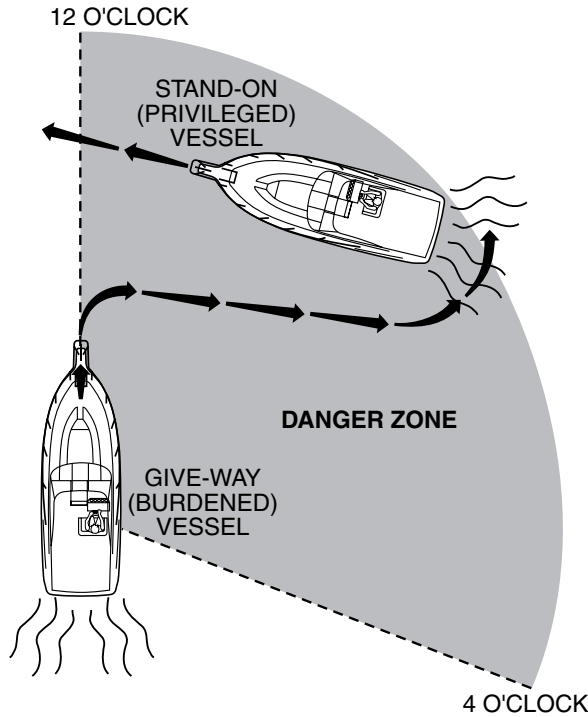


### PRIVILEGED BOATS

Privileged boats have right-of-way and can hold course and speed. Sailboats and boats paddled or rowed have the right-of-way over motor boats. Sailboats under power are considered motorboats. Small pleasure craft must yield to large commercial boats in narrow channels.

### BURDENED BOATS

The burdened boat is the boat that must make whatever adjustment to course and speed necessary to keep out of the way of the privileged boat.



### CROSSING SITUATION

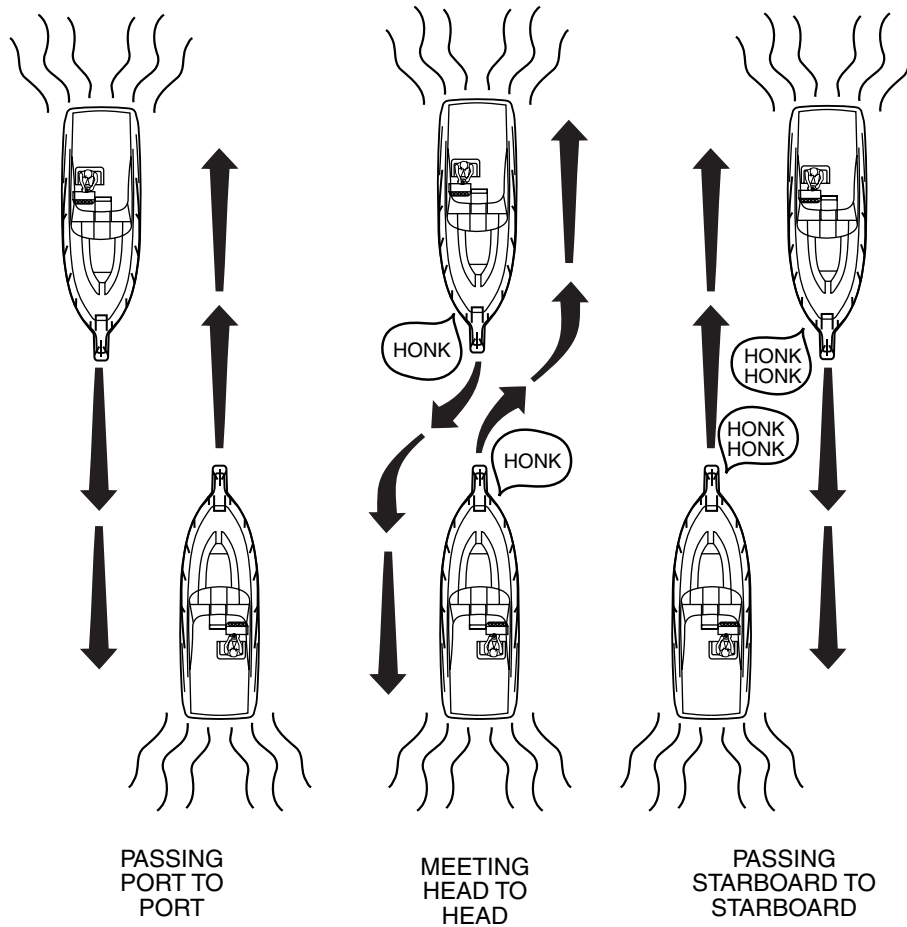
In crossing situations, the boat to the right from the 12 o'clock to the 4 o'clock position has the right-of-way. It must hold course and speed. The burdened boat keeps clear and passes behind the privileged boat. Boats going up and down a river have the privilege over boats crossing the river.

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### MEETING HEAD-ON

Neither boat has the right-of-way in this situation. Both boats should decrease speed, should turn to the right, and pass port-to-port. However, if both boats are on the left side of the channel, each vessel should sound two short blasts and pass starboard-to-starboard.

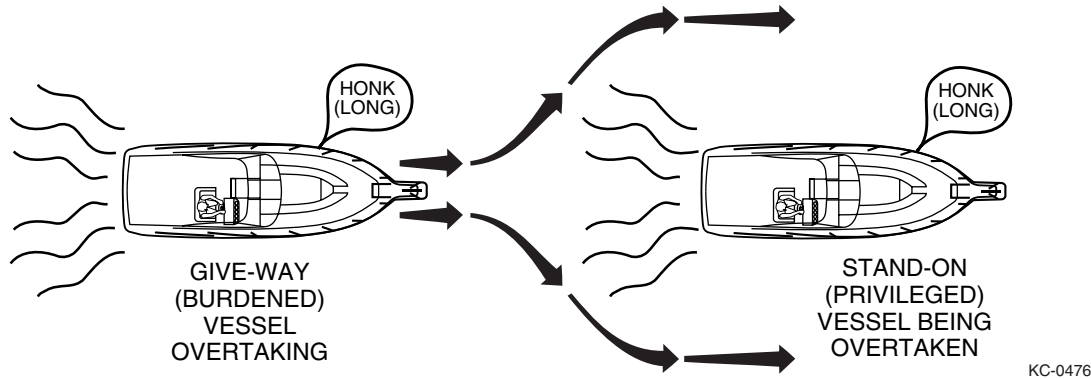


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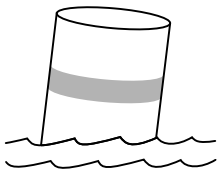
### OVERTAKING

The boat that is overtaking one ahead of it is the give-way boat and must make any adjustments necessary to keep out of the way of the stand-on boat. The stand-on boat should hold its course and speed.



### NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

Learn to recognize the different buoys and day markers; they are the signposts of the waterways. There are two primary marking systems in use in the U.S.; the Uniform State Waterway Marking System (USWMS) used on inland waters and maintained by each state, and the Federal Waterway Marking System (FWMS) used on coastal waters and rivers and maintained by the USCG. In addition, the FWMS has two modified systems; the Western River Buoyage, and the Intercoastal Waterway Buoyage. Be sure to check with local authorities on the buoyage system in use.



WHITE WITH BLUE BAND

MAY SHOW WHITE REFLECTOR OR LIGHT

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The only buoys you are permitted to moor to are mooring buoys. Mooring to a navigation buoy or other navigational aid or regulatory marker is illegal.

The type of hazard/warning buoys and markers depend on the area of jurisdiction. Check with local boating authorities.

The USWMS Cardinal System is used when there is no well defined channel or where an obstruction may be approached from more than one direction. With the cardinal system:

- Pass north or east of BLACK-TOPPED WHITE buoy.
- Pass south or west of RED-TOPPED WHITE buoy.
- RED and WHITE VERTICALLY STRIPED buoy indicates boat should pass outside of the buoy (away from shore).

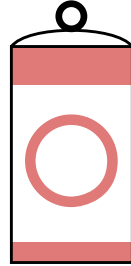




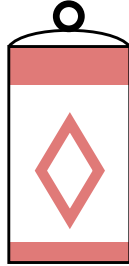
### UNIFORM STATE REGULATORY MARKERS

USWMS regulatory markers are white with international orange geometric shapes; you must obey regulatory markers.

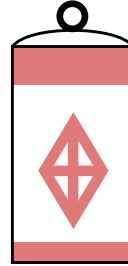
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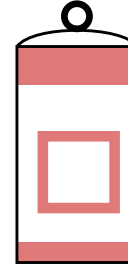
CONTROLLED AREA



DANGER



BOATS KEEP OUT



INFORMATION



DO NOT PASS BETWEEN SHORE AND BUOY



SPECIAL PURPOSE



NAVIGATE TO STARBOARD FACING UPSTREAM



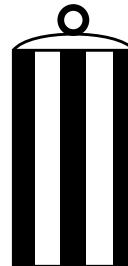
NAVIGATE TO PORT FACING UPSTREAM



NAVIGATE TO SOUTH OR WEST



NAVIGATE TO NORTH OR EAST



MID-CHANNEL

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### **FWMS**

The FWMS Lateral System is for use on navigable waters except Western Rivers and Intercoastal Waterways.

The markings on these buoys are oriented from the perspective of being entered from seaward (the boater is going toward the port). This means that red buoys are passed on the starboard (right) side of the vessel when proceeding from open water into port, and green buoys to the port (left) side.

The right side (starboard) of the channel is marked with RED, even numbered buoys. The left (port) side of the channel is marked with GREEN, odd numbered buoys.

The middle of the channel is marked with RED and WHITE vertically striped buoys; pass close to these buoys.

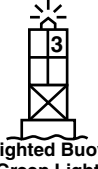
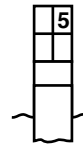

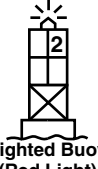
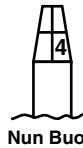

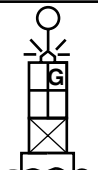


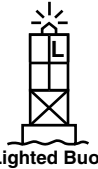
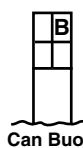

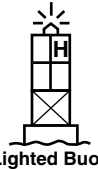
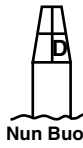

Obstructions, channel junctions, etc. are marked with RED and GREEN horizontally striped buoys.

A RED band at the top means the preferred channel is to the left of the buoy; a GREEN top band means the preferred channel is to the right of the buoy.

Day markers are colored and numbered the same as buoys. RED, triangular day markers with even numbers mark the starboard side of the channel. GREEN, square day markers with odd numbers mark the port side of the channel.

Lights, bells and horns are used on buoys for night or poor visibility conditions. Buoys with unique light flashing characteristics are identified on nautical charts with the specific flashing pattern.



Lateral Aids Marking the Sides of Channels as seen When Entering From Seaward	Port Side Odd Numbers (Green)	 Lighted Buoy (Green Light)	 Can Buoy	 Daymark
	Starboard Side Even Numbers (Red)	 Lighted Buoy (Red Light)	 Nun Buoy	 Daymark
Safe Water Aids Marking Mid-Channels and Fairways (No Numbers—May be Lettered)	(Red)	 Lighted (White Light)	 Spherical Buoy	 Daymark
Preferred Channel Aids (No Numbers—May be Lettered)	Preferred Channel to Starboard (Green and Red)	 Lighted Buoy (Green Light)	 Can Buoy	 Daymark
	Preferred Channel to Port (Green and Red)	 Lighted Buoy (Red Light)	 Nun Buoy	 Daymark

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### LIGHT STRUCTURES

Maneuvering a boat at night can be dangerous and confusing. To aid boaters with navigation and warn of hazards, the USCG and the state and local authorities maintain a variety of light structures. Some light structures may be equipped with radio beacons, radar reflectors, and/or signals.

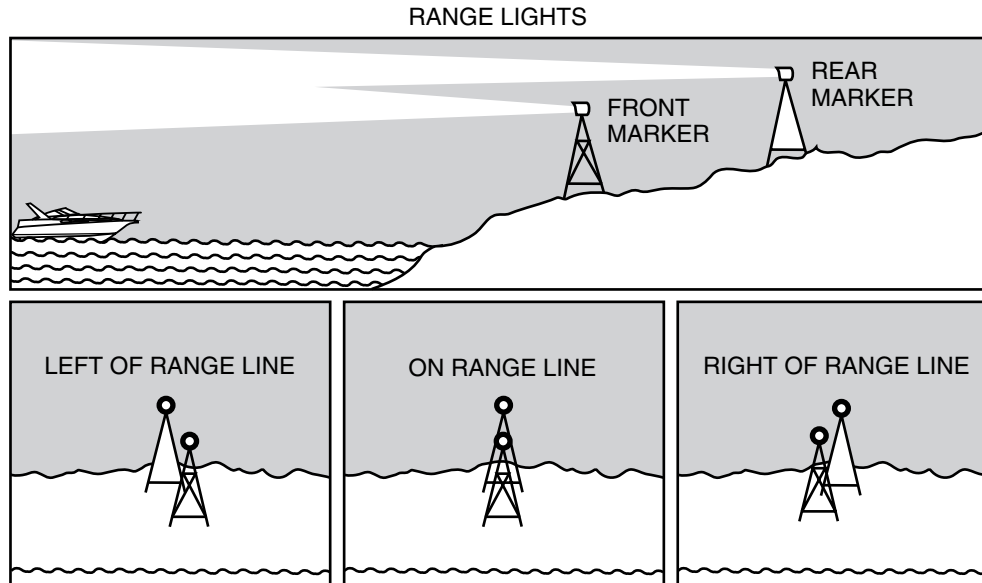
### MINOR LIGHTS

Minor lights are colored according to the buoyage marking system in use. They are similar to lighted buoys, except they are usually higher and on more stable platforms to increase visibility. Most minor lights are part of a series to mark a channel, river or harbor.

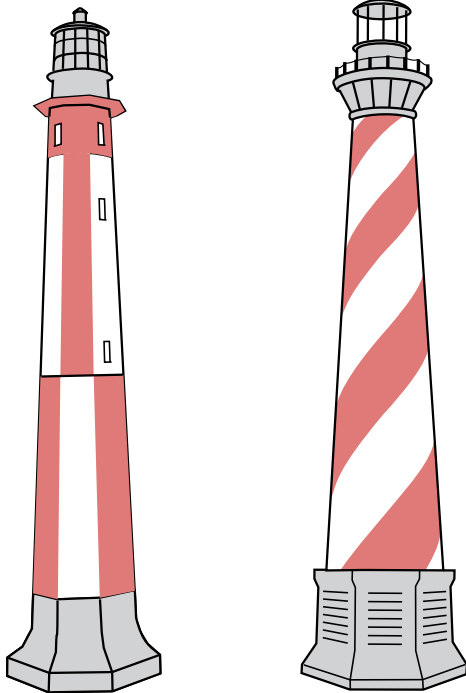


### RANGE LIGHTS

Range lights are usually visible in one direction and help a boat operator navigate in a generally safe direction. Steering a course to keep range lights arranged in a line (one on top of the other) will help guide a boat through a channel.



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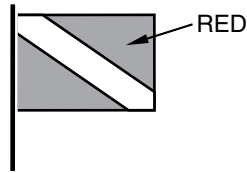
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### LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouses can be found at harbor entrances, prominent headlands, isolated danger areas, and along the coast. These striped or patterned structures have unique flashing characteristics to help identify them.

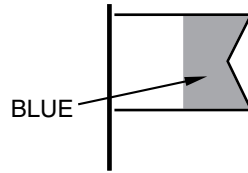
## WARNING MARKERS

DIVERS FLAG



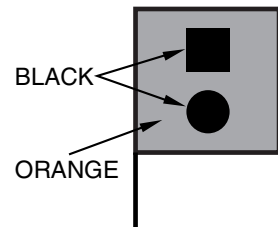
USED BY RECREATIONAL DIVERS - INDICATES DIVER'S POSITION

ALPHA FLAG



WORLDWIDE VESSELS ENGAGED IN DIVING OPERATIONS - DOES NOT INDICATE DIVER'S POSITION

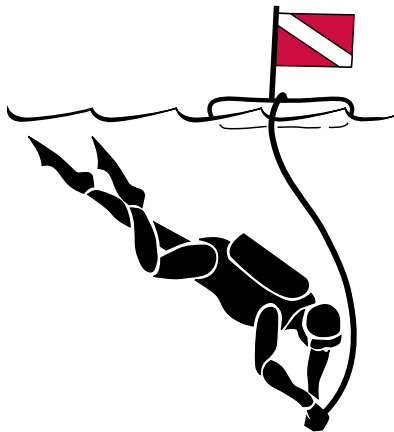
DISTRESS FLAG



INDICATES FELLOW BOATER IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

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It is a good idea to ask local authorities if there are hazardous areas and how they are marked. Boaters must also recognize the flag designs which indicate that skin divers are present and keep well clear of the area.



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Watch for swimmers. Swimming areas may not be marked. Steer clear from the area and remain alert.



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Navigation markers serve as a means of identifying navigable routes, and indicate water hazards. Boaters should become familiar with navigation markers and stay within marked boundaries and clear of hazards.







# OPERATING INFORMATION

This section is not intended to provide complete training on all aspects of boat operation. We strongly recommend that all operators of this Cobalt boat seek additional training on boat handling and safety. Have all operators become familiar with the handling characteristics and proper steering and control system usage before attempting high-speed operation.

## PRECAUTIONS

Become familiar with the location and operation of all equipment. Have emergency plans in place. Be sure to perform a safety check before operating your boat.



**WARNING** *READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL AND THE PROPULSION UNIT OPERATOR'S MANUAL, AND BE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ALL CONTROLS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THE BOAT. IMPROPER OPERATION CAN BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS.*

Your safety, the safety of your passengers, and other boaters are among your responsibilities as operator of this boat. Your boat must be in compliance with USCG safety equipment regulations. You should know how to react correctly to adverse weather conditions, have good navigation skills, and follow the "Rules of the Road" as defined by the USCG and state, county and local regulations.

We cannot stress enough, the importance of reading your propulsion unit operator's manuals and following the manufacturer's instructions for breaking-in your engines.

Before each outing you should check all safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers, PDFs, flares, distress flags, flashlights and engine stop switch. They should be operable, in good condition, readily visible, and easily accessible.

## INSTRUMENTATION

Your Cobalt Boat has been outfitted with instruments manufactured by Faria Marine Instruments. Each instrument was manufactured in an ISO 9001 registered facility, built to stringent standards, and passed comprehensive quality control procedures prior to shipment.

### THE INSTRUMENT SYSTEM

Your Cobalt Instrument System consists of individual gauges, wiring harnesses, senders, sensors and transducers. Each of these items has their own tolerances. If these tolerances "stack up" in opposite directions it can lead to what may be perceived as a larger difference in operating readings than actually exists. In twin-engine applications it's not unusual for tachometers and gauges to have slightly different readings between engines.





As long as the readings are within the engine's specified operating band, the engines are operating properly.

#### TACHOMETERS

Most tachometers have a tolerance of  $\pm 2\%$  of full scale ( $\pm 120$  rpm on a 6000-rpm Tach). In twin-engine applications this could mean that there is a 240 rpm difference between Tach readings when the engines are in synch. Tachometers will zero when the key is turned on, it doesn't matter what the Tach reads with the key off.

#### TRIM GAUGES

Cobalt trim gauges are calibrated to be the most accurate and useful in the engine down or "trim" range. The gauge may not read full "up" in some cases. This is not unusual nor does it indicate a problem with either the trim sender or the gauge.

#### FUEL GAUGES

Fuel gauges may at some times seem to "bounce." In most circumstances this is actually caused by the fuel sloshing in the tank and does not necessarily indicate a problem with the gauge or sender.

#### INSTRUMENT FOGGING

Most marine instruments have small vents in their cases to allow moisture out. It is possible for moist air to be drawn into the vents when the air inside the gauge cools down after the instrument is turned off. The morning sun can draw this moisture up against the lens, causing fogging. Turning on the instrument with the instrument light "on" will speed up moisture removal. Fogging is not abnormal, nor will it harm your instrument, which is built to withstand the harsh marine environment.

#### RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Some interference (erratic operation) may be noticed on tachometers or synchronizers during radio transmissions. This will not damage the instrument or affect its accuracy when not transmitting.

### FUELING

Take care not to spill gasoline. If gasoline is accidentally spilled, wipe up all traces of it with dry rags and immediately dispose of the rags properly ashore. Spilled fuel may yellow the gelcoat finish and damage gunwale trim.



**DANGER** *GASOLINE IS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE AND HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. STOP THE ENGINES AND GENERATOR, AND DO NOT SMOKE OR ALLOW OPEN FLAMES OR SPARKS WITHIN 15 M (50 FT ) OF THE FUELING AREA.*



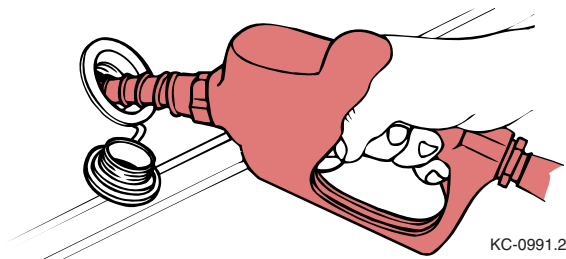
**WARNING** *ALL PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN EVERY TIME YOU FUEL YOUR BOAT, WHETHER IT'S GASOLINE OR DIESEL FUEL. DIESEL FUEL IS NON-EXPLOSIVE, BUT IT WILL BURN.*



**CAUTION** TO PREVENT UNWARRANTED ENGINE DAMAGE, REFER TO YOUR PROPULSION UNIT OPERATOR'S MANUALS FOR RECOMMENDED FUEL TYPE AND OCTANE RATING.

#### WHEN FUELING:

1. Know your fuel tank capacity. Be sure to have enough fuel to reach your destination. If departing for an extended cruise, know the availability of fuel along your route. Practice the One Third Rule; 1/3 to reach the destination, 1/3 to return and 1/3 in reserve.
2. Avoid fueling at night, except under well-lighted conditions.
3. Moor your boat securely to the dock. Know the location of the fire extinguisher in case of emergency.
4. Keep accurate records of your fuel consumption. A fuel log tracking fuel use over time will help determine average consumption.
5. Close all doors, hatches, windows and other compartments.
6. Extinguish cigarettes, pipes, and all other flame producing items.



7. Make sure all power is off, and do not operate any electrical switches.
8. Remove the fuel fill cap using the fuel cap key supplied with your boat.
9. Insert the hose nozzle and make sure nozzle is in contact with or grounded against fill opening. This will reduce the risk of static spark.

10. Add fuel in accordance with the propulsion unit operator's manual. Do not overfill, and allow enough room for fuel expansion.



#### NOTE

- *Each time you refuel, inspect all fuel lines, hoses and connections for leaks and deterioration.*
- *The Federal Water Pollution Control Act prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into the water. Violators can be fined \$5,000.00. We urge you to protect our fragile environment by avoiding any type of discharge, trash or litter into our waterways.*

#### AFTER FUELING:

1. Tighten the fuel fill cap using the fuel cap key. Wipe up any fuel spillage.
2. Open all windows, hatches, doors and compartments.
3. Check all fuel lines, hoses and connections for leaks and deterioration.
4. Be sure to run the blower for at least four minutes before starting the engines. If you smell gasoline fumes, do not start the engines; continue to run the blower until fumes have dissipated.



## BOARDING

When boarding the boat, always step in. Do not jump. Avoid stepping on fiberglass or other potentially slippery surfaces. Board one person at a time.

Do not board the boat while carrying gear. Set the gear on the dock, board the boat and then pick up the gear.

## LOADING

Do not overload your boat. The performance of your boat is dependent on load weight and distribution. Passengers should distribute themselves to maintain trim. Remember to distribute weight from right to left, and also from front to back.

- Avoid excess weight in the bow or stern.
- Securely stow all extra gear in stowage areas to prevent load shifting. Do not stow gear on top of safety equipment; safety equipment must be quickly accessible.
- In adverse weather, reduce the load in the boat. People/load capacity ratings are based upon normal boating conditions.
- Do not use the drive units as a boarding ramp, use the boarding ladder. To prevent injury, make sure the engines are OFF when swimmers, drivers and skiers are boarding.

Overloading of passengers, personal equipment and supplies could result in an accident, especially in rough waters. Maintain a balanced load at all times. Keep the weight distributed evenly. Store all gear in secure areas. Safety equipment must be immediately accessible at all times.



**WARNING** *ALL PASSENGERS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SEATED WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING. DO NOT SIT ON THE BOW, DECK, GUNWALE OR STERN SUNDECK PADS WHEN THE BOAT IS MOVING.*

## LAUNCHING

Federal and local laws require certain safety equipment to be on board at all times. In addition, responsible boaters carry other equipment in case of an emergency. Check with local boating authorities for any additional requirements over and above federal requirements.

For maximum enjoyment and safety, check each of these items BEFORE you start your engines:

- Install drain plug.
- Have enough life-saving devices for every person onboard.
- Be sure the steering system operates smoothly and properly.
- Verify the amount of fuel in the fuel tanks.
- Verify the batteries are fully charged.



- Check weather conditions.
- Be sure the lights, horn, bilge pumps and other electrical equipment are in operating conditions.
- Be sure the fire extinguisher, signaling devices and other emergency gear are onboard and in proper operating condition.

## ON THE WATER

Start your engines before casting off. Remember, the boat turns from the stern, therefore, allow plenty of space between the boat and the dock before trying to move away.

## GETTING UNDERWAY

There are many things to consider to make your boating trip safe and enjoyable. You are responsible for the safety of all passengers, the boat and any damage the boat or its wake may cause. Keep passengers from blocking your view so that you do not run into other boats, swimmers, water skiers, personal water vehicles or aids to navigation.

### IGNITION SAFETY SWITCH

Your Cobalt is equipped with an ignition safety switch. It is located on the face of the side mount control or near the lower edge of the driver's control panel.

The ignition safety switch stops the engine(s) when engaged. Attach the lanyard to the driver whenever the engines are running. If the driver leaves the driver's station, the lanyard will shut off the ignition immediately preventing the boat from moving under power.

Attach the lanyard to the safety switch. Hook the opposite end on the lanyard to a strong piece of clothing on the driver, such as a belt loop.

If the lanyard is lost, the switch may be overridden for temporary engine operation but only in emergencies. Contact your Cobalt dealer immediately if a replacement lanyard is needed.

### SINGLE BATTERY SWITCH

Your Cobalt is equipped with a master battery switch. With this switch turned off, nothing in the boat will operate except for the automatic bilge pump. If you have the optional dual battery system, make sure the master switch is in the "1" or "2" position. You can operate the boat with the switch in the "both" position, but, is not recommended for extended periods.

### DUAL BATTERY AND SWITCH

This option gives you the ability to isolate the entire boat from the batteries, and switch to either or both batteries. Under normal situations, the switch should be in "position 1" or "position 2" rather than the "all" position. This will keep one battery in reserve should the other fail. Battery selection should be made with engine off only. We recommend alternating batteries on a daily basis. In the off position, the entire boat is isolated electrically with the exception of the automatic bilge pump circuit.



**NOTE** *The purpose of dual batteries is to keep one as a spare. In the "both" position, you essentially have one larger battery and if a failure should occur with the electrical systems or either battery, both batteries will end up discharged.*



## STARTING ENGINES

Please refer to the propulsion unit operator's manual for starting procedure information.



**WARNING** *OPERATE THE BLOWER FOR AT LEAST FOUR MINUTES EACH TIME YOU START THE ENGINES. IN ADDITION, THE BLOWER SHOULD BE OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY WHEN AT IDLE AND DURING SLOW SPEED OPERATION. FAILURE TO OPERATE THE BLOWER CAN CAUSE AN EXPLOSION.*



**WARNING** *START THE ENGINES WITH THE SHIFT CONTROL LEVERS IN NEUTRAL. YOUR BOAT IS EQUIPPED WITH A NEUTRAL SAFETY SWITCH WHICH WILL NOT ALLOW ENGINES TO BE STARTED UNLESS THE SHIFT CONTROL LEVERS ARE IN THE NEUTRAL POSITION.*

## SHIFTING

Follow these guidelines when shifting your boat:

- Pause in NEUTRAL before shifting from FORWARD to REVERSE, or REVERSE to FORWARD.
- Avoid shifting into REVERSE while the boat is traveling forward at speed.
- Keep the control area clean and clear of obstructions.



**CAUTION** *GO SLOWLY IN REVERSE TO AVOID TAKING WATER IN OVER THE TRANSOM. YOU CAN SWAMP THE BOAT BY TAKING ON TOO MUCH WATER.*

## STEERING

The steering system in your Cobalt is the finest available in the boating industry today. It is a mechanical system, with power assist in all sterndrive installations.

### STEERING/PROPELLER TORQUE

Steering or propeller torque is always present in any drive system. In some systems, it is more noticeable than in others. Your boat has power steering and you should not encounter this torque to any significant degree. If you encounter movement in the steering wheel when released, please check with your dealer. It may be necessary to adjust the power steering assembly. These adjustments should only be made by a qualified service person. The steering system in your Cobalt is one of the most important systems and should be checked on a regular basis by an Authorized Cobalt Service Dealer for proper operation.

### WANDERING/FISHTAILING

Wandering is a characteristic of all deep vee hulls at slow speed. There is no cure for wandering, however, a very basic operational technique can be applied which will minimize this characteristic. If the steering wheel is moved back and forth to compensate for wandering, invariably, the situation will be accentuated. If the steering wheel is left in a centered position, the boat will wander back and forth slightly, however, the overall course of the boat will be a straight one.



**WARNING**

- **THE STEERING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE BOAT FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT. HAVE THIS SYSTEM INSPECTED AND MAINTAINED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY A QUALIFIED SERVICE TECHNICIAN.**
- **THE BOAT'S STEERING SYSTEM IS NOT SELF-CENTERING. PROPELLER TORQUE, TRIM SETTING, WATER CONDITION AND BOAT SPEED AFFECTS THE STEERING. CONSTANT ATTENTION TO THE STEERING SYSTEM IS REQUIRED FOR SAFE OPERATION.**

**BOARDING LADDERS**

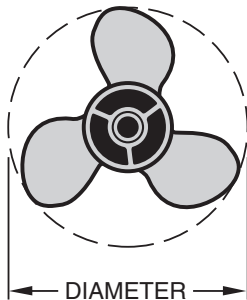
Your Cobalt is equipped with a boarding ladder. Never use the swim platform area and/or the boarding ladder while the engine(s) is running. The propeller(s) is very sharp and can cause bodily harm. Always make sure the boarding ladder is properly stowed and there is no one in the area behind the boat before starting the engine.

**BASIC MANEUVERING**

Wandering is a characteristic of all deep vee hulls at slow speed. There is no cure for wandering, however, a very basic operational technique can be applied which will minimize this characteristic. If the steering wheel is moved back and forth to compensate for wandering, invariably, the situation will be magnified. If the steering wheel remains in a centered position, the boat will wander back and forth slightly, however, the overall course of the boat will be a straight one.

**PROPELLERS**

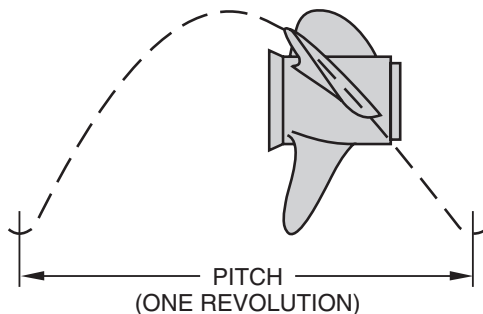
Nothing is more important to the proper performance of your boat than the condition of the propeller(s). Even minor damage can adversely affect the boat's performance. Common symptoms of damage to propellers are a sudden drop in RPM, vibration or sudden loss of speed.



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A propeller is measured by two dimensions: 1) the diameter, and 2) the pitch.

The diameter is determined by measuring the distance from the center of the propeller to the tip of one blade and multiplying that figure by two. Pitch is expressed in the number of inches a prop will advance in a solid medium in one revolution.



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Operational characteristics of your boat, including its speed, may change due to several factors: atmospheric conditions; additions of extra equipment and accessories or passengers; marine growth on the bottom; and engine condition. Other factors include damage to the prop(s), tides, water temperature and direction of wind. Some of these factors are directly correctable by repair or maintenance. Others are beyond human control.



**CAUTION**

**INCORRECT PROPELLER APPLICATION CAN CAUSE ADVERSE HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS. DO NOT CHANGE TYPE OR SIZE OF PROPELLER WITHOUT CONSULTING YOUR COBALT DEALER!**



### STAINLESS STEEL

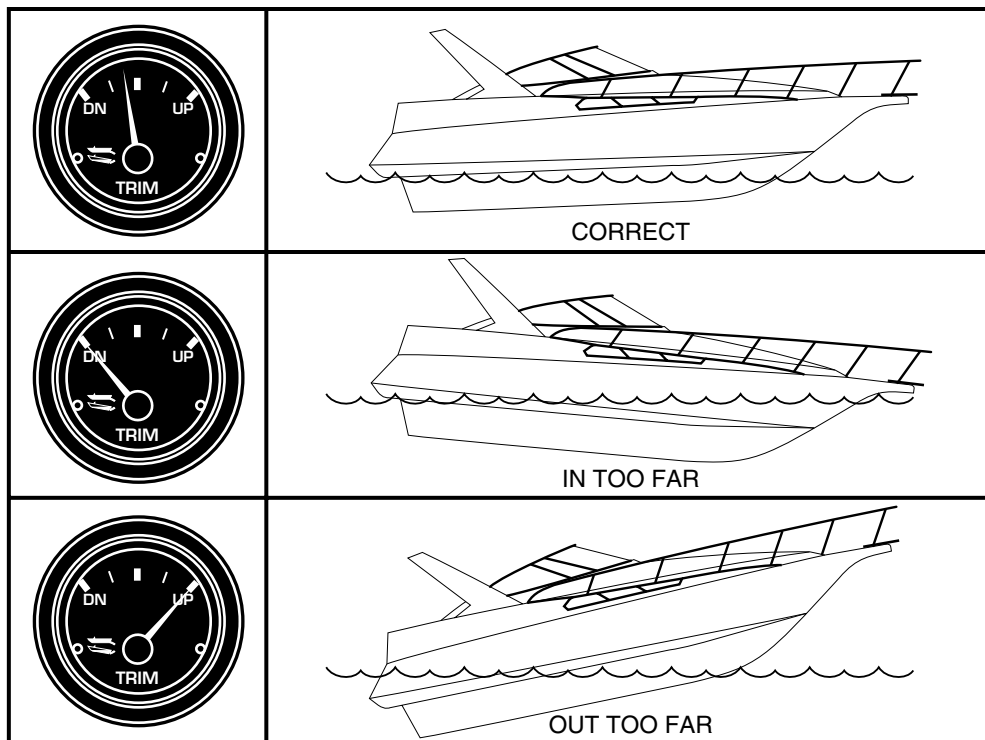
Some Cobalts are standard equipped with stainless propellers. In this instance, do not substitute aluminum propellers. Adverse handling and top speed characteristics may be experienced.

### PULLING POWER

If you need extra pulling power, you can obtain this by decreasing the pitch of your propeller(s) by two degrees. This will not endanger the engine or drive unit as long as the manufacturer's recommended top RPMs are not exceeded.

### DRIVE UNIT TRIM

Trim angle is the angular relationship between the drive unit and the transom of the boat. Boat trim while underway greatly affects the performance and efficiency of your boat. For best results, the boat should be on plane and trimmed to reduce the amount of the boat's hull in the water (known as wetted surface). With less boat in the water, both speed and fuel economy increases. Continuous trim adjustment is required when operating your boat to maintain maximum performance and efficiency.

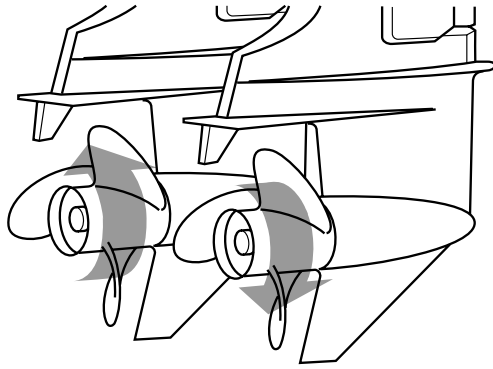


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If the drive units are trimmed in too far (closer to the boat bottom), speed drops, fuel economy decreases and the boat may not handle correctly. However, it does provide better acceleration from a stand still; and because it forces the bow down, visibility is improved. If the drive units are trimmed out too far (away from the boat bottom), steering torque may increase, the boat may be difficult to get on plane, and may bounce.

To use power trim effectively, start with the drive units trimmed in. As the boat planes, increase the angle out. Experience is the best teacher for understanding proper drive trim.





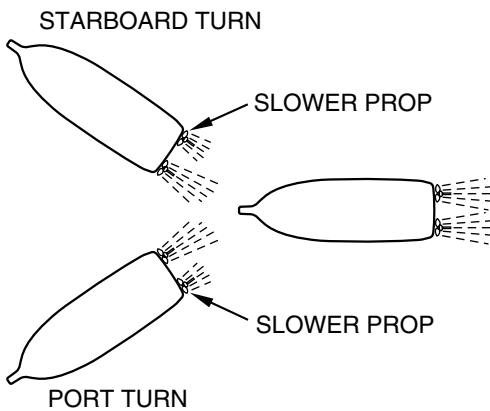
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### TWIN ENGINE OPERATION

Your Cobalt boat may be equipped with counter-rotating propulsion units. One unit will turn clockwise and the other unit will turn counterclockwise when operating. This concept balances the propeller torque which helps maintain an even keel.

Reverse thrust of the engines is used to slow and stop the boat. The boat's momentum will vary according to load, speed and water condition. Slow the engine speed to an idle, shift to NEUTRAL and pause, before shifting to REVERSE. Refer to your propulsion unit operator's manual for additional information concerning shifting.

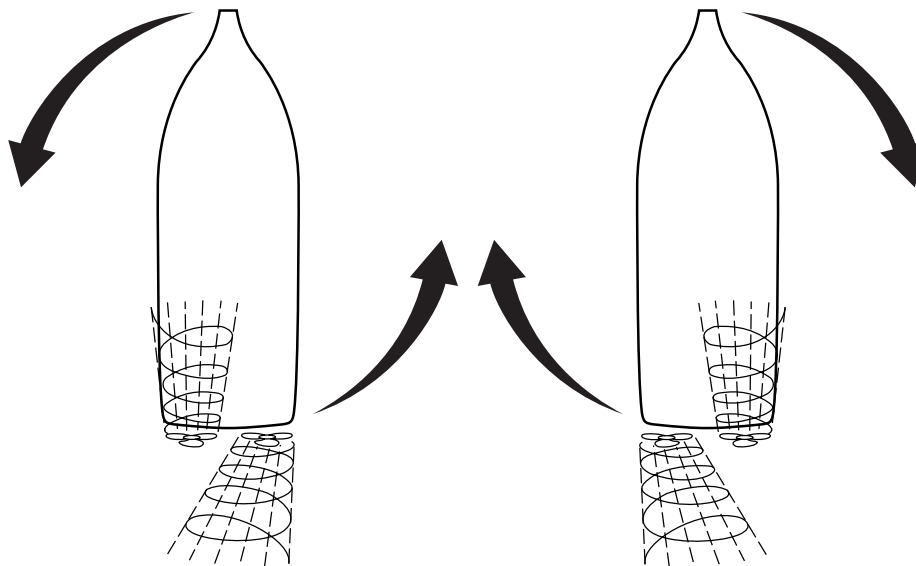
When operating your Cobalt boat at low speeds, use propeller thrust to maneuver the boat, do not just turn the drive units. This enables you to maneuver in a smaller area and have more control of the boat. This technique is a combination of propeller direction, engine thrust and steering wheel maneuvers.



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To make sharp and close quarter turns:

- Slow engine speed to an idle, shift to neutral and pause, then shift to reverse. This practice will help prevent damage to your drive units.
- Reverse the direction of the propeller on the side you want to turn. For example, if you want to turn starboard, shift the starboard engine into reverse. The forward speed of the port engine, along with the reverse rotation of the starboard propeller, will pivot your boat into a starboard turn.
- Practice using the throttle levers to control the boat. Try maneuvers in open water before attempting them near docks or other boats.
- Use a quick "burst" of your throttles to control the boat. Keep in mind that once the boat starts to move, momentum will carry through.



TWIN ENGINE MANEUVERING

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It is best to learn maneuvering skills in open water away from traffic. Adequate practice is the only way to develop your boating skills.

### LEAVING

Use caution when casting off. Wind, water conditions and other boat traffic will affect your boat's movement. Move slowly and:

- Be sure the engines are warmed-up before casting off.
- Have enough space between the boat and the dock to allow you to swing the boat's bow away from the dock. The boat's stern will move toward the dock as the bow moves away. Allow for enough room or the stern will hit the dock.
- Retrieve all mooring lines and fenders.
- Proceed slowly. Sound a long blast to alert other boaters that you are departing.

When leaving a mooring, you should already have enough space around the boat to maneuver. Untie from the mooring and move back slowly until you can see it. Proceed slowly while giving the buoy wide clearance.

While operating your Cobalt boat:

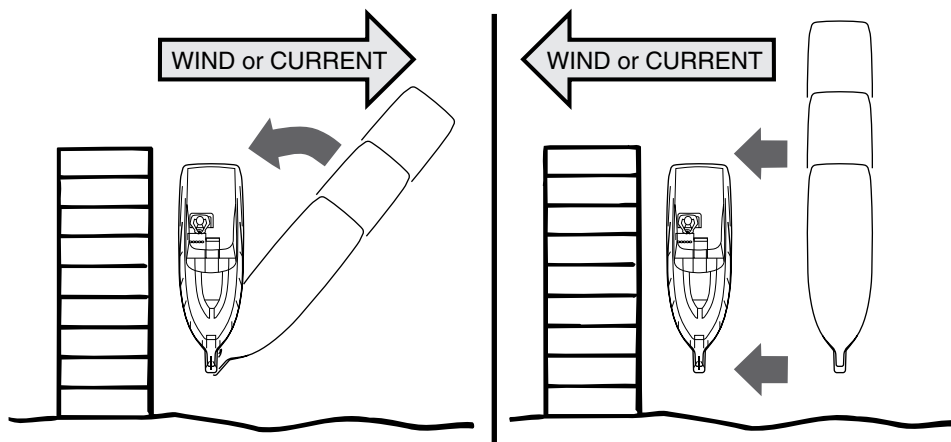
- Check gauges frequently for signs of abnormal behavior.
- Check steering, shift and throttle controls continue to operate smoothly.
- Check for excessive vibration.
- Monitor your fuel supply.
- Verify charging of the batteries.

### RETURNING

Approach a dock slowly and use caution. Plan your maneuvers ahead of time. Allow wind and current movement to help maneuver your boat.



**WARNING** *DO NOT USE YOUR HANDS, ARMS OR ANOTHER PART OF YOUR BODY TO ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE BOAT FROM HITTING THE DOCK. THE BOAT COULD PUSH AGAINST THE DOCK, CAUSING SEVERE INJURY.*



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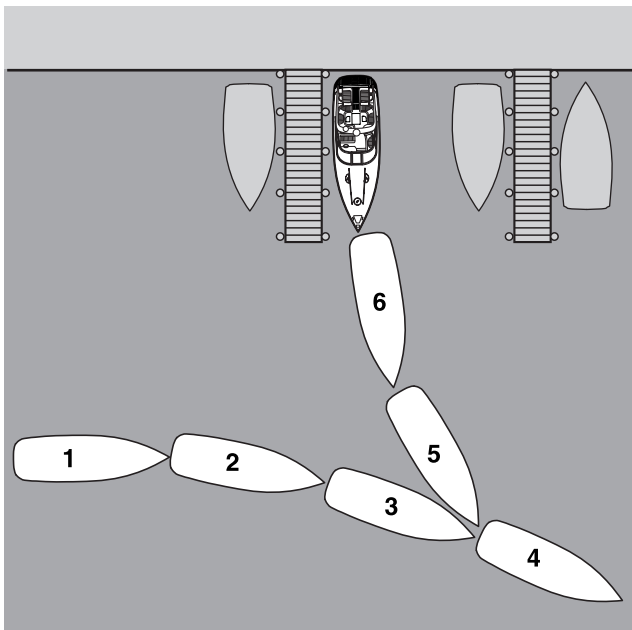


### DOCKING

Follow these guidelines when docking:

- Come to a stop a short distance from the dock, then proceed slowly.
- Have your fenders, mooring lines and the crew ready.
- Observe how the wind and current are moving your boat. Approach the dock with the boat pointed into the wind, if possible. If the wind or current is pushing you away from the dock, use a sharper angle of approach. If you must approach the dock downwind or down current, use a slow speed and shallow angle. Be ready to reverse to stop and maintain position.
- If there is no wind or current, approach the dock at a 10° to 20° angle.
- If possible, throw a line to a person on the dock and have that person secure a bow line. If no one is on the dock, maneuver as close as you can, then secure any line to a piling or dock cleat.
- With the bow secure, swing the stern in using engine thrust, or pull it in with a boat hook.

### APPROACHING A SLIP

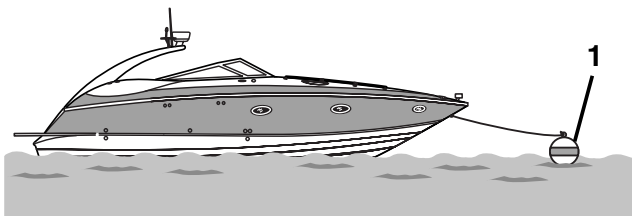


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This maneuver is similar to backing an automobile into a garage or parking space. When approaching a slip:

- Have fenders, mooring lines and the crew ready.
- Turn the boat's stern toward the slip.
- Shift to reverse.
- Maneuver slowly into the slip then shift to forward. Use your steering wheel and throttles to align the boat with the slip.
- Once aligned, shift to reverse and continue to back in slowly. Shift to forward when completely in to stop the movement of the boat.
- Shift to neutral, secure the mooring lines and stop the engines.

### APPROACHING A MOORING



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#### 1. Mooring Buoy

The only buoys you are permitted to moor to are mooring buoys. Mooring to a navigation buoy or other navigational aids or regulatory marker is illegal.

Approach a mooring buoy by heading into the wind or current. Observe the direction of other boats that already lie at mooring buoys. Since they are heading into the wind or current, approach your buoy at the same heading.



- When you think you can move enough forward without using your engines, shift to neutral.
- Have a crew member positioned on the bow with a hook to retrieve the mooring line. At that point, the crew member should be guiding your maneuvers toward the buoy.
- Turn off the engines after the mooring line is attached to the boat.

## WATER SKI TOWING

Only the ski tow hook should be used for attaching one or more ski tow lines. Never attach ski tow lines to eyes or cleats.



**WARNING** *WHENEVER A SKIER OR SWIMMER IS CLOSE TO THE BOAT, SHUT OFF THE ENGINE TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY.*



**WARNING** *THE SKI TOW CANNOT BE USED TO LIFT THE BOAT. IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR WATER SKIING. IT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR TOWING ANOTHER BOAT OR FOR PARASAILING. THE TRANSOM MOUNTED EYES SHOULD BE USED FOR PULLING A HEAVIER LOAD.*



**CAUTION** *THE STERN DRIVE UNIT HAS MANY SHARP EDGES, ESPECIALLY THE PROPELLER. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN NEAR THE STERN DRIVE UNIT.*

## BOATING AT NIGHT

Boats operating between sunset and sunrise (hours vary by state) must use navigational lights, nighttime operation, especially during bad weather or fog can be dangerous. All “Rules of the Road” apply at night; it is best to slow down and stay clear of all boats, regardless of who has right-of-way.

Protect your night vision by avoiding bright lights and have a passenger, if possible, help keep watch for other boats, water hazards, and aids to navigation.

The size, speed, and direction of the other vessels are determined at night from the running lights. A green light indicates the starboard side of the boat, and a red light indicates the port side. Generally, if you see a green light, you have the right-of-way; if you see a red light, give-way to that vessel.



**NOTE** *Operate the boat between sunset and sunrise using your navigational lights. Navigational lights are legally required to indicate direction and right-of-way at night.*



### NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS

You must use your navigational lights (running lights) when operating your Cobalt boat between sunset and sunrise, and when day time visibility is limited. Also, check with the local authorities before operating your boat for other requirements concerning the use of navigational lights.

The navigational lights are identified by a red light on the port side of the vessel, and a green light on the starboard side.

### ANCHOR LIGHT

All boats at anchor must display a proper white anchor light. The anchor light must be visible 360 degrees and will remain on when operating the navigational lights.

Docking lights are to be used for docking only. It is illegal to use your docking lights while cruising.

## HIGH SPEED OPERATION

When operating any boat at high speed, a great deal of caution must be exercised. This is particularly true during turns. Gradual turns can be completed at high speed by a competent driver, but, it must be emphasized that sudden turns at any speed and particularly at high speed can be especially dangerous. It is possible to throw passengers from their seats and even from the boat if caution is not exercised. Remember, common sense is the rule for safe boating.

We recommend that you should have ten hours of experience with the boat before any full throttle operation. Do not operate your boat until you are completely experienced with its handling characteristics. The following are some guidelines for performance operation.

- Keep bottom of the hull clean and free of barnacles and other growth. Growth on the hull can slow the boat down considerably.
- Prepare the boat. Be sure all gear is properly stowed and compartments are latched.
- Weight distribution affects performance. Keep weight in the boat to a minimum and evenly distributed.
- The propellers should be of the proper pitch to turn the recommended RPM rating for the engine with an average boat load. Refer to your propulsion unit operator's manual for additional information.
- Watch the tachometer. Keep the engines within the full throttle operating range. Refer to the propulsion unit operator's manual for full throttle operating range.



### **WARNING**

- **MANEUVERABILITY ABOVE 50 MPH IS LIMITED. SUDDEN TURNS MAY CAUSE LOSS OF CONTROL.**
- **YOUR COBALT BOAT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR WAKE JUMPING. WHEN CROSSING ANOTHER BOAT'S WAKE, THROTTLE BACK TO PREVENT YOUR BOAT FROM LEAVING THE WATER. WAKE JUMPING IS VERY DANGEROUS. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE BOAT TO RE-ENTER THE WATER ON ITS SIDE, TRANSOM OR BOW. YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS COULD SUFFER SERIOUS INJURY. ALSO, DAMAGE TO THE BOAT COULD TAKE PLACE CAUSING A HAZARDOUS CONDITION.**



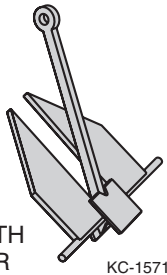
High-speed operation on smooth water is very stable, but quick reactions and adjustments are needed to maintain control. Know your limits and stay within them. Keep one hand on the steering wheel and the other on the throttles; constant adjustments are necessary for rapidly changing conditions. Small inputs of throttle and steering movement are exaggerated at high speeds. Keep watch well ahead so that you have enough time to react.



**WARNING** *KEEP ONE HAND ON THE STEERING WHEEL AND THE OTHER ON THE THROTTLE CONTROLS AT ALL TIMES. IF THE BOAT BEGINS TO OPERATE IN AN UNSAFE WAY, PULL BACK ON THE THROTTLES. TRIM THE DRIVE UNITS IN AT THE SAME TIME. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL COULD RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH.*

### ANCHORING

Use caution when anchoring. Look for signs of underwater pipes or cables. With the engines OFF, you have no control of the boat. Water and wind conditions will affect an anchored boat. Be sure the anchor will hold before leaving the boat.



DANFORTH ANCHOR

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There are many types of anchors available on the market. The choice of one anchor over another depends on many factors. An anchor will usually hold best in a mixture of mud and clay or in hard sand. A Danforth anchor is recommended for general boating. For more information on anchors, contact your Cobalt Dealer.

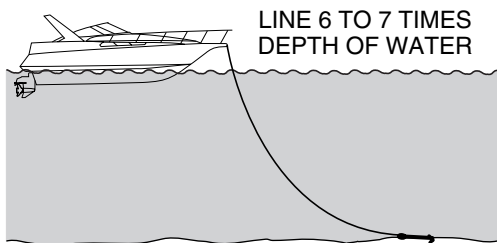


**WARNING** *ANCHOR FROM THE BOW, NOT FROM THE STERN. A STRONG CURRENT CAN PULL A BOAT, ANCHORED BY THE STERN, UNDERWATER AND KEEP IT THERE.*

### LOWERING

All boats have an anchor storage compartment with a bitter end. The anchor can be tied off at the forward deck cleat or bow eye. Head the boat into the wind or current over the spot where you want to lower the anchor. Spot the boat before lowering the anchor.

### SETTING



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When the anchor hits bottom, slowly back up the boat, keeping tension on the line. Let out an anchor line that is 4 to 6 times the depth of the water. For example, if you are in 10 feet of water, let out 40 to 60 feet of line.

Occasionally check your position against the shoreline. If the anchor is dragging and you are drifting, reset the anchor.



### WEIGHING

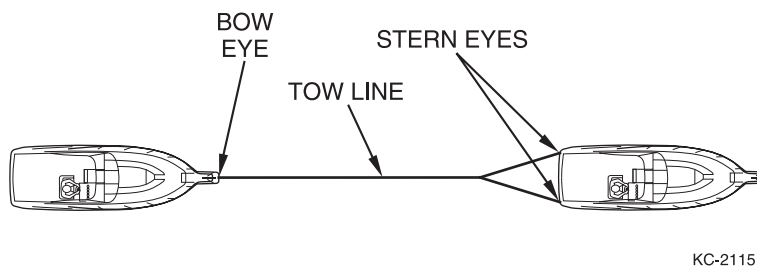
Start the engines and move forward until the anchor line is straight up and down. Pull hard to lift the anchor from the bottom material.

If the anchor is caught on the bottom, attach a line to the bow cleat so that it is taut. The up and down motion of the bow from wave action may lift the anchor from the bottom. If the anchor remains caught, let out a few more feet of line and attach it to the bow cleat. Slowly maneuver the boat around the anchor until the anchor pulls loose. Be sure to keep the line tight during this procedure.

### TOWING

If seas are rough, it may not be easy to extend the tow line from one boat to another. In these cases, use a light throwing line with a weight on one end and with the heavier towing line secured to it.

Do not attempt to tow a much larger or grounded vessel. Because of the tremendous stress caused by towing, use a tow line that is rated at least four times the gross weight of the boat being towed. Tow ropes must be in good condition, free of any cuts or abrasions.



Attach the tow line to the bow eye on the disabled boat. Attach the opposite end of the bridle only to the stern eyes of the tow boat. Wrap the bridle with chafing gear where it rubs against the boat. Leave at least two boat lengths between the boats for adequate movement.

Adjust the tow line to match wave action.

Keep the boats on the crest or in the trough of the waves at the same time. In protected, calm waters, shorten the line for better handling. Tow at moderate speed, allowing for adverse wind and wave conditions. Have the operator of the towed boat steer with you, if possible.

If you need a tow, or wish to tow another boat, use great care. The boat structure can be damaged by excessive pulling strain. You should offer help to a boat in trouble. However, towing a capsized, grounded or hull damaged boat is dangerous. Give assistance to the occupants; then call the proper authorities.



**WARNING** WHEN TOWING, USE ONLY THE BOW AND STERN EYES; DO NOT USE CLEATS, HANDRAILS, ETC. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO BE IN LINE WITH THE TOW ROPE. IF THE ROPE SHOULD BREAK OR PULL FREE, A DANGEROUS RECOIL COULD OCCUR RESULTING IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH TO ANYONE IN ITS PATH.

### STOPPING ENGINES

Please refer to the propulsion unit operator's manual for stopping procedure information.





**WARNING** *DO NOT USE THE IGNITION SAFETY SWITCH AND LANYARD FOR NORMAL STOPPING OF THE ENGINES. DOING SO WILL IMPAIR YOUR ABILITY TO RESTART THE ENGINES QUICKLY OR MAY CREATE A HAZARDOUS SWAMPING CONDITION.*



**NOTE** *If any problems are encountered during the outing, have your boat inspected by your Cobalt dealer and request any necessary repairs before your next outing.*

## DOCKING/LIFTING/STORAGE/TRAILERING

With fiberglass boats, severe gelcoat crazing or more serious hull damage can occur during launching, hauling and storage if pressure is created on the gunwales by the slings or improper use of the bow and stern eyes.

Bow and stern eyes should only be used for the following:

- To secure the boat to the trailer.
- Lifting the boat from the water to a trailer or cradle (26 feet and under)
- Lifting the boat from a trailer or cradle to the water (26 feet and under)

Prolonged lifting with the bow and stern eyes may cause stress on the fiberglass and gelcoat. The bow and stern eyes are not to be used for storage.

For overhead hoist storage and when lifting boats over 27 feet in length, use flat, wide belt-type slings and spreaders long enough to keep pressure from gunwales. Do not place slings where they may lift on underwater fittings and always place the aft sling under the engine area. Never lift a boat with a large amount of water in the bilge.

Your model Cobalt may designate where to place straps or slings via sling tags located below the gunwale on the hull sides. For more information, contact your Cobalt dealer.

A cradle or trailer is the ideal support for the boat whenever it is not in the water. Properly designed and constructed, it will provide support at the proper points, which is essential to avoid stress on the hull. Regardless of how you store your Cobalt in or out of the water, it is important to always keep the bow higher than the stern of the boat.



**WARNING** *CLEATS MUST NOT BE USED FOR LIFTING THE BOAT, THEY ARE INTENDED FOR THE MOORING/DOCKING USE ONLY.*



**WARNING** *THE SKI TOW CANNOT BE USED TO LIFT THE BOAT. IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR WATER SKIING. IT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR TOWING ANOTHER BOAT OR FOR PARASAILING. THE TRANSOM MOUNTED EYES SHOULD BE USED FOR PULLING A HEAVIER LOAD.*



## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Using your boat in different environments requires special operating considerations.

### **SALT WATER**

During long periods of mooring, if possible, tilt the propulsion units drives out of the water – except in freezing temperatures.

Fresh water flushing of the engines is recommended after operating in salt, polluted or brackish water. Refer to your engine operator’s manual for additional information.

### **FREEZING TEMPERATURES**

When boating in temperatures below freezing, keep the propulsion units drives tilted down (submerged) at all times. This will prevent damage from freezing.

Upon removing your Cobalt boat from the water, leave the drive units in the vertical position until cooling system has drained. Refer to your propulsion unit operator’s manual for additional information.

Use caution when handling clear vinyl canvas in low temperatures to prevent damage from cracking.





## VINYL INTERIOR AND UPHOLSTERY CARE

The vinyl fabric in your Cobalt's interior has been especially selected to take the tough punishment of the elements and hard usage of an active boater. Avoid sharp objects that may cut or tear your vinyl.

The vinyl in your Cobalt has been coated with PreFixx protective finish. It's designed to be cleaned easily, over and over, without showing signs of wear. With PreFixx protection, it is possible to remove stains that could never be removed before. There are three families of sunscreen ingredients which may contribute to the staining of the vinyl in your Cobalt.

- Aminobenzoic acids - e.g. PABA
- Hydroxy benzophenones - e.g. Oxybenzone
- P-methoxycinnamic acid - e.g. Octyl methoxycinnamate

This list should not be considered inclusive, although it does represent a large selection of sunscreens which are known to stain vinyls, even treated with PreFixx. In actuality, almost any sunscreen with a high percentage - two percent or above - of active ingredients is a potential stainer.

Special care should be taken to prevent dark colored rubber products from coming in contact with the vinyl upholstery. The optional mooring cover comes with black rubber straps and these straps could stain the vinyl permanently.

## CARE AND CLEANING OF VINYL

### DAY-TO-DAY SOIL

Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and warm water solution. Dry with a soft, lint-free cloth or towel. For more difficult stains, use of a stronger detergent is recommended; provided the detergent manufacturer's instructions are followed closely.

### SPECIAL CLEANING PROBLEMS

The following steps are recommended to clean stains on PreFixx-protected vinyl upholstery. Many difficult stains can be removed when these cleaning agents are used in the following order.



**NOTE** *It is extremely important to clean the stained area as quickly as possible, making sure the recommended cleaning steps are followed in order.*



**STEP 1 CLEANERS**

- Formula 409™, Fantastik™.
- Clorox™ Soft Scrub® with bleach.
- Household cleaners and bleaches. Rinse cleansed area with fresh water and dry with a clean cloth.

**STEP 2 CLEANERS\***

Solvent-type cleaner to be liberally applied with a cloth, damp sponge or fine bristle brush.

- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol).
- Lighter fluid (naphtha). Rinse cleansed area with fresh water and dry with a clean cloth.

**STEP 3 CLEANERS**

Strong, active cleaners to be applied with a soft cloth or damp sponge. Use no more than six rubs; if stain persists, contact manufacturer. Dry with another cloth, then rinse with clear water and dry.

- Nail polish remover (acetone/water).

**RECOMMENDED CLEANING SOLUTIONS  
FOR PREFIXX-COATED NAUTOLEX VINYL**

<u>STAINING AGENT</u>	<u>CLEANING STEP</u>
Spray paint	1 - 2 - 3
Ballpoint pen	1 - 2 - 3
Lipstick	1 - 2 - 3
Yellow mustard	1 - 2 - 3
Bird droppings	1 - 2 - 3
Crayons	1 - 2
Eye shadow	1 - 2
Oily spot	1 - 2
Petroleum Products	1 - 2
Coffee	1
Tea	1
Hair oil tonic	1
Blood	1
Urine	1
Grape juice	1
Olive oil	1
Chocolate	1
Ketchup	1
Baby oil	1



**WARNING** *FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREAS. AVOID OPEN FLAME OR SPARK.*

**DARK STORAGE AREAS**

Often, when a boat is stored completely covered or in a dark building, the vinyl will darken or become “dingy” looking. If this happens, simply place the boat in direct sunlight for a few hours and the vinyl will brighten up.





## LEATHER CARE

### FOR SPOTS AND SPILLS

Wipe up excess liquid immediately with a clean absorbent cloth or sponge. If necessary, use clean luke warm water only and let air dry naturally. If water is used, clean the entire area where the spot occurred. An example would be the entire seat cushion or entire arm. Do not dry wet areas with hair dryers, etc.

### FOR STUBBORN SPOTS AND STAINS

Use a mild non-detergent cleaner such as a bar of Ivory soap or Amway L.O.C. Apply the soap to a clean wet sponge, wash, then rinse well. Let air dry naturally.

### FOR BUTTER, OIL OR GREASE

Wipe excess butter, oil or grease off the leather with a clean dry cloth, then leave it alone as the spot should dissipate into the leather in a short period of time. Do not apply water or try to wash a butter, oil or grease spot.

### DO NOT USE

Saddle Soap, cleaning solvents, furniture polish, oils, varnish, abrasive cleaners, soaps or ammonia water.



**NOTE** 1) *These are recommended or suggested methods of cleaning, but the manufacturer is not responsible for damage incurred while cleaning.* 2) *Always try the cleaning method in a hidden area first to test the results.*

## VACUUMING

A very effective and easy way to keep your interior ship shape is giving it a good vacuuming. The vacuum cleaner allows you to reach in tight areas such as under the bow, and other storage areas. It's also a great way to clean up any debris in the bilge area.

## CARPET CARE

The carpet in your Cobalt is made of the finest materials available. Scrubbing with soapy water will handle most tough jobs. A simple hosing for mild cleanups will bring out that new look. Thoroughly air dry before reinstallation into your boat. Your dealer can suggest methods of cleaning difficult stains in your carpet.

## FIBERGLASS FINISH CARE

The finish on your Cobalt is known as gelcoat. The gelcoat used by Cobalt is the finest available on the market today. With all its properties, it is not impervious to the elements and many types of water conditions.

The best way of taking care of your gelcoat finish is with prevention and proper care.

A multi-purpose boat soap\* should be used to clean exterior fiberglass/gelcoated surfaces on your Cobalt after each use. This product, depending upon the ratio mixed, is designed to clean anything from dirty hull and decks to greasy engines. Always rinse and wipe off the finish with a damp towel or chamois.

A fiberglass restorer/wax\* should be used to remove heavy oxidation, characterized by chalky/faded surface as well as rust and exhaust stains. This product will not only remove the oxidation but also leaves a wax protection on the cleaned surface in one easy application.



Paste wax\* will help retard the UV light damage. We suggest three coats be applied at the end or the beginning of the season, depending on the type of winter boat storage (covered, enclosed storage facility), and again mid-season.

To extend the life of your gelcoat finish, Cobalt recommends the use of marine canvas duck mooring covers totally covering the top deck of the boat for maximum protection. Additionally, if your boat is to be stored where the sun is constantly on the side or transom of the boat, you should consider having some custom skirting made to compliment the mooring cover. Tonneau covers, although supply adequate short term protection to the interior, will not protect the gelcoat finish. Please check with your Cobalt dealer for further information on this subject.

\*3M carries a complete line of fiberglass care products.

## **STAINLESS STEEL TRIM AND HARDWARE CARE**

Cobalt engineers strive to ensure that the brightwork and hardware on your boat is made of the highest finish quality materials available, within the design/function envelope. Most of the hardware on your boat is stainless steel. “Stainless steel” is actually a group of steel alloys that contain various proportions of iron, nickel, chromium and molybdenum. Each alloy possesses different properties of mechanical strength, finish quality and corrosion resistance. Stainless steel is used to produce parts that are cosmetically corrosion resistant yet have favorable physical properties for functional use.

Continuing research identifies, tests and evaluates new materials and products as they become available for the exacting structural requirements of each application. Upgrades are made when added value to the customer is proven.

In order to keep your stainless steel brightwork and fittings bright and shiny, Cobalt recommends washing off dirt and salt deposits and waxing at least once per season with a high quality marine paste wax. The polish on your stainless steel brightwork and fittings may be dulled if abrasive cleaners are used.

## **CORROSIONX**

One of the issues associated with owning a boat is corrosion, which, ironically, is often caused directly by the marine environment. If you operate a boat in salt water, you will be impressed with the rapid growth of corrosion in just a few weeks.

Since we recognize that your purchase of a Cobalt Boat was a major financial decision, we want you to be happy about your choice for years to come. After consulting with our dealers and operators throughout the country, we found that regular applications of a product called CorrosionX will keep your boat operating at peak efficiency, free of corrosion. To assist you, we have included a small can of CorrosionX in the optional salt water kit. Minimally, it should be applied to the following areas and components in the time frames specified:



**TOPSIDE**

Spray or wipe a light coat of CorrosionX on all rails, stanchions, cleats, cleat bolts and other metal fixtures/fittings up on deck. Treat hinges, locks, closure mechanisms and sliding tracks of doors and windows. If sprayed on, wipe with cloth to remove excess. A very light coat is all it takes and it should be applied every two months if operating in salt water and every four months in freshwater operations.

**INSIDE THE BULKHEAD**

Once a year, spray electrical connections, fuse panels, antenna bases, etc. Light sockets should be treated at two or three month intervals. Every six months, treat plumbing connections in the galley and head areas. Once a year, apply to hinges, locks and sliding tracks of doors and windows to keep them properly lubricated and functioning smoothly.

**OTHER AREAS**

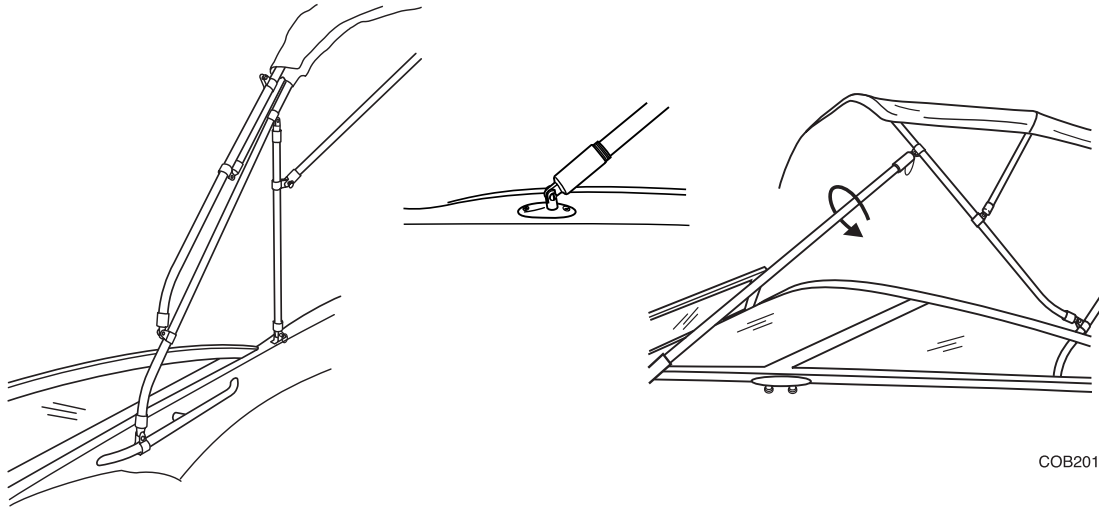
Treat hydraulic cylinder shafts for steering and other operating mechanisms once a month. Spray the entire engine, including engine mounts, every six months. Treat the bilge pump housing and connections plus other items in the bilge area once every three months. Thru-hull fittings and seacocks should also be treated every three months. Fuel line fittings at the fuel tank should be treated every six months.

CorrosionX is a multi-functional product with universal application. A good rule of thumb: if it rusts or corrodes, if it needs lubricating or if it's rusted shut and needs to be broken apart, it's a potential application. If you have any questions about CorrosionX, check the manufacturer's web site: <http://www.corrosionx.com> or call 800-638-7361.





## BIMINI TOP - OPTIONAL



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1. Remove the stainless adjustable arms from storage area.
2. Unfold the top and install the stainless adjustable arms (tensioners) into the quick disconnect fittings on the deck forward of the windshield. Secure the forward arms to the forward cross members with the pins.
3. Tighten the bimini by twisting the tensioners.
4. Store and trailer the bimini top in the stowed position in its canvas boot.



### **DANGER**

***THE BIMINI TOP MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE FROM WIND VELOCITY IN EXCESS OF 35 MPH. DAMAGE COULD OCCUR RESULTING IN POSSIBLE INJURY TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BOAT. DO NOT EXPOSE A DEPLOYED BIMINI TOP TO WIND SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 35 MPH.***

## BIMINI VISOR - OPTIONAL

To set up the bimini visor:

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1. Zip the bimini visor to the bimini top.
2. Secure the visor snaps to the windshield.

Some adjustment to the front bimini supports may be necessary.



## SKI TOWER BIMINI TOP - OPTIONAL

To set up the bimini top from the stored position:

1. Unsnap the retaining strap snaps, unzip the canvas boot and store boot in a secure location.
2. Attach bimini top to the arch using the snaps.
3. Unfold the top forward and install the tension bars into the quick-disconnect fittings on the deck, fore of the windshield.

Store and trailer the bimini top in the stowed position, in its canvas boot.



**CAUTION** *IF THE CANVAS COMES IN CONTACT WITH ANY UPHOLSTERY, THE CANVAS COLOR COULD TRANSFER. IT IS SUGGESTED TO KEEP THE UPHOLSTERY AND CANVAS SEPERATED, ESPECIALLY IF THE CANVAS IS WET.*



## BOW TONNEAU COVER – OPTIONAL

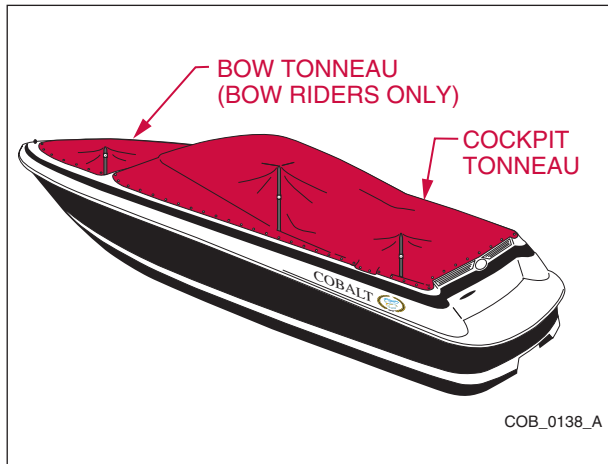
Follow these procedures to attach the bow tonneau cover:

1. Open walk-thru doors.
2. Starting at bow, slip bow opening over bow, work aft, and snap the cover to the boat.
3. Close windshield center door and snap the canvas to the underside of the windshield.
4. Install the adjustable tonneau cover support pole. Make sure the pole is perpendicular to the floor and adjust to “tent” the cover.
5. Walk-thru doors may be closed if desired.

Do not use bow tonneau cover for extended storage. It is not designed for storage, but can be used for overnight storage or trailering.

## COCKPIT TONNEAU COVER – OPTIONAL

Follow these directions for the cockpit tonneau cover:



1. Unroll the cover and snap to the deck starting at the center of the windshield. Snap to the forward outside edge of the windshield only.
2. Install tonneau support pole(s) to underside of the cover (just in front of rear seat) with snap and adjust pole to approximate height of windshield. Some models have two support poles. Make sure the poles are perpendicular to the floor and adjust to “tent” the cover.
3. Pull elastic cords over discs on transom, starting in the center and working outboard (you may have to readjust the support poles for proper fit).
4. Continue snapping up the sides.
5. The walk-thru doors may be closed if desired.

Do not use cockpit tonneau cover for extended storage. It is not designed for storage, but can be used for overnight storage or trailering.

## MOORING COVERS - OPTIONAL

Cobalt mooring covers are made from 100% SharkSkin™ polyester. Mooring covers are recommended by Cobalt for any storage longer than a few days. Mooring covers are not recommended for trailering because they cannot be tied down tightly enough in trailering conditions to keep them from moving on the gelcoated fiberglass surface. This movement can damage the gelcoat causing a dullness or even scratching.



**NOTE** Always double check snaps are secure.



**NOTE**

*For storage, we recommend an optional mooring cover made of 100% SharkSkin™ polyester that will properly protect the gelcoat finish on the deck of your Cobalt. Do not use canopy tops, side curtains, aft curtains, tonneau covers, etc., for long term storage. These tops were not designed for long term storage. Adequate ventilation is questionable and mold/mildew may form. For more information on appropriate covering for long term storage, please see your Cobalt Dealer.*

## COBALT CANVAS CARE

### CARE, CLEANING AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The boat top and other canvas items supplied on your Cobalt boat are manufactured from top quality materials to provide you with years of trouble free service. The following information on the care, cleaning and proper storage of the fabrics and fasteners that make up your marine canvas is being provided to help you maintain the appearance and ease of operation. We will also explain the performance characteristics you should expect from your canvas.

### SUNBRELLA FABRIC

This is a woven fabric made of 100% solution dyed acrylic fiber. It is very colorfast and will withstand long-term exposure to the sun (ultra-violet) without excessive fading or deterioration.

### CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

Fabric should be cleaned regularly before substances such as dirt, roof particles, etc., are allowed to accumulate on and become embedded in the fabric. The fabric can be cleaned without being removed from the installation. Simply brush off any loose dirt, etc., hose down and clean with a mild solution of natural soap in lukewarm water (no more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit). Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. **DO NOT USE DETERGENTS.** Allow to air dry. For heavily soiled fabric, remove the top from frame. Soak the fabric in a solution that has been mixed to the following proportions: 1/2 cup of Clorox and 1/4 cup of Ivory Snow, Dreft or Woolite per each gallon of lukewarm water. (The water should be no more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.)

Allow the fabric to soak until the bleach has killed the mildew and the stains can be brushed out with a common kitchen scrub brush. Rinse the fabric thoroughly in cold water to remove all of the soap. This may require rinsing several times. Incomplete rinsing can cause deterioration of sewing threads and prohibit the fabric from being properly retreated. Allow the fabric to air dry completely. Sunbrella may also be dry cleaned. **DO NOT STEAM PRESS OR DRY IN ELECTRIC OR GAS DRYER.** Sunbrella is thermoplastic or heat sensitive. Excessive heat can damage and shrink the fabric. This method of cleaning may remove part of the water and stain repellancy that was applied to the fabric during its manufacture. The fabric should receive an application of an air-curing treatment such as “303 HIGH TECH FABRIC GUARD.”



**CAUTION** *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE ARE THESE FABRICS TO BE PUT IN HOT WATER.*

*UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE ARE THESE FABRICS TO BE RUN THROUGH THE HOT DRYING CYCLE OF AN AUTOMATIC DRYER. FABRIC SHOULD BE LINE DRIED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE ARE THESE FABRICS TO BE STEAM PRESSED AT A DRY CLEANER.*

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Sunbrella is a woven fabric. Even though it is treated with a water repellancy, some “misting” through the fabric is typical.

With new canvas, the greatest potential for leakage is through the sewn seams. Because Sunbrella and the long-term thread that’s used are synthetic, the holes created by sewing will not swell up and seal when exposed to water as cotton does. Usually, the movement of the fabric in use will move the fibers enough to seal the holes. You may apply a few light coats of “303 HIGH TECH FABRIC GUARD” to speed up the process.

When the canvas is new, the fit will normally be tight. It is designed this way because Sunbrella stretches as it ages. The initial tight fit allows for a suitable fit for the life of the canvas.

The fit with Sunbrella will vary slightly in the heat, cold and rain.

**CARE**

- NEVER store canvas wet or in an unventilated, moist area.
- Always roll the canvas instead of folding. This is of particular importance on side curtains or any part with the clear vinyl “glass.”
- Roll the top carefully around the bows and cover with the storage boot provided.
- Handle the clear vinyl carefully. It is soft and very prone to scratching.
- Your Top, Side Curtains and Aft Curtain are designed and intended for short-term use only. DO NOT use for storage.
- Under no circumstances should the boat be towed with the boat top in the upright position.





## OTHER CANVAS COMPONENTS

### **CLEAR VINYL “ISINGLASS”**

The clear vinyl “isinglass” used in side curtains, aft curtains and visors is very reactive to heat and cold. Be careful unrolling the vinyl in cold weather to prevent cracking. Keep vinyl side curtains from touching the bows (tubing) to prevent burning the vinyl. If boat is stored with top, side curtains and aft curtain in place, heat build up inside of the boat may discolor the vinyl.

Cleaning: Using a soft cloth, clean with a solution of Ivory or Lux soap, liquid or flakes, and lukewarm water. Allow to air dry. Never use any type of abrasive cleanser, as it will scratch the glass. To keep the vinyl soft and flexible, regularly apply UV screening agent such as “303 PROTECTANT.”

Storage: Do not fold or wrinkle clear vinyl. Roll it smoothly for storage.

### **ZIPPERS**

When zippers are new, they can be a little difficult to zip. Zip carefully without forcing. They will loosen with use. A zipper lubricant may be used to help new zippers as well as maintaining long trouble free service. The most vulnerable part of the zipper is the starts. Use care when starting zipper to prevent damage.

### **SNAP FASTENER**

Fasteners should be unsnapped as close to the button as possible. Never remove canvas by pulling roughly on one edge of the material. This can damage the canvas as well as the fasteners. If the snaps become difficult to unsnap, use lubricants such as Vaseline, Chapstick, WD-40, silicone spray, etc. The most common recommendation is to rub candle wax or paraffin around the stud or inside the socket. Whichever method is used, care must be taken so that the lubricant does not stain the canvas or other surfaces it may contact.



# VIII TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## **ENGINE OPERATION/MAINTENANCE/SERVICING**

Included with your owner's packet is your engine manual(s). This manual was prepared by the engine manufacturer and contains information concerning the operation and care of your engine. Please read this manual thoroughly and become acquainted with this information.

It is advisable to maintain a service log to record service checks, such as oil changes, so you can determine when it's time for servicing. A maintenance log is also required when requesting warranty using the extended warranty supplied with your new Cobalt.

## **THE BREAK-IN PERIOD**

We cannot stress enough, the importance of reading your engine manual(s) and following the manufacturer's instructions for breaking-in your engine(s).

## **WINTERIZING AND OFF-SEASON STORAGE**

Store your Cobalt with the bow slightly elevated; i.e., the same attitude as if the boat were floating at rest. Remove the transom drain plug. If the boat is stored with the bow down, moisture will not be able to move to the engine bilge area and out of the boat. Mold and mildew may form as a result of the inability of moisture to escape. Store all bow cushions in the open position and open all storage areas.

Preparing for winter lay up is important. In frigid zones, be particularly attentive to items that can be damaged by freezing. Freeze damage is not covered by warranty.

*The following systems require winterization:*

### **ENGINE**

#### **WATER SYSTEM**

Consult your Cobalt Dealer for information about this procedure.

#### **HOT WATER HEATER**

Consult your Cobalt dealer for information about this procedure.

#### **AIR CONDITIONING**

Consult your Cobalt Dealer for information about this procedure.

#### **GENERATOR AND MUFFLER**

Consult your Cobalt Dealer for information about this procedure.

#### **TOILET SYSTEM**

Consult your Cobalt Dealer for information about this procedure.

#### **COCKPIT HEATER - OPTIONAL**

To winterize, remove the two 5/8 inch cockpit heater hoses from the engine. Pump antifreeze into one hose until entire heater system is filled.



Good storage is very important whether indoors or outdoors. Boat trailers designed for specific model boats provide excellent support for your Cobalt for long term storage. If you are storing your Cobalt by some other means; rack, hoists, blocks, etc., consult your Cobalt Dealer. Your dealer can assist you in making sure your boat has proper support.

It is very important the proper canvas is used as designed. The canvas listed in items 1 and 2 are made of Sunbrella, an acrylic material. Acrylic does not breathe as well as polyester, therefore all moisture cannot escape the boat when covered. The mooring cover listed in item 3 is made of 100% Sharkskin™ polyester.

**1. Canopy Top, Side Curtains, Stern Curtain, Bimini Top**

Day or Night Boating

Not designed for storage use

**2. Bow Tonneau, Cockpit Tonneau**

Trailerling

Overnight Protection

Not designed for storage use

**3. Mooring Cover**

Storage - short or long term

If a temporary poly cover, such as shrink wrap, is used, provide adequate ventilation to prevent mold or mildew.

Remove battery. Store on a wooden shelf or wood base. Store in a dry, covered place, charged to capacity. Check it periodically during the off-season. Recharge monthly.



**WARNING** *BATTERY ACID CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SPLASHED IN EYES, BURNING OF SKIN AND SEVERE GASTROINTESTINAL DAMAGE IF INGESTED. AVOID CONTACT WITH BATTERY ACID. USE EXTREME CAUTION.*



## FUEL REQUIREMENTS

The fuel line between the fuel tank and the fuel inlet of the engine is made of a synthetic, flexible material and although it is the best material available, alcohol can deteriorate it, especially during periods of storage. For this reason, it is suggested you have your Cobalt dealer inspect this fuel line at least annually and replace, if necessary.

Fuel level indicator system is designed to provide quick response to fuel level. Therefore, some oscillation of the fuel gauge needle is normal during operation.



**WARNING** *YOUR FUEL SYSTEM SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE EACH OPERATION. AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, HAVE YOUR FUEL SYSTEM THOROUGHLY CHECKED BY A CERTIFIED COBALT SERVICE TECHNICIAN. GASOLINE IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE; EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED AT ALL TIMES.*

## CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Most electrical standard equipment devices are controlled with circuit breakers. These breakers will activate if overloaded and cut power to the switch. To restore power, simply push the breaker button in and release. (Breakers do not require fuse replacement).

## FUSES

Some electrical components have in-line fuses in them. Check the failed component for the possibility of an in-line fuse if a tripped circuit breaker is not found.

### IN-LINE FUSE COMPONENTS:

- Depth Sounder . . . . . 1 amp (located behind dash)
- Air/Water Temperature Gauge . . . . . 1 amp (located behind dash)
- Trim Tab Control . . . . . 20 amp (located behind dash or breaker used on dash)
- Stereo . . . . . 10 or 20 amp (breaker used on dash)
- Bilge Pump Power Pickup . . . . . 30 amp (located at battery switch)
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- Bilge Pump #2510 . . . . . 15 amp (located behind dash)
- Bilge Pump #1000 . . . . . 5 amp (located behind dash)
- Sump Pump\* . . . . . 5 amp
- Tank Level Monitor System\* . . . . . 4 amp
- CO Monitor\* . . . . . 1 amp
- Head Blower\* 3" . . . . . 5 amp
- Head Blower\* 4" . . . . . 8 amp

\*Fuses are located behind the cabin electric panel



## LIGHTING/BULB REPLACEMENT

### EXTERNAL LIGHTS

Bow Light Bulb(s) .....	#71
Stern Light Bulb .....	#1004
Arch .....	#212-2

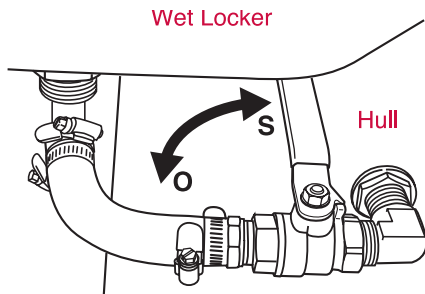
### INTERNAL LIGHTS

Open Bulb Utility Light .....	#1004 or #211
Cuddy Cabin Reading Light .....	#MR16
Black Rectangular Courtesy Light .....	#1044-99A
Chrome Courtesy Light (Round) .....	#90
Overhead Console Light .....	GE 912
Dome Light .....	#211
Ice Chest .....	#194

### INSTRUMENT LIGHTS

Tachometer .....	194 SF2
Speedometer .....	194 SD2
Voltmeter .....	658 S11
Oil Pressure .....	658 SH2
Temperature .....	658 SC2
Fuel .....	658 SC2
Trim .....	658 SC2

## WET LOCKER DRAINING

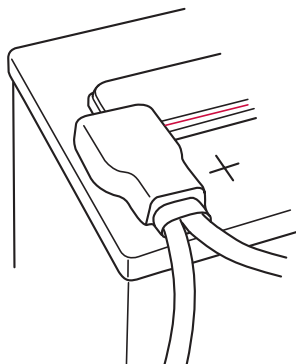


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Your Cobalt wet locker may be equipped with a seacock to drain water away from the boat which can accumulate in the wet locker.

Turn the valve lever located in the engine compartment, under the wet locker, to drain.

## BATTERY CONNECTIONS



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Read and understand the safety information on or supplied with your battery(s).

Maintain the batteries following the manufacturer's recommendations.



**WARNING** KEEP THE BATTERY CONNECTIONS CLEAN, TIGHT AND INSULATED TO PREVENT SHORTING OR ARCHING AND CAUSING A POSSIBLE EXPLOSION. INSTALL PROTECTIVE COVERS AND CHECK THE CONNECTIONS OFTEN TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEAN AND TIGHT.



## STEREO EQUIPMENT

Your Cobalt boat is equipped with an AM-FM CD player, iPod™/MP3 Port and may have been accessorized to enhance its fidelity. To operate your entertainment system, you must first supply power to the unit(s). Make sure the battery switch is on and the ignition switch is set on “ACC.” For additional operating information, refer to the operator’s manual for your stereo and accessories supplied to you in your owner’s packet.

## MARINE TOILET (HEAD) AND OPTIONAL MACERATOR

### HEAD OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Before operating the head for the first time, read the owner’s manual for the marine toilet.

### ELECTRICALLY OPERATED HEAD

1. Open the inlet water seacock below the cabin floor.
2. If overboard discharge is to be used, make sure the “Y” valve is in the overboard position, and the macerator seacock is open.
3. To charge the head, depress the foot pedal on the lower left side of the bowl, and push the flush button. Release the flush button after the bowl is moistened, and then pump the floor pedal 2-4 times to fill the bowl with water.
4. To flush, depress the foot pedal and push the flush button at the same time – hold until all waste is removed.

### MANUALLY OPERATED HEAD

1. Open the inlet water seacock.
2. Pump the floor pedal 2-4 times to fill the bowl with water.
3. To flush, depress the foot pedal and operate flush handle next to head at the same time. Operate handle until all waste is removed.



**NOTE** *To empty the bowl of excess water, operate flush button until water level decreases to desired level.*

The marine toilet (head) allows you to hold the waste in a holding tank. The waste can then be pumped out through a deck plate fitting marked “WASTE.”

The optional macerator system allows the discharging of waste water directly overboard through a seacock. The seacock’s valve must be opened to allow activation of the macerator pump switch. For additional operating information, refer to the macerator operator’s manual.

Some Cobalt boats are equipped with a head (marine toilet) and waste containment system. The head has either the manually operated system, or the electrically operated system, which draws seawater in through the hull to flush waste water from the marine toilet. The toilet pumps the waste water into a holding tank.





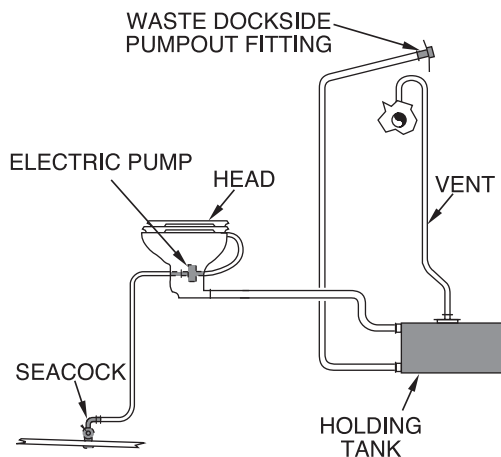
If the boat is fitted with a waste holding tank, it is emptied through the deck plate fitting marked “WASTE.” Waste is pumped from the head through a sanitary waste hose to the top portion of the tank. A sanitary waste hose is attached to the bottom of the tank, and runs to the dockside pumpout plate. An overboard vent keeps the tank at atmospheric pressure regardless of waste levels.

All the components of the waste system are made of materials specially formulated to prevent odor permeation. It is strongly recommended you regularly add chemical to your tank by flushing it through the head. The chemical helps to control odor and break down the waste. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions on the chemical before using.



**CAUTION** *DO NOT FLUSH INTO A FULL HOLDING TANK. ATTEMPTING TO FLUSH THE HEAD WHEN THE TANK IS FULL COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE WASTE SYSTEM.*

A waste tank level monitor may be installed to provide a visual indication of the amount of waste in the tank. Refer to individual model for more information.



**TYPICAL DOCK PUMPOUT SYSTEM**  
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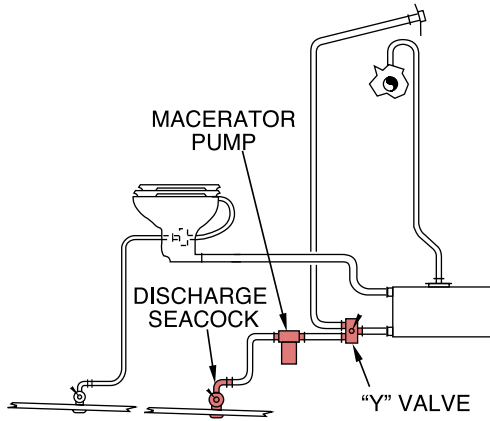
#### WASTE DISPOSAL

**Dockside Pumpout** – This system directs all waste to the holding tank. To clear the tank of waste water, you will need to use the dockside pumpout services provided at marinas or other facilities.

To empty the tank of waste, a suction hose is connected to the pumpout plate and to the dockside pump.



**CAUTION** *OVERBOARD DISCHARGE OF WASTE SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN APPROVED AREAS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTE.*



TYPICAL MACERATOR SYSTEM

KC-2046

### MACERATOR PUMP

A “Y” valve is installed between the pumpout plate and the macerator discharge seacock. The macerator pump is located between the “Y” valve and the macerator discharge seacock. In this configuration all waste is flushed from the head to the holding tank. The “Y” valve permits you to use the dockside pumpout feature, or to use the macerator to pump the waste from the holding tank overboard.

To pump out the holding tank using the macerator pump:

1. Open the discharge seacock.
2. Move the “Y” valve lever to the down or overboard position.



**CAUTION** *DO NOT RUN THE PUMP DRY. RUNNING THE PUMP WHEN THERE IS NO WASTE TO PUMP OUT OF THE HOLDING TANK WILL SHORTEN THE LIFE OF THE PUMP.*

3. Activate the macerator pump by turning its switch “ON.”
4. Close the macerator discharge seacock and turn macerator pump “OFF” after the pumpout is complete.







# VIII TROUBLESHOOTING

## IGNITION SAFETY SWITCH

Your Cobalt is equipped with an ignition safety switch located on the lower lip of the dashboard. Make sure the lanyard is installed with the switch holding the lanyard in place. Please consult your Cobalt dealer.



**WARNING** *WHENEVER CHECKING FOR ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS USE EXTREME CAUTION. GASOLINE IS FLAMMABLE!*



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## STARTER WON'T CRANK ENGINE

**Ignition switch inoperative** - see Authorized Cobalt Dealer.

**Throttle position** - Check to see that remote control is in start or neutral position. Change position of throttle only slightly.

**Dead battery** - Check level of electrolyte, disconnect battery. Charge battery.

**Battery connections loose or corroded** - Check for loose connections and corrosion. Clean connections and tighten.

**Starter connections loose** - Check connections and tighten. If solenoid clicks when attempting to start engine, check battery connections. If condition persists, see your Authorized Cobalt Service Dealer.



**WARNING** *BATTERY ACID CAN CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SPLASHED IN EYES; BURNING OF SKIN AND SEVERE GASTROINTESTINAL DAMAGE IF INGESTED. USE EXTREME CAUTION.*

## ENGINE RUNS ERRATICALLY

See your Authorized Cobalt Dealer.



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**Fuel pump malfunction** - Check operation of pump. See your Authorized Cobalt Dealer.

**Fuel tank vent and line plugged** - Check for restriction in line and vent. Blow out line and vent.

## ENGINE VIBRATES

**Propeller condition** - Check for bent, broken or damaged propeller. Check for weeds on propeller or gear case.

**Spark plug condition** - Check spark plug electrodes and ceramic. Clean and regap. Replace plugs, if necessary.

**High tension leads loose or deteriorated** - Insure all connections are clean and tight. See Authorized Cobalt Dealer.

## ENGINE RUNS BUT BOAT MAKES LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS

**Fouled or damaged propeller** - Stop and shut off engine. Check for weeds on propeller, bent or broken propeller. See your Authorized Cobalt Dealer.

## PERFORMANCE LOSS

**Throttle not fully open** - Check to see that throttle opens fully at engine.

**Improper fuel** - Fill tank with correct fuel.

**Overheating** - Immediately turn off the engine and contact your Cobalt dealer.

**Boat overloaded** - Reduce load.

**Boat trim** - Distribute boat load evenly.

**Improper propeller selection** - Select proper propeller pitch and diameter. (See chart in owner's manual or consult your Cobalt Dealer).

**Excessive bilge water** - Check for excessive water, drain bilge.

**Boat hull condition** - Clean if marine growth is present.

## FUEL INJECTION ENGINES

Fuel injection engines have safety circuitry built in that monitors many different functions of the engine and drive system. In many of these engines, a malfunction that the operator may not be aware of, can trigger a safety circuit in the engine causing it to automatically slow down and run rough. Should such a circumstance occur, please check with your Cobalt dealer as soon as possible.

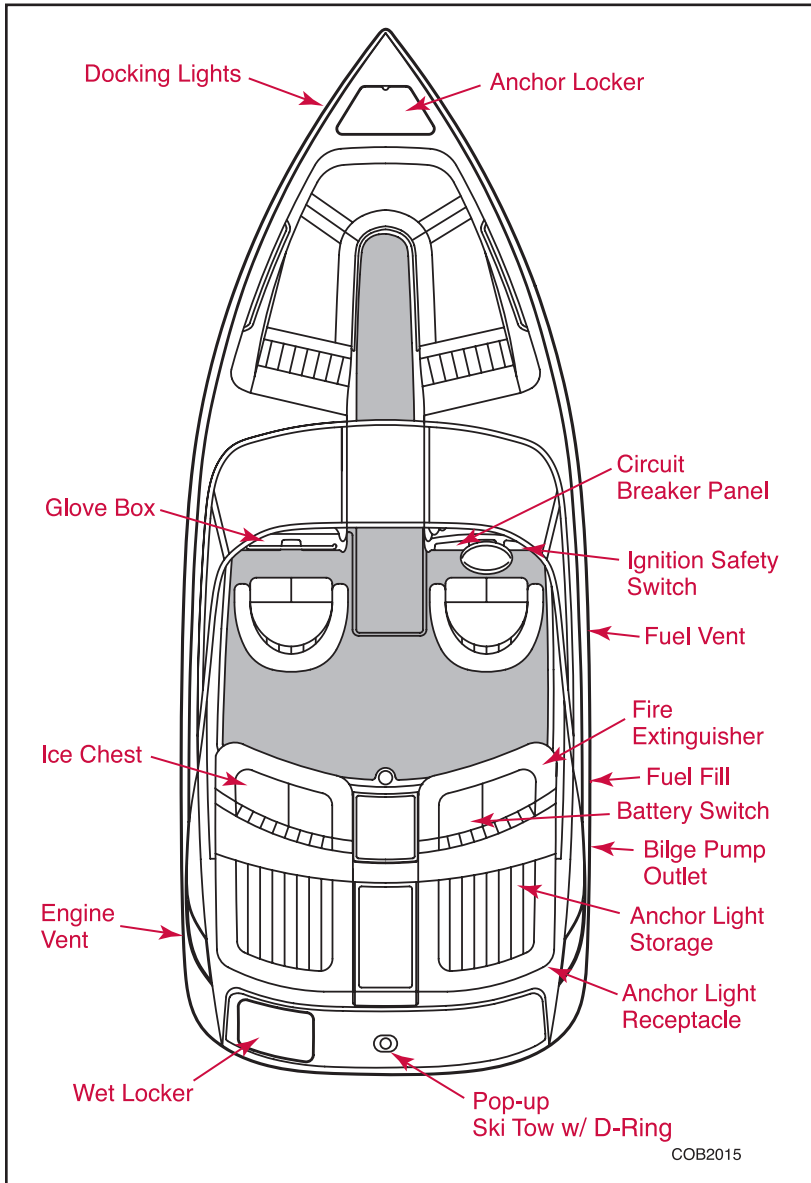


# MODEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

# 2000

COBALT BOATS - OWNER'S MANUAL

## LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS



### SPECIFICATIONS

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Beam Overall	.....	8'6" (2.59 m)
Height Overall	.....	67-1/8" (1.71 m)
Height Overall w/Arch or Tower	.....	104" (2.64 m)
Bridge Clearance	.....	51" (1.3 m)
Bridge Clearance w/Ski Tower	.....	101" (2.56 m)
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Freeboard Aft	.....	34" (0.86 m)
Draft Drive Up, Single Engine	.....	24" (0.61 m)
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Deadrise at Transom	.....	20°
Dry Weight w/Small Block Engine	.....	3,770 lbs (1,710 kg)
Fuel Capacity	.....	40 gal (151 L)
Capacity, by Weight	.....	1,650 lbs (748 kg)
Capacity, by Persons	.....	12



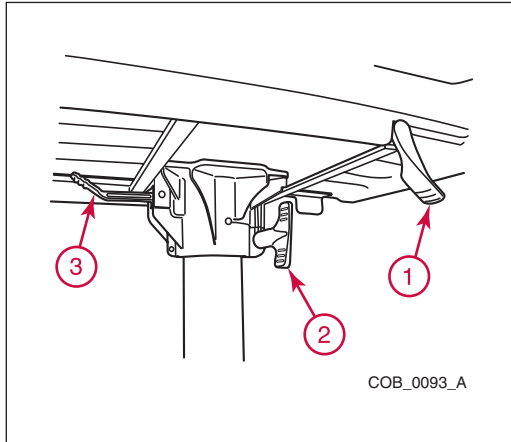
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1. Lift lever to adjust fore and aft.
2. Turn rotation friction handle clockwise to increase friction and counterclockwise to decrease friction. The chair should always be operated with slight friction.
3. Rotation lever for chair - move chair slightly forward, then lift lever to rotate. The lever will rest in its detent when the seat is in its forward direction.

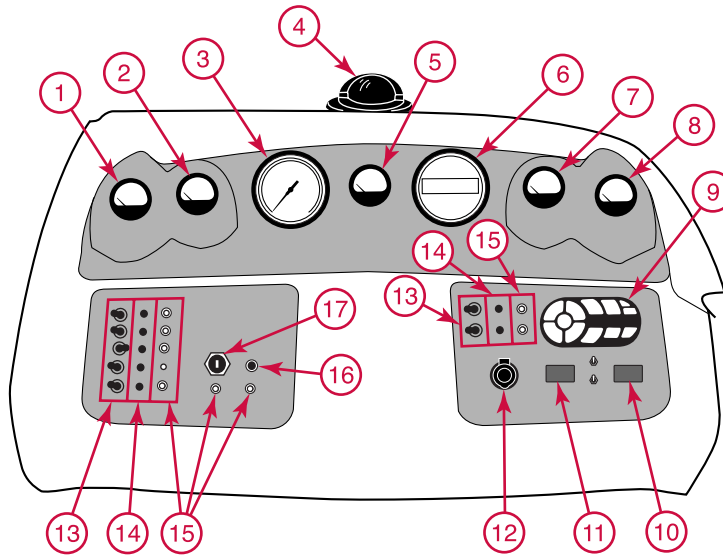


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3. Speedometer (Miles Per Hour)
4. Compass - optional
5. Fuel Gauge - shows approximate amount of fuel remaining in tank.



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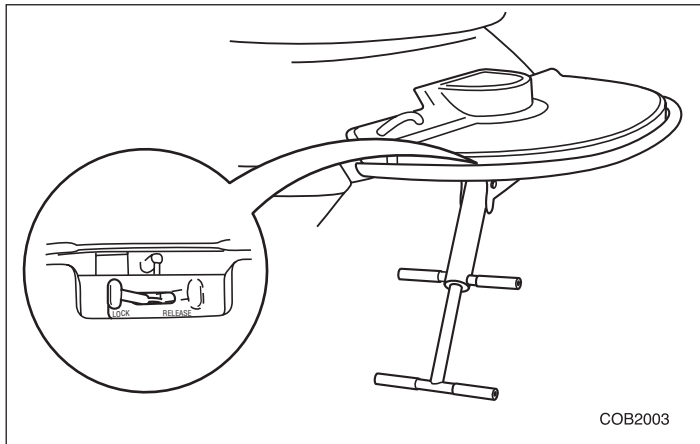


**WARNING** NEVER OPERATE YOUR BOAT AT NIGHT WITHOUT ALL OF THE REQUIRED LIGHTS OPERATING. THIS INCLUDES BOW LIGHT AND REMOVABLE STERN LIGHT. MAKE SURE LIGHTS ARE NOT BLOCKED BY CANVAS OR OTHER OBSTACLES.

### VOLVO PENTA OCEAN SERIES OUTDRIVE

Your boat may be equipped with an Ocean Series Outdrive from Volvo Penta. In addition to a composite outdrive, there is a Neutra-Salt switch located in the helm area of your Cobalt. Please refer to the Neutra-Salt Operator’s Manual located in your boat bag for operating information.

### EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM / BOARDING LADDER



The swim platform was designed for use by people – not for the storage of personal equipment. Maximum platform weight capacity is 800 pounds. If the swim platform is removed, the boat will not pass Coast Guard inspection, and the boat cannot be boarded until a boarding ladder is installed. The swim platform may be removed for off-season storage only.



**WARNING** EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM MUST BE ATTACHED WHILE BOAT IS IN USE TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY OR DROWNING. SWIM LADDER IS ATTACHED TO THE PLATFORM. REMOVABLE FEATURE IS FOR BOAT STORAGE ONLY.



**WARNING** DO NOT OCCUPY EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING OR ENGAGED. PROPELLER CONTACT MAY CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR FATALITY. ALL GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE (CO). CO IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS, AND DANGEROUS. DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH.

LADDER MUST ONLY BE USED WHILE THE ENGINE IS OFF. (See warning label section.) Be sure the ladder is raised and secured prior to starting engine. Exercise caution while using the ladder.



Use the release lever to release the ladder and telescope to full length. Lift ladder to retract and stow. Place release lever in the LOCK position. Use caution when stowing the ladder to prevent pinching fingers.



**WARNING** *DO NOT USE BOARDING LADDER WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING.*



**CAUTION** *THE STERN DRIVE UNIT HAS MANY SHARP EDGES, ESPECIALLY THE PROPELLER. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN NEAR THE STERN DRIVE UNIT. ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE BOARDING LADDER IS PROPERLY STOWED AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE AREA BEHIND THE BOAT BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE AND ENGAGING THE SHIFT MECHANISM.*

### **SKI TOWER - OPTIONAL**

The ski tower is designed for watersports and only one skier.

The ski tower can be lowered for storage, but is not practical for daily storage. To lay the tower down:

Using the wrench supplied:

1. Loosen the forward mount bolts, but do not remove them.
2. Support the tower and remove the aft mount bolts.
3. From inside the boat, carefully push the tower toward the bow, supporting it through the entire motion. Place a piece of protective material like a towel, mat or foam between the deck and the tower.

To reduce the overall height for storage:

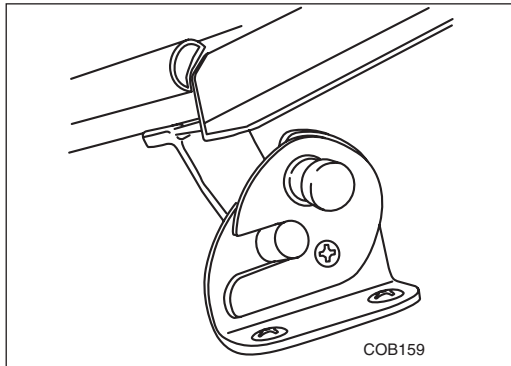
4. Remove the outside bolts of aft legs, the inside bolts and remove the legs.



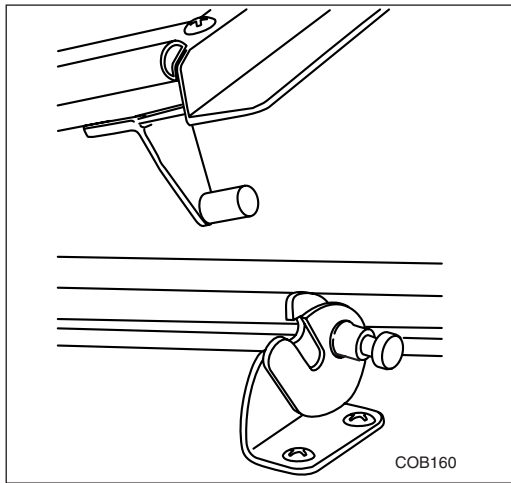
**DANGER** *AVOID INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT OVERLOAD THE TOWER OR USE IT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN WATERSPORTS. THE SKI TOWER MAXIMUM LOAD IS 1,000 LBS (454 KG). ONLY ONE SKIER CAN BE TOWED WITH THE TOWER.*



## WINDSHIELD HOOK



To open the windshield make sure the vertical slots in the mechanism are aligned. Swing the windshield open until the windshield post falls into the vertical slots and the mechanism locks.



To close the windshield release the locking mechanism by pulling the forward-facing button. Swing the windshield into place.

## AFT WALK-THRU FILLER CUSHIONS – OPTIONAL

The starboard rear walk-thru area can be converted into a large sundeck pad over the motor box by installing aft filler cushions. Snap the cushions in place.

## BOW CUSHION INSERT – OPTIONAL

The bow area can be converted into a sundeck by inserting the bow cushion insert.

## POP-UP SKI TOW

The stainless steel pop-up ski tow is designed for concealment as well as function. The pop-up ski tow is designed for a single skier only.

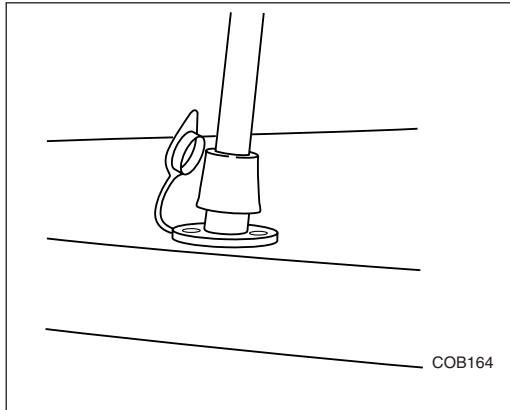
- Using the “D-ring,” turn the ski tow counterclockwise to pop-up.
- Lift up and continue to turn counterclockwise to lock into position.
- To stow, turn clockwise to lower and using the D-ring, press down and continue to turn clockwise until it is in its locked position.



**DANGER** THE POP-UP SKI TOW IS DESIGNED FOR A SINGLE SKIER ONLY.



## ANCHOR LIGHT



To install anchor light insert pole into socket and turn clockwise until it locks into place.

Cap the anchor light socket when the anchor light is removed.

## ROSEWOOD DASH (OPTIONAL) CARE

Your Rosewood veneer dash will maintain its natural beauty and high-gloss sheen when properly maintained.

- For routine cleaning wipe the wood surface with a damp soft cotton cloth. For thorough cleaning wash surface with a mild solution of soap and water, and dry with a soft cotton cloth.
- Wax or rubbing compound can be used occasionally when necessary.
- Apply liquid wax product lightly with your fingertips. Work from the center of the wood surface outward. Rub in a circular motion and stop about 1/4 inch from exterior edges of the wood. Remove wax with a clean soft cloth.
- For difficult-to-clean surfaces 3M Perfect-It III rubbing compound and a 3M “Type T” scrubbing pad can be used. Use rubbing compound carefully following manufacturer’s instructions.
- Do not use cleaners or polishes containing alcohol, ammonia, abrasives, oily emollients or petroleum-based materials.
- Avoid saturating edges of wood laminate with polish or wax. In some instances foam-backed tape used in manufacturing will absorb and retain these substances and result in premature fading and/or discoloration of your Rosewood dash. If cleaners or waxes come in contact with edges of the wood laminate, clean the surface immediately with a mild solution of soap and water.

## MOTOR BOX ASSEMBLY

**Manual** – The motor box raises and lowers manually. Do not allow it to slam shut when closing.

**Electric (Optional)** – The electric motor box assembly is controlled by a switch on the dash. If you experience a battery failure, the assembly can be opened manually.



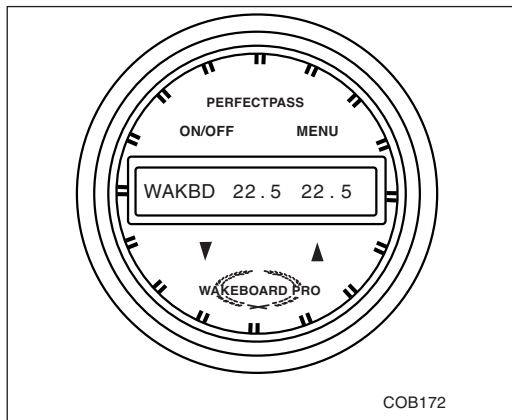
### COCKPIT DINETTE TABLE - OPTIONAL

Remove the j-shaped table leg from the storage area. Slide socket cover up and insert the leg. Tighten thumbscrews on the leg for desired tightness. Slide the table top onto the leg and tighten the lever.

### AIR COMPRESSOR - OPTIONAL

A high volume air pump is conveniently located in the starboard aft walk thru storage compartment to inflate your favorite water toys. Plug into the accessory receptacle on the dash or in the air compressor area.

### CRUISE CONTROL - OPTIONAL

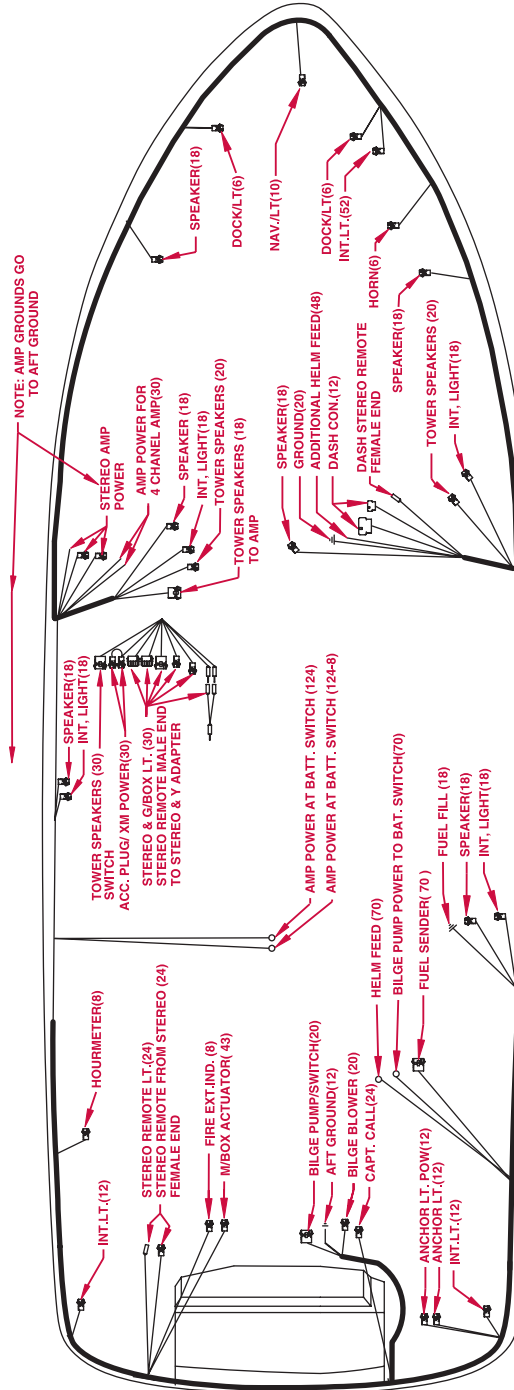


To operate the Cruise Control speed control system set desired speed on Cruise Control. Once your boat reaches the set speed Cruise Control takes over and holds the speed constant. For additional operating information refer to operator's manual.





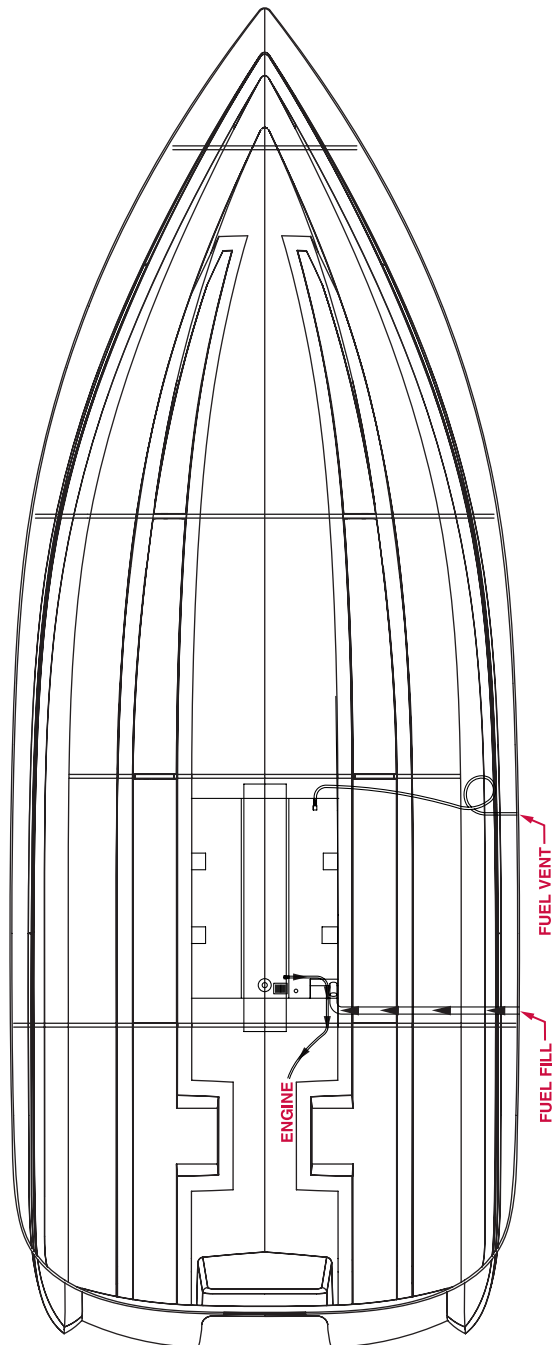
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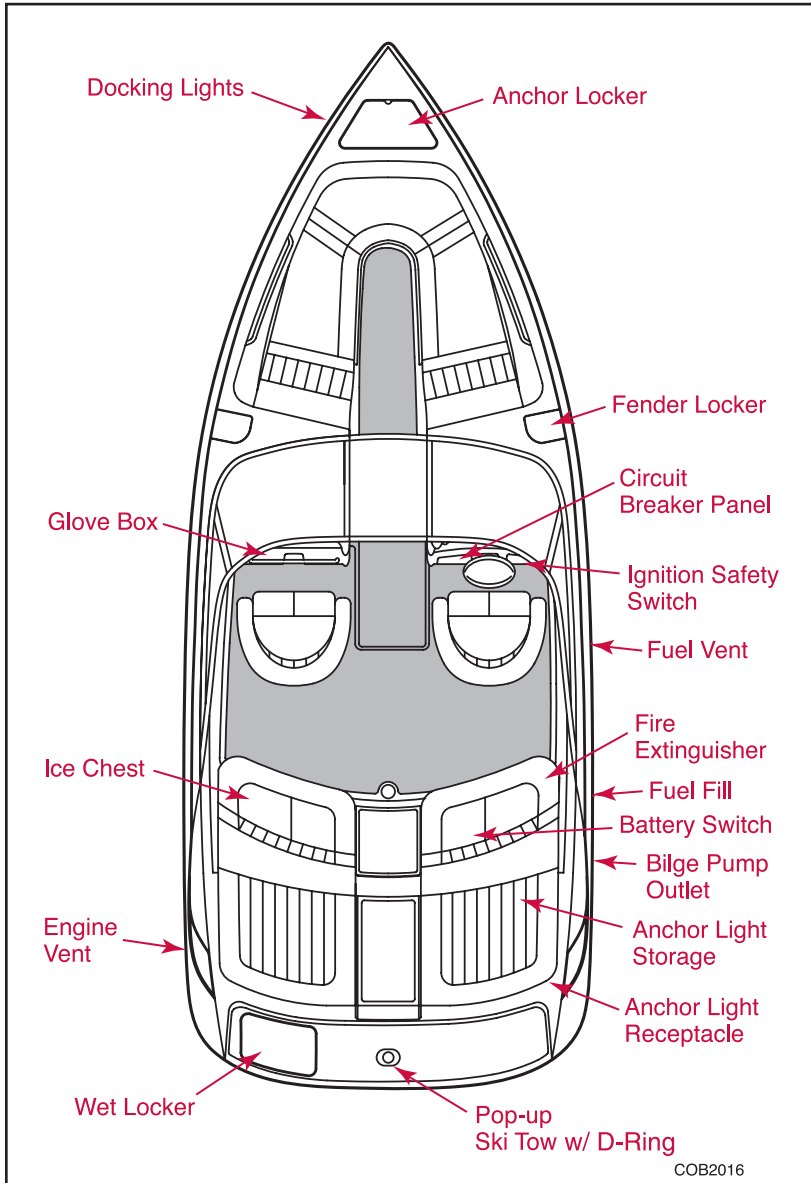
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# 220 MODEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

## LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS



### SPECIFICATIONS

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Fuel Capacity . . . . .	50 gal	(189 L)
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Capacity, by Persons . . . . .	12	

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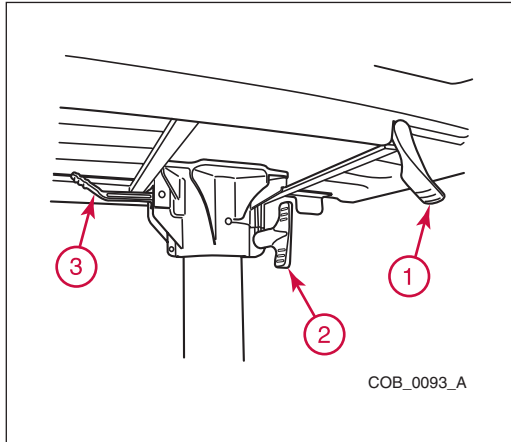


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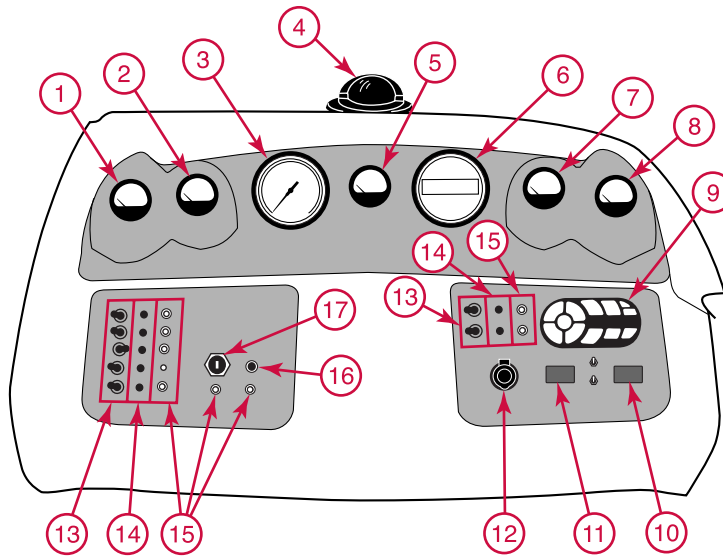


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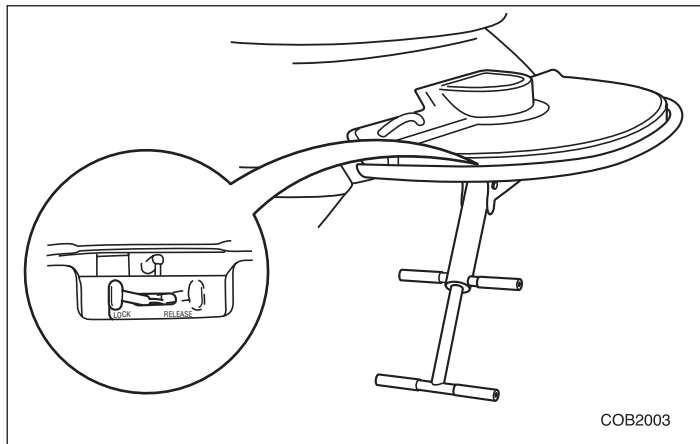


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Using the wrench supplied:

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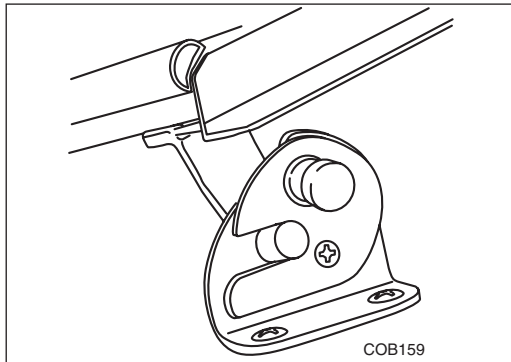
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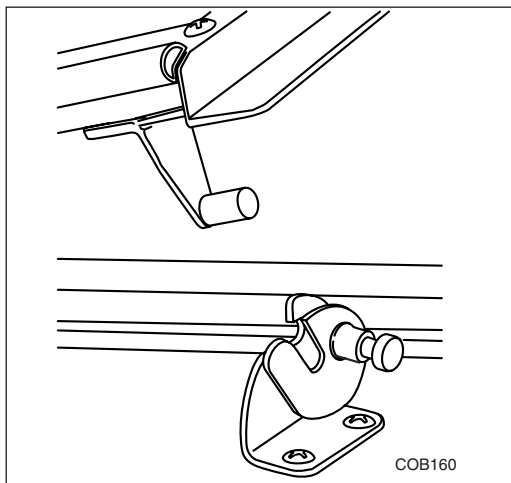
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## POP-UP SKI TOW

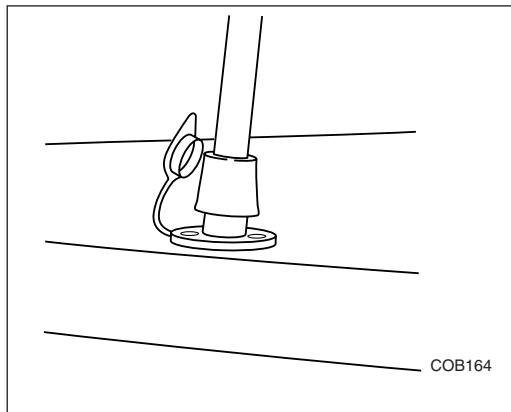
The stainless steel pop-up ski tow is designed for concealment as well as function. The pop-up ski tow is designed for a single skier only.

- Using the “D-ring,” turn the ski tow counterclockwise to pop-up.
- Lift up and continue to turn counterclockwise to lock into position.
- To stow, turn clockwise to lower and using the D-ring, press down and continue to turn clockwise until it is in its locked position.



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## ANCHOR LIGHT



To install anchor light insert pole into socket and turn clockwise until it locks into place.

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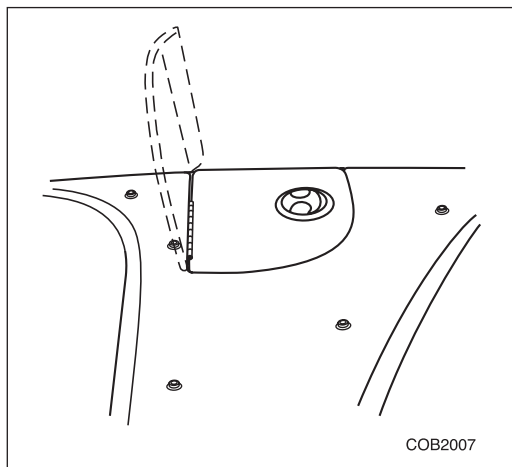
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## FENDER LOCKERS



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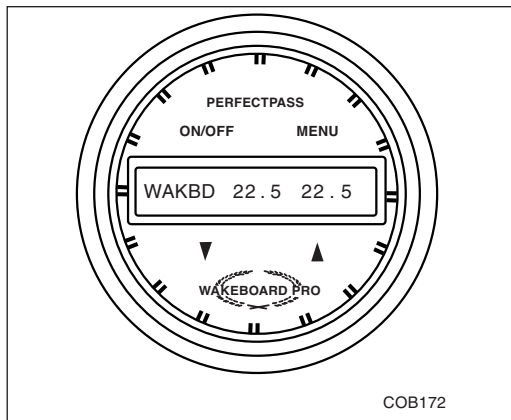
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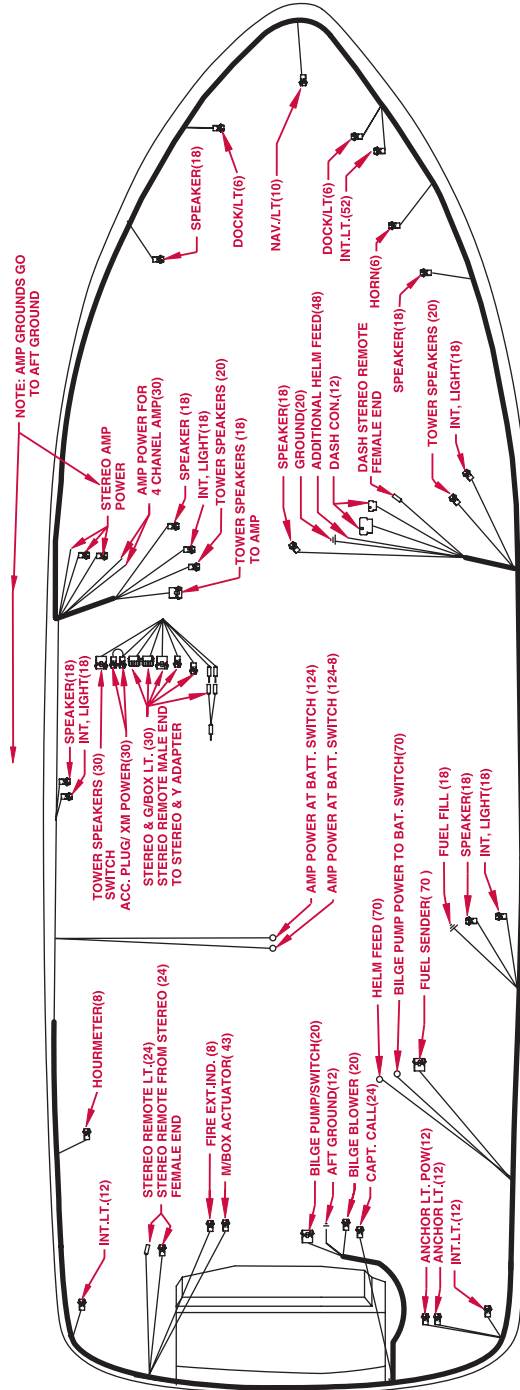
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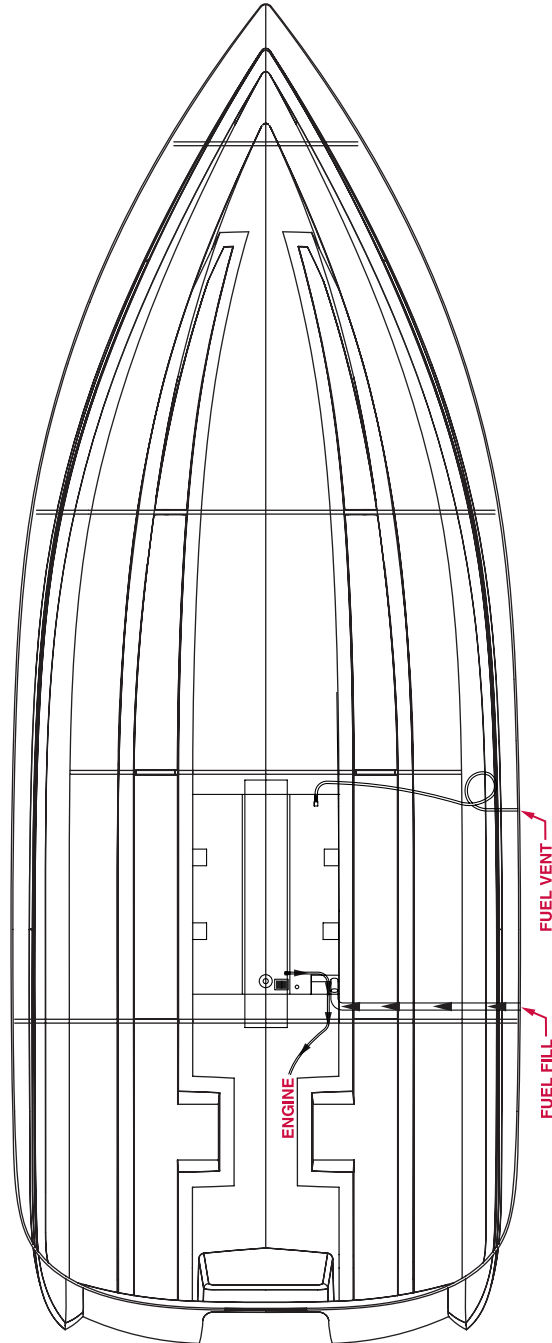
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# FUEL ROUTING



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MERC	5.0 L MPI	ALPHA	260	MPI	1.47	1.62	17 MAX RH	480085	77344A45	15 VNG RH	480246	16312A46
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 1	260	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na	19 MIR RH	480168	48-13700A46
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 3	260	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
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VOLVO	8.1 Gi	DP	375	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F8's	480465	3851498
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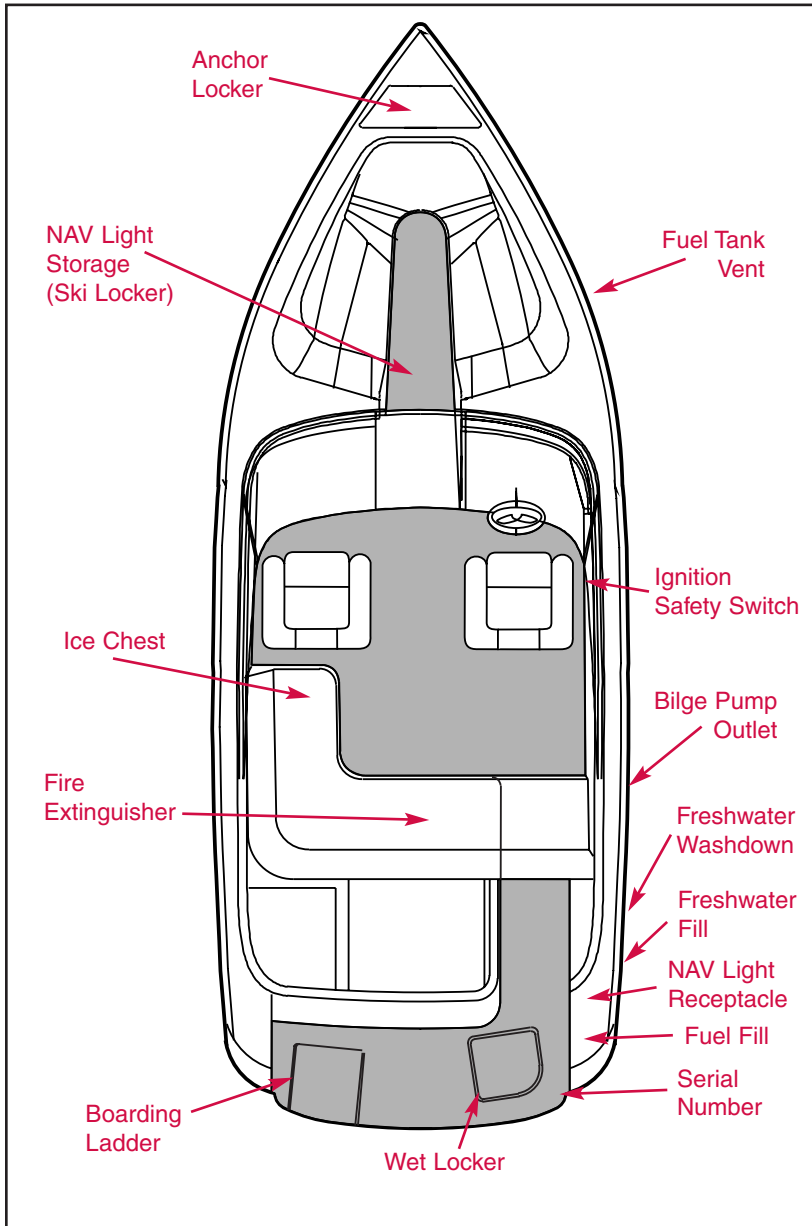


# MODEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

COBALT BOATS - OWNER'S MANUAL

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## LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS



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Style . . . . .	Bowrider	
Hull Length Overall . . . . .	22'8"	(6.91 m)
Length Overall w/Extended Swim Platform . . . . .	24'10"	(7.57 m)
Beam Overall . . . . .	8'6"	(2.59 m)
Height Overall . . . . .	68"	(1.73 m)
Height Overall with Arch or Tower . . . . .	108"	(2.74 m)
Bridge Clearance . . . . .	54"	(1.37 m)
Freeboard Forward . . . . .	33"	(0.84 m)
Freeboard Aft . . . . .	20"	(0.51 m)
Draft Drive Up, Single Engine . . . . .	20"	(0.51 m)
Draft Drive Down, Single Engine . . . . .	37"	(0.94 m)
Deadrise at Transom . . . . .	20°	
Dry Weight w/Small Block Engine . . . . .	3,865 lbs	(1,753 kg)
Dry Weight w/Large Block Engine . . . . .	4,171 lbs	(1,892 kg)
Fuel Capacity . . . . .	50 gal	(189 L)
Water Capacity . . . . .	10 gal	(37.9 L)
Capacity, by Weight . . . . .	1,650 lbs	(748 kg)
Capacity, by Persons . . . . .	12	

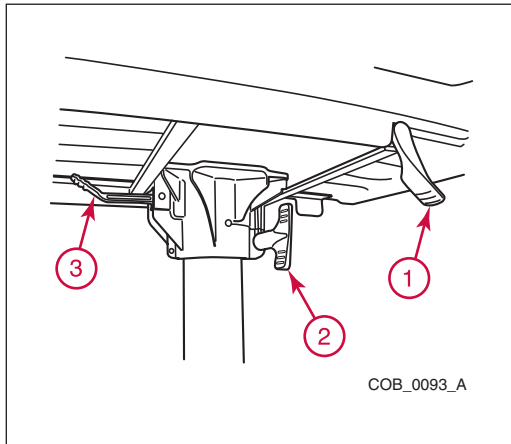


## CAPTAIN'S CHAIR ADJUSTMENTS AND OPERATION

Your captain's chairs have the flip-up position for greater visibility and maneuverability while docking. You can sit on the raised cushion or stand in front of the cushion.

Standing while driving your boat should only be done while maneuvering at an idle by an experienced driver.

The chairs are adjustable fore and aft and also rotate. Some fore and aft adjustment may be necessary when swiveling your seat(s) to avoid damage to the chair or side panel. Some seating configurations do not allow all seats to rotate completely.

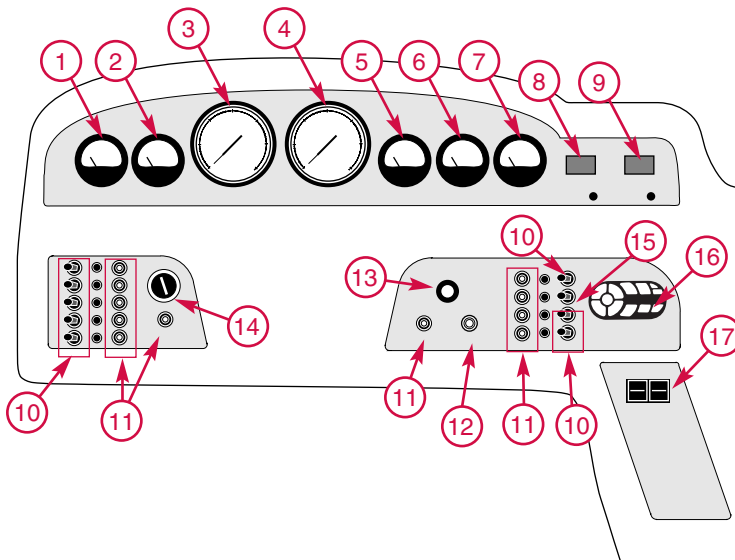


1. Lift lever to adjust fore and aft.
2. Turn rotation friction handle clockwise to increase friction and counterclockwise to decrease friction. The chair should always be operated with slight friction.
3. Rotation lever for chair - move chair slightly forward, then lift lever to rotate. The lever will rest in its detent when the seat is in its forward direction.



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## INSTRUMENT PANEL



1. Fuel Gauge - shows approximate amount of fuel remaining in tank.
2. Voltmeter - shows the condition of charge in the battery. It only indicates while the ignition is in the "ON" position. With the engine at idle or not running, it may show as low as 10 to 12 volts. With the engine running at cruising speeds and above, it should show 12 to 14 volts.
3. Speedometer (Miles Per Hour)
4. Tachometer - (Revolutions Per Minute)
5. Temperature Gauge - Temperature may fluctuate slightly while running. Maximum temperature may vary depending on type of engine.



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6. Oil Pressure Gauge - Pressure can vary according to type of engine. It is normal for a hot engine to have low pressure at idle, (depending on type of oil, pressure may drop as low as 10 PSI at idle).  
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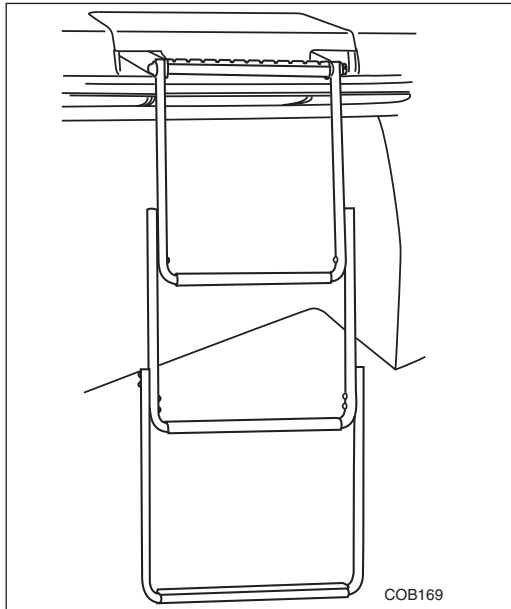
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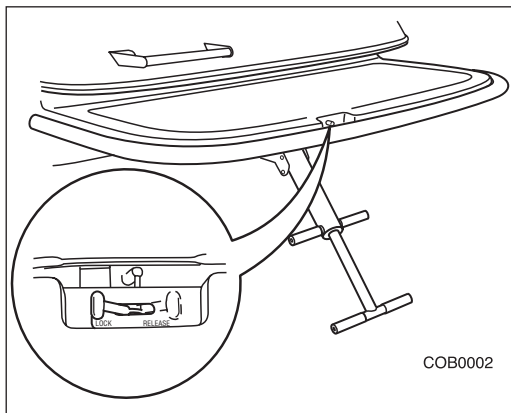


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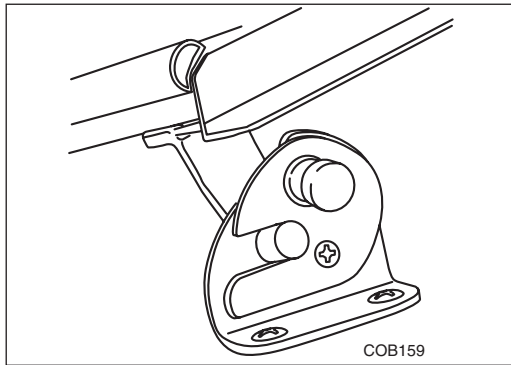
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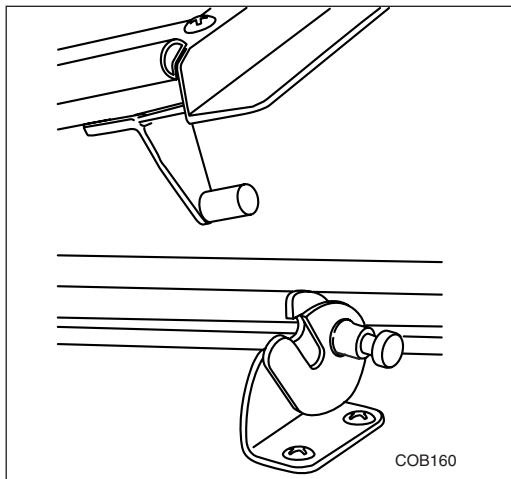
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## WATER SYSTEM

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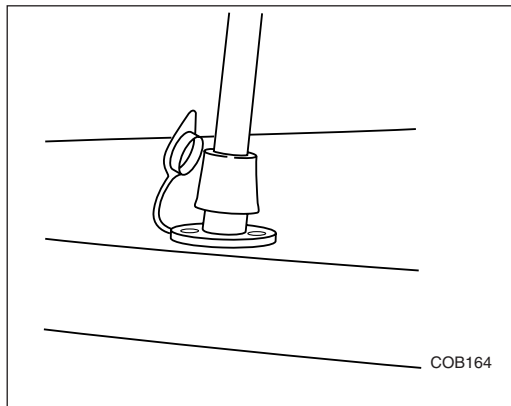
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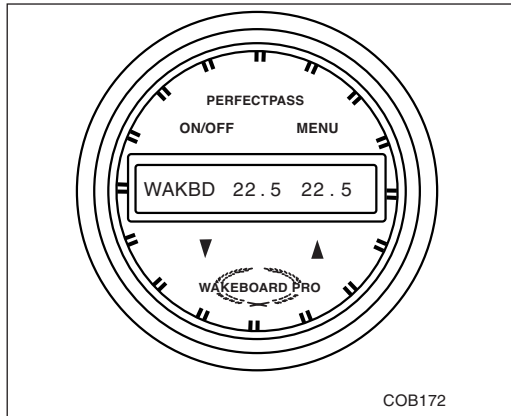
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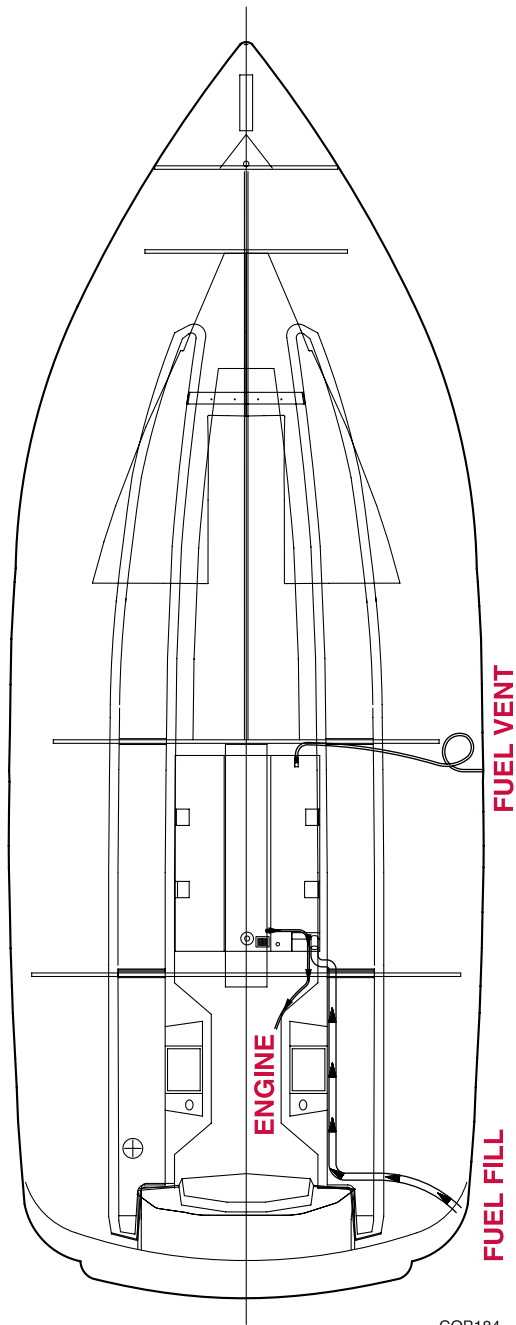
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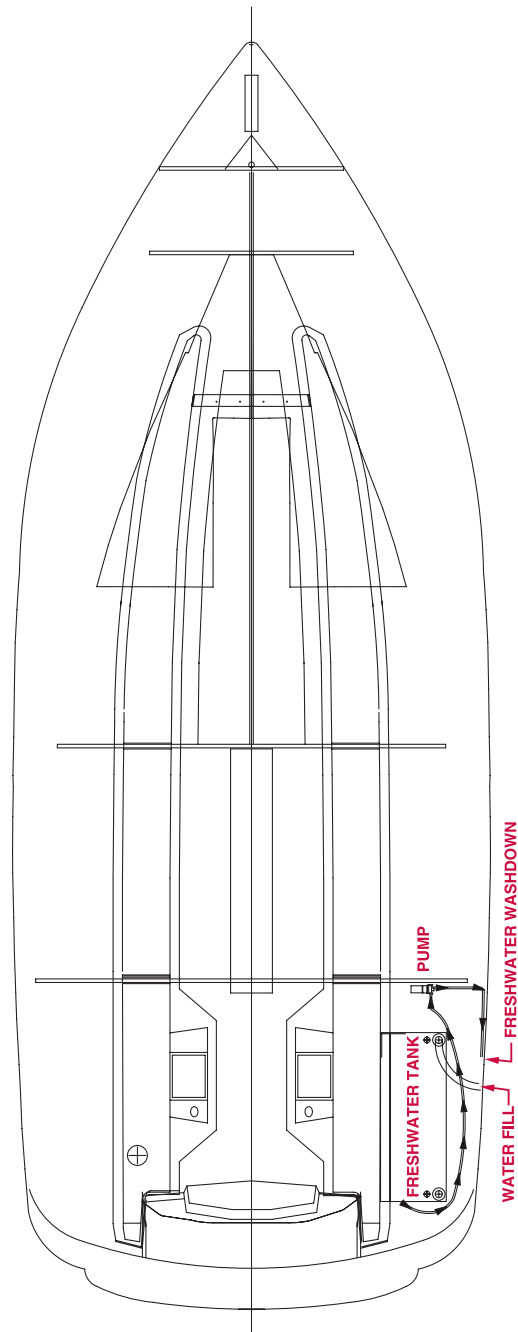
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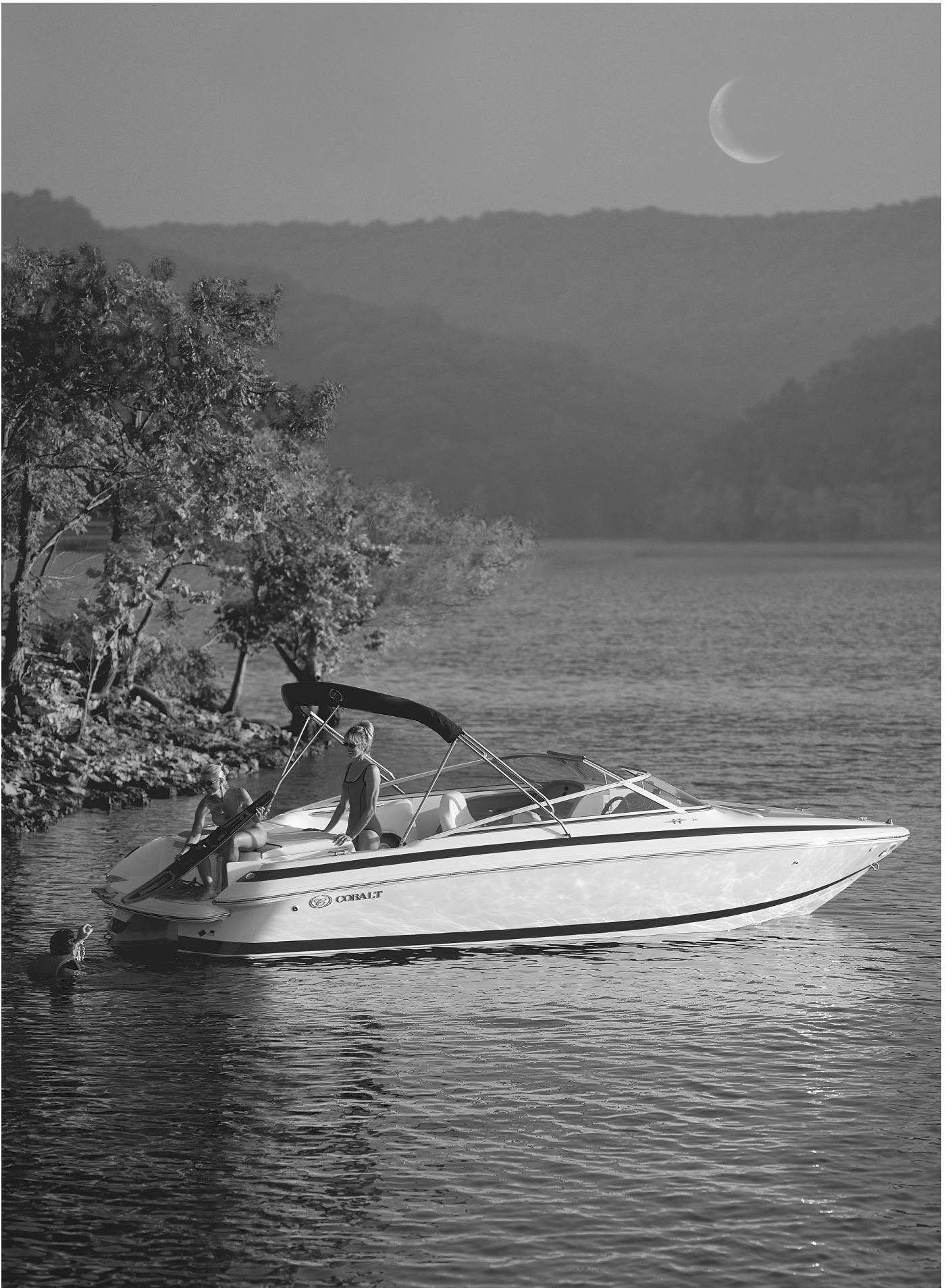
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## PROPELLER APPLICATION CHART

MFGR	ENGINE	DRIVE	PHP	FUEL SYSTEM	STD RATIO	OPT RATIO	AL PROP	AL PART#	AL MFG PART#	SS PROP	SS PART#	SS MFG PART#
MERC	4.3 L	ALPHA	190	2 BBL	1.62	1.81						
MERC	4.3 L	BRAVO 3	190	2 BBL	2.43	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	4.3 L MPI	ALPHA	220	MPI	1.62	1.81						
MERC	4.3 L MPI	BRAVO 3	220	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L	ALPHA	220	2 BBL	1.62	1.81						
MERC	5.0 L	BRAVO 1	220	2 BBL	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L	BRAVO 3	220	2 BBL	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	5.7 L	ALPHA	250	2 BBL	1.62	1.81	19 MAX RH	480084	48-832830A45	17 VENG RH	480091	48-16314A46
MERC	5.7 L	BRAVO 1	250	2 BBL	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.7 L	BRAVO 3	250	2 BBL	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	28'S B-3	480316/317	48-823669A60/70A60
MERC	5.0 L MPI	ALPHA	260	MPI	1.47	1.62	19 MAX RH	480084	48-832830A45	17 VENG RH	480091	48-16314A46
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 1	260	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na	19 MIR RH	480168	48-13700A46
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 3	260	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
MERC	350 MAG MPI	ALPHA	300	MPI	1.47	1.62	19 MAX RH	480084	48-832830A45	17 VENG RH	480091	48-16314A46
MERC	350 MAG MPI	BRAVO 1	300	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na	19 MIR RH	480168	48-13700A46
MERC	350 MAG MPI	BRAVO 3	300	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	28'S B-3	480316/317	48-823669A60/70A60
MERC	350 MAG MPI-HZN	BRAVO 3	300	MPI			na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 1	320	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na	19 MIR RH	480168	48-13700A46
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 3	320	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	28'S B-3	480316/317	48-823669A60/70A60
MERC	496 MAG MPI**	BRAVO 1	375	MPI	1.5	1.65	na	na	na	23 MIR RH	480167	48-13704A46
MERC	496 MAG MPI**	BRAVO 3	375	MPI	1.81	2.2	na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
MERC	496 MAG HO**	BRAVO 1X	425	MPI	1.5	1.65	na	na	na	23 MIR RH	480167	48-13704A46
MERC	496 MAG HO**	BRAVO 3X	425	MPI	1.81	2.2	na	na	na	28'S B-3	480316/317	48-823669A60/70A60
MERC	496 MAG HO-XZ**	BRAVO 1	425	MPI			na	na	na			
VOLVO	4.3 GXi	SX	225	TBI	1.79	1.89						
VOLVO	4.3 GXi	DP	225	TBI	2.32	2.32	na	na	na			
VOLVO	4.3 OSi	XDP	225	TBI								
VOLVO	5.0 GXi	SX	270	TBI	1.6	1.79	21 AL RH	480341	3850302	21 SS RH	480378	3858028
VOLVO	5.0 GXi	DP	270	TBI	1.95	2.32	na	na	na	F6'S	480463	3851496
VOLVO	5.0 OSi	XDP	270	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 Gi	SX	280	TBI	1.51	1.51						
VOLVO	5.7 OSi	XDP	280	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 Gi	DP	280	TBI	1.95	1.95	na	na	na	F6'S	480463	3851496
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	SX	320	TBI	1.51	1.51	19 AL RH	480342	3850301	reprop		
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	DP	320	TBI	1.95	1.95	na	na	na	F6'S	480463	3851496
VOLVO	5.7 OSXi	XDP	320	TBI	1.96	1.96				F5's	480462	3851495
VOLVO	8.1 Gi	DP	375	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F9'S	480466	3851499
VOLVO	8.1 OSi	XDP	375	MFI								
VOLVO	8.1 GXi	DP	420	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F8'S	480465	3851498

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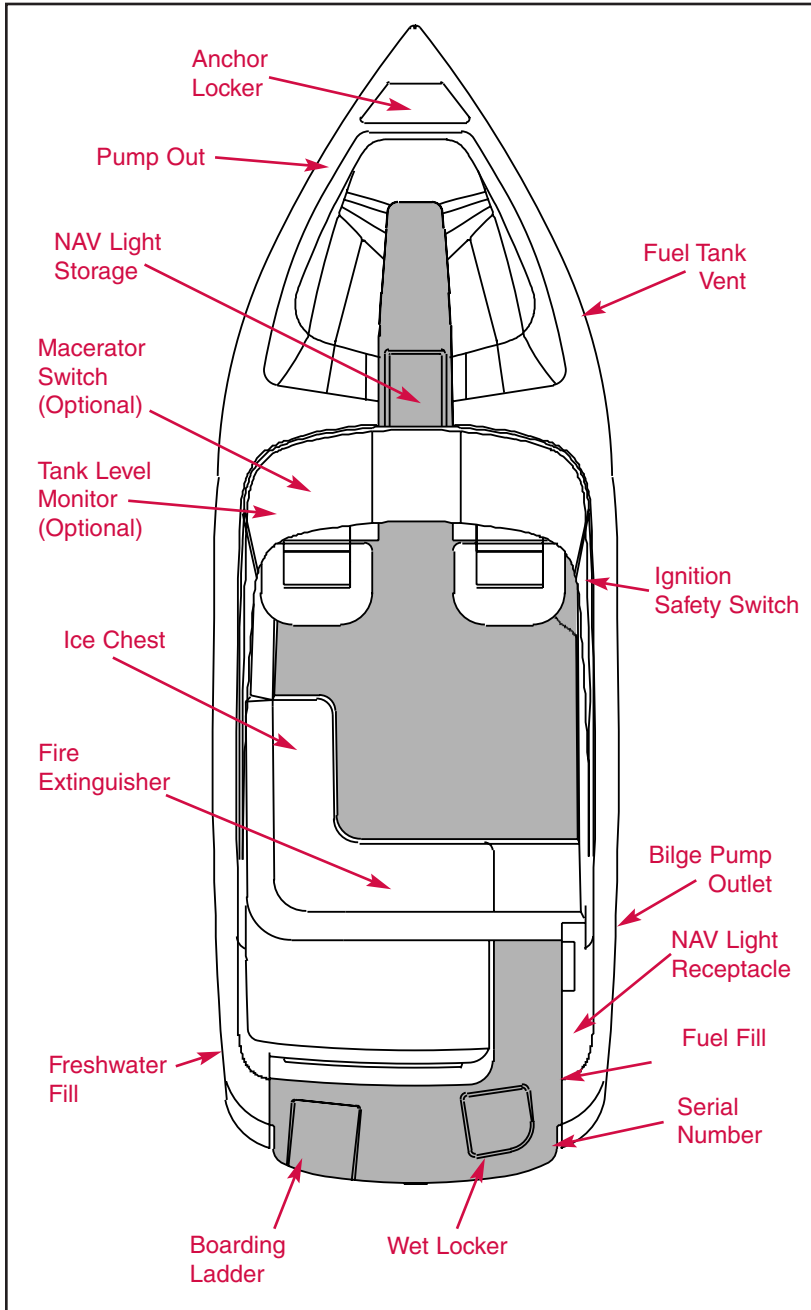


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## LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS



## SPECIFICATIONS

Hull Length Overall . . . . .	24'3.25"	(7.40 m)
Length Overall w/ Extended		
Swim Platform . . . . .	26'5.25"	(8.06 m)
Beam Overall . . . . .	8'6"	(2.59 m)
Height Overall . . . . .	70-1/2"	(1.78 m)
Height Overall with Arch or		
Tower . . . . .	108"	(2.74 m)
Bridge Clearance . . . . .	54"	(1.37 m)
Freeboard Forward . . . . .	34"	(0.86 m)
Freeboard Aft . . . . .	21"	(0.53 m)
Draft Drive Up, Single		
Engine . . . . .	17"	(0.43 m)
Draft Drive Down, Single		
Engine . . . . .	34"	(0.86 m)
Deadrise at Transom . . . . .	20°	
Dry Weight w/ Small		
Block Engine . . . . .	4,430 lbs	(2,009 kg)
Dry Weight w/ Large		
Block Engine . . . . .	4,756 lbs	(2,157 kg)
Fuel Capacity . . . . .	70 gal	(265 L)
Water Capacity . . . . .	10 gal	(37.9 L)
Capacity, by Weight . . . . .	2,050 lbs	(930 kg)
Capacity, by Persons . . . . .	15	

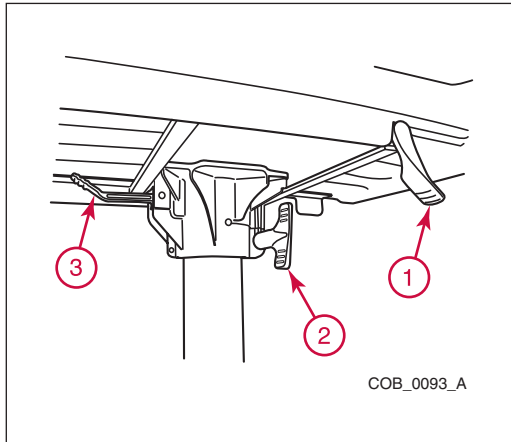


## CAPTAIN'S CHAIR ADJUSTMENTS AND OPERATION

Your captain's chairs have the flip-up position for greater visibility and maneuverability while docking. You can sit on the raised cushion or stand in front of the cushion.

Standing while driving your boat should only be done while maneuvering at an idle by an experienced driver.

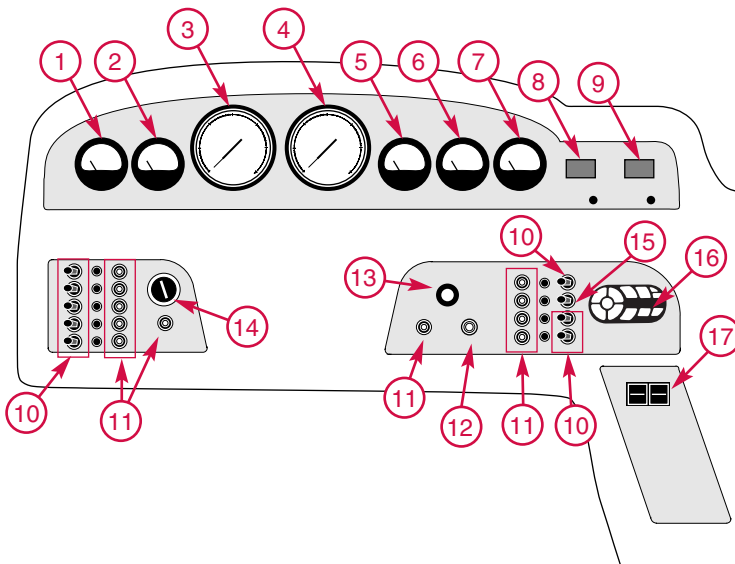
The chairs are adjustable fore and aft and also rotate. Some fore and aft adjustment may be necessary when swiveling your seat(s) to avoid damage to the chair or side panel. Some seating configurations do not allow all seats to rotate completely.



1. Lift lever to adjust fore and aft.
2. Turn rotation friction handle clockwise to increase friction and counterclockwise to decrease friction. The chair should always be operated with slight friction.
3. Rotation lever for chair - move chair slightly forward, then lift lever to rotate. The lever will rest in its detent when the seat is in its forward direction.



**DANGER** AVOID POTENTIAL INJURY OR EJECTION OF OCCUPANTS. DO NOT STAND WHILE DRIVING ABOVE ENGINE IDLE SPEEDS AND MAKE SURE ALL PASSENGERS ARE SEATED AND SEATS ARE IN A LOCKED/SECURED POSITION WHEN THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY.



## INSTRUMENT PANEL

1. Fuel Gauge - shows approximate amount of fuel remaining in tank.
2. Voltmeter - shows the condition of charge in the battery. It only indicates while the ignition is in the "ON" position. With the engine at idle or not running, it may show as low as 10 to 12 volts. With the engine running at cruising speeds and above, it should show 12 to 14 volts.
3. Speedometer (Miles Per Hour)
4. Tachometer - (Revolutions Per Minute)
5. Temperature Gauge - Temperature may fluctuate slightly while running. Maximum temperature may vary depending on type of engine.





**WARNING** *SHOULD WATER TEMPERATURE REACH 180 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, YOUR ENGINE IS OVERHEATING AND SHOULD BE CHECKED IMMEDIATELY FOR PROBABLE CAUSE.*

6. Oil Pressure Gauge - Pressure can vary according to type of engine. It is normal for a hot engine to have low pressure at idle, (depending on type of oil, pressure may drop as low as 10 PSI at idle).  
Please consult the engine owner's manual supplied with your boat concerning the oil pressure the engine in your boat should attain.
7. Trim Gauge - Shows the position of the drive unit in reference to the bottom of the boat.
8. Air/Water Temperature Gauge - Moving the toggle switch below the gauge allows you to go between air and water temperature readings. The gauge will display AIR and WATER to indicate which temperature source is in use.
9. Depth Sounder - Your Cobalt is equipped with a depth sounder. To see your options - shallow, deep, keel depth and units - toggle switch to down position. To set each option to desired reading toggle switch to up position. Detailed instructions are located in your Cobalt boat bag or you can consult your Cobalt Dealer for further information.
10. Two Position Switch - Controls equipment as labeled.
11. Circuit Breakers - Push to reset if necessary. If the button continues to pop out, consult your Authorized Cobalt Dealer.
12. Horn Button - The horn is located under the deck.
13. Dimmer Switch - Your Cobalt is equipped with a dimmer switch which controls the intensity of the dash lights including the compass light.
14. Ignition Key Switch
15. Three Position Exterior Light Switch NAV. position - navigation (running) lights, bow light and stern light. Center position - off. ANC. position - stern light only.



**WARNING** *NEVER OPERATE YOUR BOAT AT NIGHT WITHOUT ALL OF THE REQUIRED LIGHTS OPERATING. THIS INCLUDES BOW LIGHT AND REMOVABLE STERN LIGHT. MAKE SURE LIGHTS ARE NOT BLOCKED BY CANVAS OR OTHER OBSTACLES.*

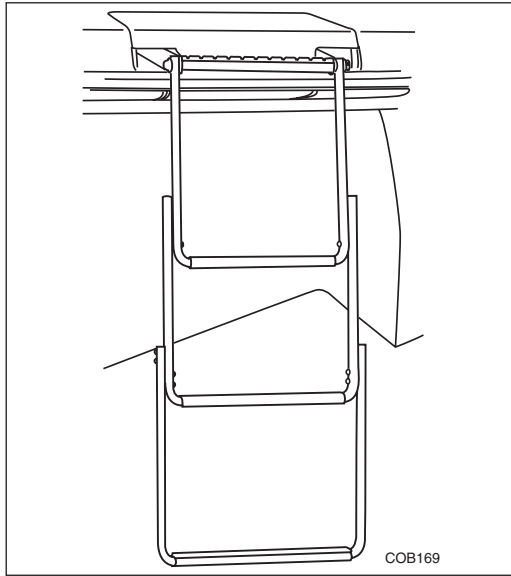
16. Stereo Remote Control
17. Trim Tabs (optional)

## **VOLVO PENTA OCEAN SERIES OUTDRIVE**

Your boat may be equipped with an Ocean Series Outdrive from Volvo Penta. In addition to a composite outdrive, there is a Neutra-Salt switch located in the helm area of your Cobalt. Please refer to the Neutra-Salt Operator's Manual located in your boat bag for operating information.



## TELESCOPING BOARDING LADDER



THIS LADDER MUST ONLY BE USED WHILE ENGINE IS OFF. (See warning label section). Be sure ladder is raised and secured prior to starting engine. Caution should be used while using this ladder.

Telescoping ladder is covered by ladder lid. Lift ladder lid to access ladder. Lift up on front of ladder to place overboard and telescope to full length. Use caution to prevent pinching fingers when stowing ladder.



**WARNING** *DO NOT USE BOARDING LADDER WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING.*



**CAUTION** *THE STERN DRIVE UNIT HAS MANY SHARP EDGES, ESPECIALLY THE PROPELLER. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN NEAR THE STERN DRIVE UNIT. ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE BOARDING LADDER IS PROPERLY STOWED AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE AREA BEHIND THE BOAT BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE AND ENGAGING THE SHIFT MECHANISM.*

## HEAD COMPARTMENT

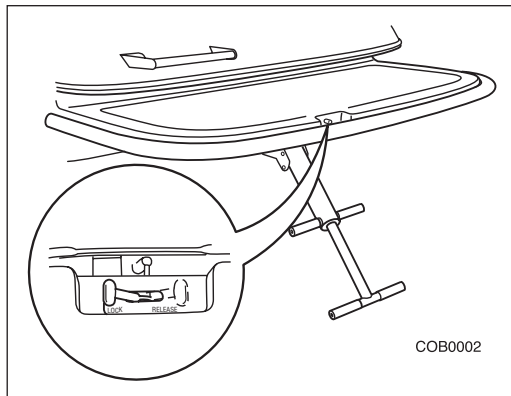
1. Make sure the head compartment door assembly is closed and latched while the boat is underway. Do not allow to swing freely.
2. For operation of the porti potti, pump out or macerator, please check the manuals supplied in your owner's packet. Refer to page 69 of this manual for more information.



**WARNING** *HAZARDOUS LEVELS OF CARBON MONOXIDE CAN ACCUMULATE IN THIS AREA WHILE GASOLINE ENGINES ARE OPERATING WHEN THE VESSEL IS AT REST OR UNDERWAY. TO AVOID INJURY OR DEATH FROM CARBON MONOXIDE, DO NOT OCCUPY THIS AREA WHEN ENGINE(S) OR GENERATOR(S) IS RUNNING. SIGNS OF EXPOSURE INCLUDE HEADACHE, NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND DROWSINESS.*



## EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM – OPTIONAL



The swim platform was designed for use by people – not for the storage of personal equipment. Maximum platform weight capacity is 800 pounds. If the swim platform is removed the boat will not pass Coast Guard inspection, and the boat cannot be boarded until a boarding ladder has been installed on the swim deck. To purchase a boarding ladder consult your Cobalt Dealer.



**WARNING** *EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM MUST BE ATTACHED WHILE BOAT IS IN USE TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY OR DROWNING. SWIM LADDER IS ATTACHED TO THE PLATFORM. REMOVABLE FEATURE IS FOR BOAT STORAGE ONLY.*



**WARNING** *DO NOT OCCUPY EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING OR ENGAGED. PROPELLER CONTACT MAY CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR FATALITY. ALL GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE (CO). CO IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS, AND DANGEROUS. DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH.*

LADDER MUST ONLY BE USED WHILE THE ENGINE IS OFF. (See warning label section.) Be sure the ladder is raised and secured prior to starting engine. Exercise caution while using the ladder.

Use the release lever to release the ladder and telescope to full length. Lift ladder to retract and stow. Place release lever in the LOCK position. Use caution when stowing the ladder to prevent pinching fingers.



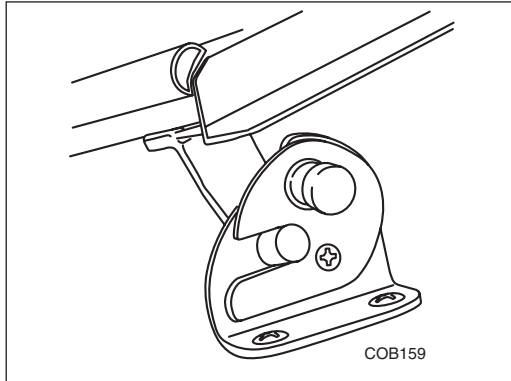
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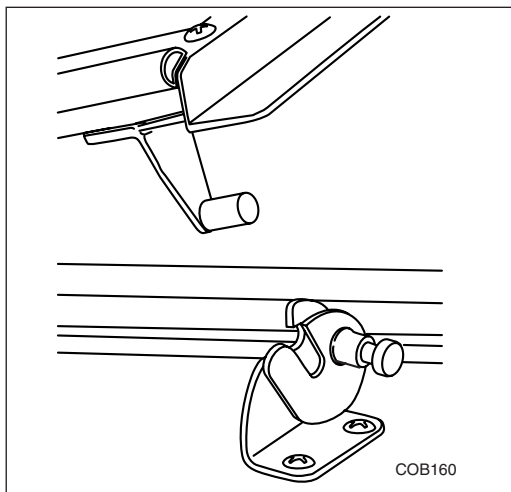
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## WINDSHIELD HOOK



To open the windshield make sure the vertical slots in the mechanism are aligned. Swing the windshield open until the windshield post falls into the vertical slots and the mechanism locks.



To close the windshield release the locking mechanism by pulling the forward-facing button. Swing the windshield into place.

## AFT WALK-THRU FILLER CUSHIONS – OPTIONAL

The starboard rear walk-thru area can be converted into a large sundeck pad over the motor box by installing aft filler cushions. Snap the bottom cushion in place. Secure the barrel bolts on the underside of the extended pad before using.

## BOW CUSHION INSERT – OPTIONAL

The bow area can be converted into a sundeck by inserting the bow cushion insert.

## WATER SYSTEM

If your Cobalt is equipped with an optional transom shower, standard or optional galley, the system allows for a 10-gallon capacity water system. A 12VDC water pump operates the system. It is necessary for the ship's batteries to be turned ON for the water system to operate. Consult your Cobalt Dealer for winterization requirements.

To clean the water tank, the manufacturer recommends adding 1/4 cup of baking soda into the tank and allowing the tank to stand for one day, then flushing the tank twice. If this is not sufficient to clean the tank, replace the baking soda with 2 tablespoons of bleach and repeat the procedure.



## SKI TOWER - OPTIONAL

The ski tower is designed for watersports and only one skier.

The ski tower can be lowered for storage, but is not practical for daily storage. To lay the tower down:

Using the wrench supplied:

1. Loosen the forward mount bolts, but do not remove them.
2. Support the tower and remove the aft mount bolts.
3. From inside the boat, carefully push the tower toward the bow, supporting it through the entire motion. Place a piece of protective material like a towel, mat or foam between the deck and the tower.

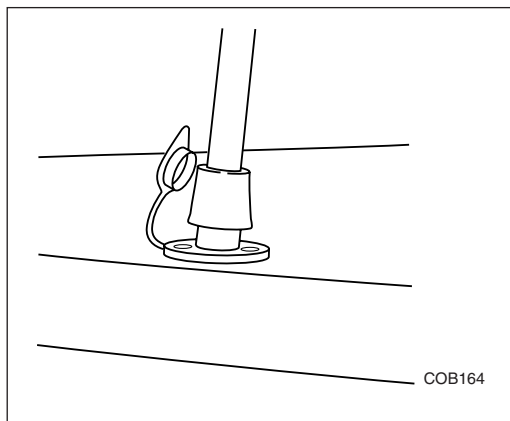
To reduce the overall height for storage:

4. Remove the outside bolts of aft legs, the inside bolts and remove the legs.



**DANGER** AVOID INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT OVERLOAD THE TOWER OR USE IT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN WATERSPORTS. THE SKI TOWER MAXIMUM LOAD IS 1,000 LBS (454 KG). ONLY ONE SKIER CAN BE TOWED WITH THE TOWER.

## ANCHOR LIGHT



To install anchor light insert pole into socket and turn clockwise until it locks into place.



## ROSEWOOD DASH (OPTIONAL) CARE

Your Rosewood veneer dash will maintain its natural beauty and high-gloss sheen when properly maintained.

- For routine cleaning wipe the wood surface with a damp soft cotton cloth. For thorough cleaning wash surface with a mild solution of soap and water, and dry with a soft cotton cloth.
- Wax or rubbing compound can be used occasionally when necessary.
- Apply liquid wax product lightly with your fingertips. Work from the center of the wood surface outward. Rub in a circular motion and stop about 1/4 inch from exterior edges of the wood. Remove wax with a clean soft cloth.
- For difficult-to-clean surfaces 3M Perfect-It III rubbing compound and a 3M “Type T” scrubbing pad can be used. Use rubbing compound carefully following manufacturer’s instructions.
- Do not use cleaners or polishes containing alcohol, ammonia, abrasives, oily emollients or petroleum-based materials.
- Avoid saturating edges of wood laminate with polish or wax. In some instances foam-backed tape used in manufacturing will absorb and retain these substances and result in premature fading and/or discoloration of your Rosewood dash. If cleaners or waxes come in contact with edges of the wood laminate, clean the surface immediately with a mild solution of soap and water.

## MOTOR BOX ASSEMBLY

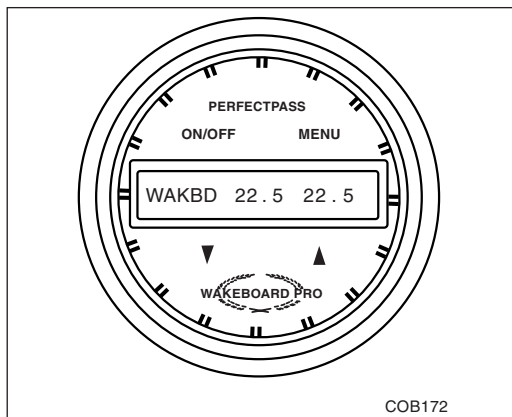
**Manual** – The motor box raises and lowers manually. Do not allow it to slam shut when closing.

**Electric (Optional)** – The electric motor box assembly is controlled by a switch on the dash. If you experience a battery failure, the assembly can be opened manually.

## COCKPIT DINETTE TABLE - OPTIONAL

Remove the j-shaped table leg from the storage area. Slide socket cover up and insert the leg. Tighten thumbs screws on the leg for desired tightness. Slide the table top onto the leg and tighten with knob.

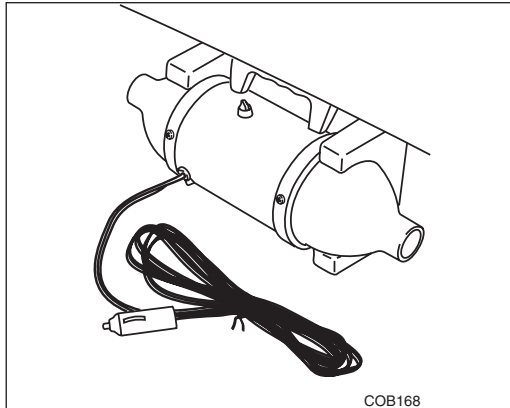
## CRUISE CONTROL - OPTIONAL



To operate the Cruise Control speed control system set desired speed on Cruise Control. Once your boat reaches the set speed Cruise Control takes over and holds the speed constant. For additional operating information refer to operator’s manual.



## AIR COMPRESSOR - OPTIONAL



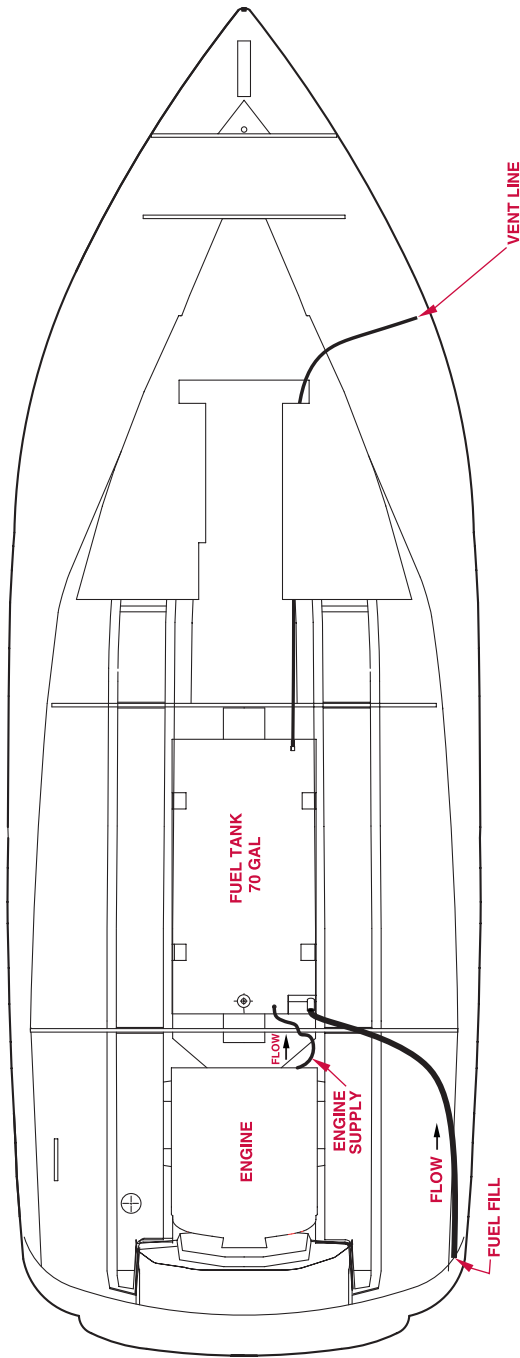
A high volume air pump is conveniently located in the starboard aft walk thru storage compartment to inflate your favorite water toys. Plug into the accessory receptacle on the dash or in the air compressor area.







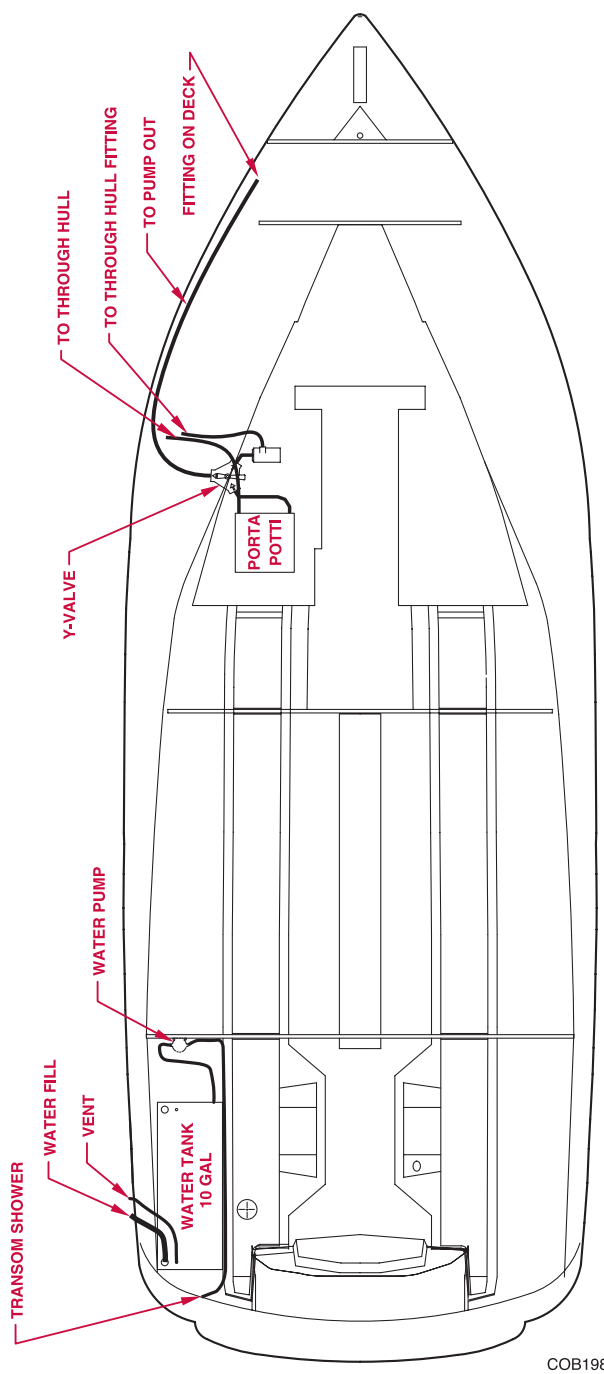
# FUEL ROUTING



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# FRESH WATER PLUMBING



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MERC	5.7 L	BRAVO 3	250	2 BBL	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	24'S B-3	480321/322	48-823665A60/66A60
MERC	5.0 L MPI	ALPHA	260	MPI	1.47	1.62	17 MAX RH	480085	77344A45	15 VNG RH	480246	16312A46
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 1	260	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 3	260	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
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MERC	350 MAG MPI-HZN	BRAVO 3	300	MPI			na	na	na	24'S B-3	480321/322	48-823665A60/66A60
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 1	320	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na	19 MIR RH	480168	48-13700A46
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 3	320	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
MERC	496 MAG MPI**	BRAVO 1	375	MPI	1.50	1.65	na	na	na	23 MIR RH	480167	48-13704A46
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MERC	496 MAG HO-XZ**	BRAVO 1	425	MPI			na	na	na			
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VOLVO	5.0 GXi	DP	270	TBI	1.95	2.32	na	na	na	F5'S	480462	3851495
VOLVO	5.0 OSi	XDP	270	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 Gi	SX	280	TBI	1.51	1.51						
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VOLVO	5.7 OSi	XDP	280	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	SX	320	TBI	1.51	1.51	19 AL RH	480342	3850301	reprop		
VOLVO	5.7OSXi	XDP	320	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	DP	320	TBI	1.95	1.95	na	na	na	F5'S	480462	3851495
VOLVO	8.1 Gi	DP	375	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F8'S	480465	3851498
VOLVO	8.1 OSi	XDP	375	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F7'S	480464	3851497
VOLVO	8.1 GXi	DP	420	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F7'S	480464	3851497

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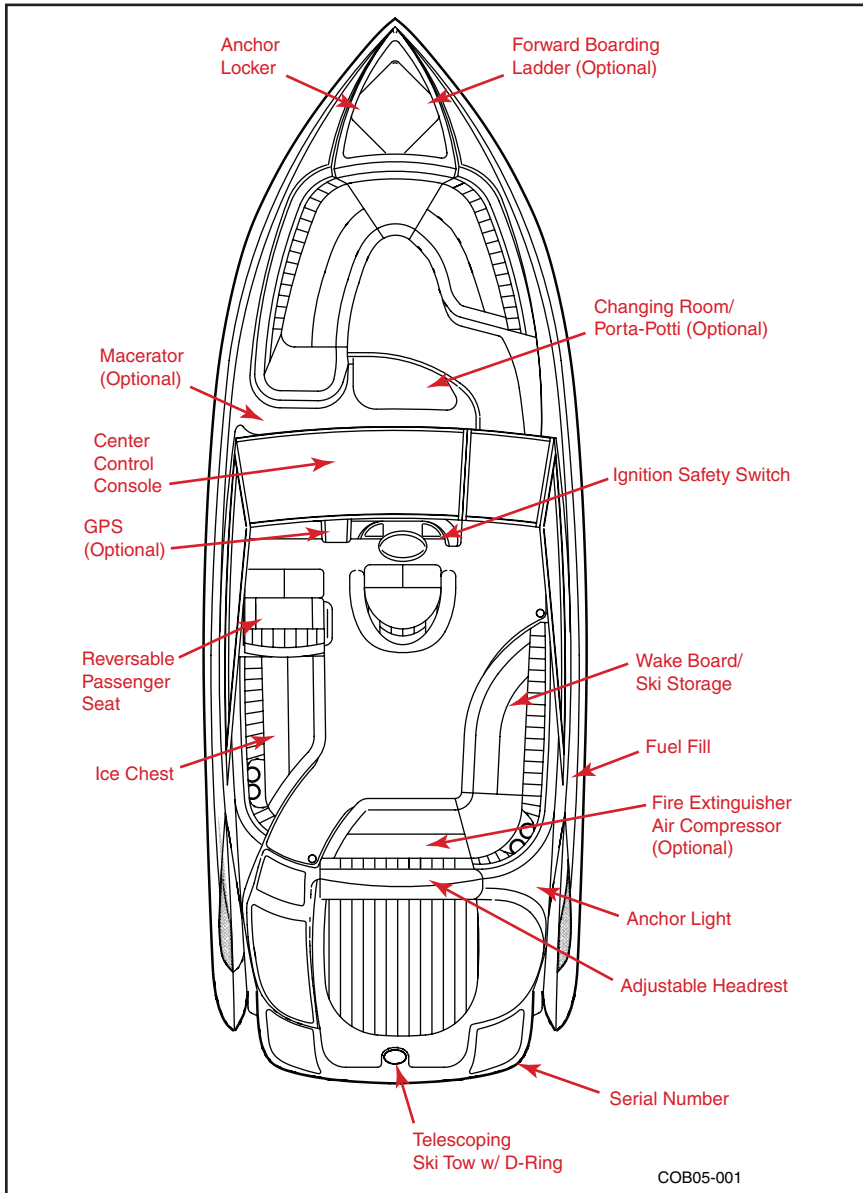


# MODEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

# 24SX

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## LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS



## SPECIFICATIONS

Style .....	Bowrider	
Hull Length Overall .....	23'9"	(7.24 m)
Length Overall w/ Extended Swim Platform.....	25'11"	(7.90 m)
Beam Overall .....	8'6"	(2.59 m)
Height Overall .....	72-1/2"	(1.84 m)
Bridge Clearance .....	57"	(1.45 m)
Freeboard Forward.....	43"	(1.09 m)
Freeboard Aft .....	38"	(0.97 m)
Draft Drive Up, Single Engine.....	18-1/4"	(0.46 m)
Draft Drive Down, Single Engine.....	37"	(0.94 m)
Deadrise at Transom.....	20°	
Dry Weight w/ Small Block Engine .....	4,455 lbs	(2,021 kg)
Dry Weight w/ Large Block Engine .....	4,736 lbs	(2,148 kg)
Fuel Capacity .....	50 gal	(189 L)
Water Capacity.....	10 gal	(37.9 L)
Capacity, by Weight.....	2,200 lbs	(998 kg)
Capacity, by Persons.....	15	



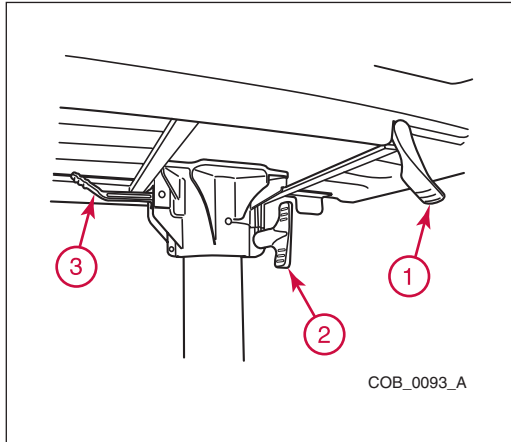


## CAPTAIN'S CHAIR ADJUSTMENTS AND OPERATION

Your captain's chairs have the flip-up position for greater visibility and maneuverability while docking. You can sit on the raised cushion or stand in front of the cushion.

Standing while driving your boat should only be done while maneuvering at an idle by an experienced driver.

The chairs are adjustable fore and aft and also rotate. Some fore and aft adjustment may be necessary when swiveling your seat(s) to avoid damage to the chair or side panel. Some seating configurations do not allow all seats to rotate completely.

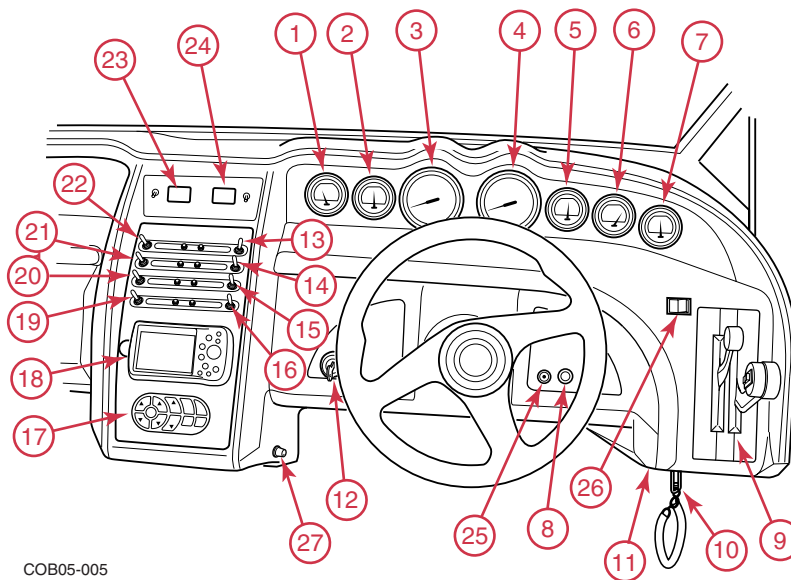


1. Lift lever to adjust fore and aft.
2. Turn rotation friction handle clockwise to increase friction and counterclockwise to decrease friction. The chair should always be operated with slight friction.
3. Rotation lever for chair - move chair slightly forward, then lift lever to rotate. The lever will rest in its detent when the seat is in its forward direction.



**DANGER** AVOID POTENTIAL INJURY OR EJECTION OF OCCUPANTS. DO NOT STAND WHILE DRIVING ABOVE ENGINE IDLE SPEEDS AND MAKE SURE ALL PASSENGERS ARE SEATED AND SEATS ARE IN A LOCKED/SECURED POSITION WHEN THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY.

## INSTRUMENT PANEL



1. Oil Pressure Gauge – Pressure can vary according to type of engine. It is normal for a hot engine to have low pressure at idle (depending on type of oil, pressure may drop as low as 10 PSI at idle).
2. Temperature Gauge – Temperature may fluctuate slightly while running. Maximum temperature may vary depending on type of engine.
3. Tachometer (Revolutions Per Minute)
4. Speedometer (Miles Per Hour)

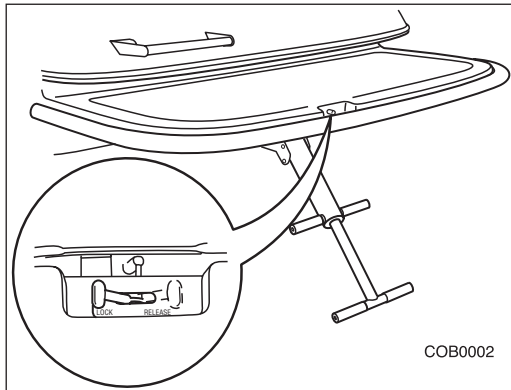




5. Voltmeter – Shows the condition of charge in the battery. It only displays while the ignition is in the “ON” position. With the engine at idle or not running, it may show as low as 10 to 12 volts. With the engine running at cruising speeds and above, it should show 12 to 14 volts.
6. Fuel Gauge – Shows approximate amount of fuel remaining in tank.
7. Trim Gauge – Shows the position of the drive unit in reference to the bottom of the boat.
8. Horn Button – The horn itself is located under the deck.
9. Throttle – Controls engine speed.
10. Ignition Safety Switch – Always attach the lanyard to your person. If you leave the driver’s station the lanyard will immediately shut off the ignition preventing the boat from moving under power.
11. Ocean Series Neutra-Salt Switch - Your boat may be equipped with an Ocean Series Outdrive from Volvo Penta. In addition to a composite outdrive, there is a Neutra-Salt switch located in the helm area of your Cobalt. Please refer to the Neutra-Salt Operator’s Manual located in your boat bag for operating information.
12. Ignition Key Switch – starts the engine.
13. Captain’s Call (Optional) – This switch determines the routing of the engine exhaust. In the ON position, engine exhaust is routed through the thru-hull pipes. This position produces the most engine power, but is not acceptable near shore or on inland lakes and rivers.
14. Docking Lights (Optional) – Use to aid in docking the boat.
15. Engine Hatch Switch (Optional) - Used to open and close the engine hatch.
16. Accessory Switch
17. Stereo Remote Control (Optional) – Provides remote control of the stereo system from the helm.
18. GPS (Optional) – Aids in navigation. For operating information refer to the GPS user’s manual in your owner’s packet.
19. Interior Lights – Lights for the interior of the boat.
20. Navigation Lights – Aid in boat navigation.
21. Bilge Pump Switch – Turns on the bilge pump.
22. Blower Switch – Activates the engine compartment ventilation blower to remove explosive fumes from the area.
23. Air/Water Temperature Gauge - Moving the toggle switch below the gauge allows you to go between air and water temperature readings. The gauge will display AIR and WATER to indicate which temperature source is in use.
24. Depth – Your Cobalt is equipped with a depth gauge. Detailed instructions are located in your Cobalt boat bag or you can consult your Cobalt Dealer for further information.
25. 12-Volt Accessory Power Receptacle – Provides electricity to operate 12 VDC accessory items.
26. Trim Tab Switch (Optional)
27. Dimmer Switch



## EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM



The swim platform was designed for use by people – not for the storage of personal equipment. Maximum platform weight capacity is 800 pounds. If the swim platform is removed the boat will not pass Coast Guard inspection, and the boat cannot be boarded until a boarding ladder has been installed on the swim deck.

## TELESCOPING BOARDING LADDER - BOW

This ladder must only be used while engine is off. Be sure ladder is raised and secured prior to starting engine. Use caution when using this ladder.



**WARNING** *DO NOT USE BOARDING LADDER WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING.*



**WARNING** *EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM MUST BE ATTACHED WHILE BOAT IS IN USE TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY OR DROWNING. SWIM LADDER IS ATTACHED TO THE PLATFORM. REMOVABLE FEATURE IS FOR BOAT STORAGE ONLY.*



**WARNING** *DO NOT OCCUPY EXTENDED SWIM PLATFORM WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING OR ENGAGED. PROPELLER CONTACT MAY CAUSE SEVERE INJURY OR FATALITY. ALL GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES PRODUCE CARBON MONOXIDE (CO). CO IS COLORLESS, ODORLESS, AND DANGEROUS. DIRECT AND PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO CO WILL CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE OR DEATH.*

## CHANGING ROOM

1. Make sure the changing room door assembly is closed and latched while the boat is underway. Do not allow to swing freely.
2. For operation of the porti potti, pump out or macerator, please check the manuals supplied in your owner's packet. Refer to page 71 of this manual for more information.



**WARNING** *HAZARDOUS LEVELS OF CARBON MONOXIDE CAN ACCUMULATE IN THIS AREA WHILE GASOLINE ENGINES ARE OPERATING WHEN THE VESSEL IS AT REST OR UNDERWAY. TO AVOID INJURY OR DEATH FROM CARBON MONOXIDE, DO NOT OCCUPY THIS AREA WHEN ENGINE(S) OR GENERATOR(S) IS RUNNING. SIGNS OF EXPOSURE INCLUDE HEADACHE, NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND DROWSINESS.*



## CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

The carbon monoxide detector is located in the changing room. It receives its power from the 12 VDC system through the battery switches. Unit will be operational any time the battery switches are on.

If occupying the boat, turn the battery switches ON. The green light on the detector may flash for 15 minutes while unit warms up, however the unit is fully functional. If the unit alarm sounds, evacuate all persons from the changing room area to fresh air immediately and investigate the cause. Do not return to the changing room area until the cause of the CO has been identified and corrected.



**WARNING** *HAZARDOUS LEVELS OF CARBON MONOXIDE CAN ACCUMULATE IN THIS AREA WHILE GASOLINE ENGINES ARE OPERATING WHEN THE VESSEL IS AT REST OR UNDERWAY. TO AVOID INJURY OR DEATH FROM CARBON MONOXIDE, DO NOT OCCUPY THIS AREA WHEN ENGINE(S) OR GENERATOR(S) IS RUNNING. SIGNS OF EXPOSURE INCLUDE HEADACHE, NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND DROWSINESS.*

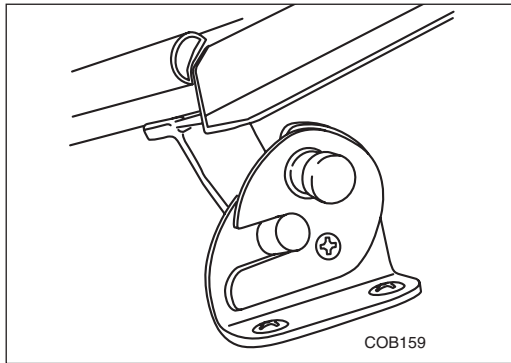


**WARNING** *TEST THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR OPERATION BEFORE EACH TRIP, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND AFTER THE BOAT HAS BEEN IN STORAGE. DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS. THEY ARE INSTALLED FOR YOUR SAFETY.*

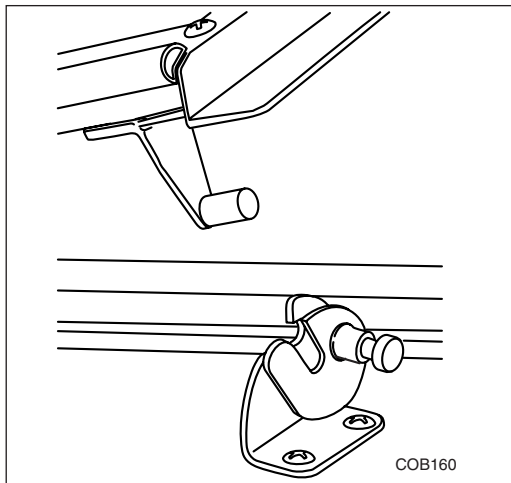
For additional information, refer to the carbon monoxide detector operating instructions in your owner's packet.



## WINDSHIELD HOOK



To open the windshield make sure the vertical slots in the mechanism are aligned. Swing the windshield open until the windshield post falls into the vertical slots and the mechanism locks.



To close the windshield release the locking mechanism by pulling the forward-facing button. Swing the windshield into place.

## BOW CUSHION INSERT - OPTIONAL

The bow area can be converted into a sundeck by inserting the bow cushion insert.

## WATER SYSTEM

If your Cobalt is equipped with an optional transom shower, standard or optional galley, the system allows for a 10-gallon capacity water system. A 12VDC water pump operates the system. It is necessary for the ship's batteries to be turned ON for the water system to operate. Consult your Cobalt Dealer for winterization requirements.

To clean the water tank, the manufacturer recommends adding 1/4 cup of baking soda into the tank and allowing the tank to stand for one day, then flushing the tank twice. If this is not sufficient to clean the tank, replace the baking soda with 2 tablespoons of bleach and repeat the procedure.

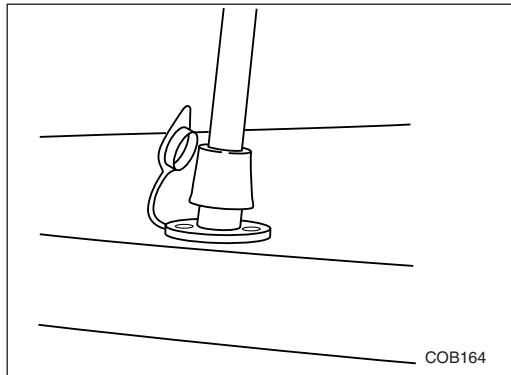
## POP-UP SKI TOW

The stainless steel pop-up ski tow is designed for concealment as well as function. The pop-up ski tow is designed for a single skier only.

- Using the "D-ring," turn the ski tow counterclockwise to pop-up.
- Lift up and continue to turn counterclockwise to lock into position.
- To stow, turn clockwise to lower and using the D-ring, press down and continue to turn clockwise until it is in its locked position.



## ANCHOR LIGHT



To install anchor light insert pole into socket and turn clockwise until it locks into place.



**CAUTION** *THE STERN DRIVE UNIT HAS MANY SHARP EDGES, ESPECIALLY THE PROPELLER. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN NEAR THE STERN DRIVE UNIT. ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE BOARDING LADDER IS PROPERLY STOWED AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE AREA BEHIND THE BOAT BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE AND ENGAGING THE SHIFT MECHANISM.*

## CARE FOR YOUR WOOD (BIRDS EYE MAPLE) DASH

- Wipe the wood surface clean with a water-moistened soft cloth. For stubborn dirt and stains use a small amount of mild non-abrasive detergent (Dove, Dawn, etc.) on a moistened cloth and gently clean the area.
- Wipe surface dry with a soft non-abrasive cloth.
- Avoid flushing the wood trim with water.
- Do not use Armor All or other marine protectants.
- Apply a light coat of non-abrasive Carnauba paste to protect the surface.

## MOTOR BOX ASSEMBLY

**Manual** – The motor box raises and lowers manually. Do not allow it to slam shut when closing.

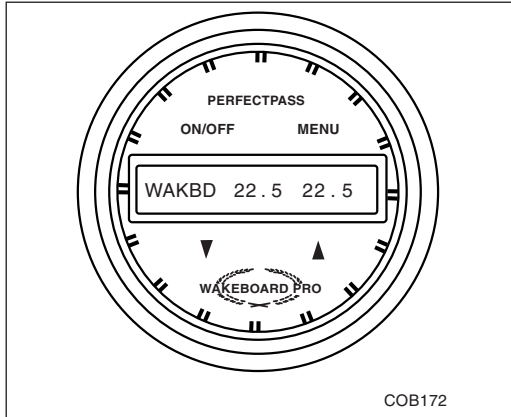
**Electric (Optional)** – The electric motor box assembly is controlled by a switch on the dash. If you experience a battery failure, the assembly can be opened manually.

## COCKPIT DINETTE TABLE - OPTIONAL

Remove the j-shaped table leg from the storage area. Slide socket cover up and insert the leg. Tighten thumbscrews on the leg. Slide the table top onto the leg and tighten the lever.

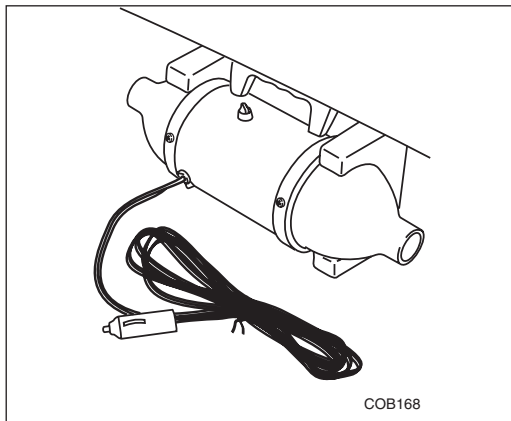


### CRUISE CONTROL - OPTIONAL



To operate the Cruise Control speed control system set desired speed on Cruise Control. Once your boat reaches the set speed Cruise Control takes over and holds the speed constant. For additional operating information refer to operator's manual.

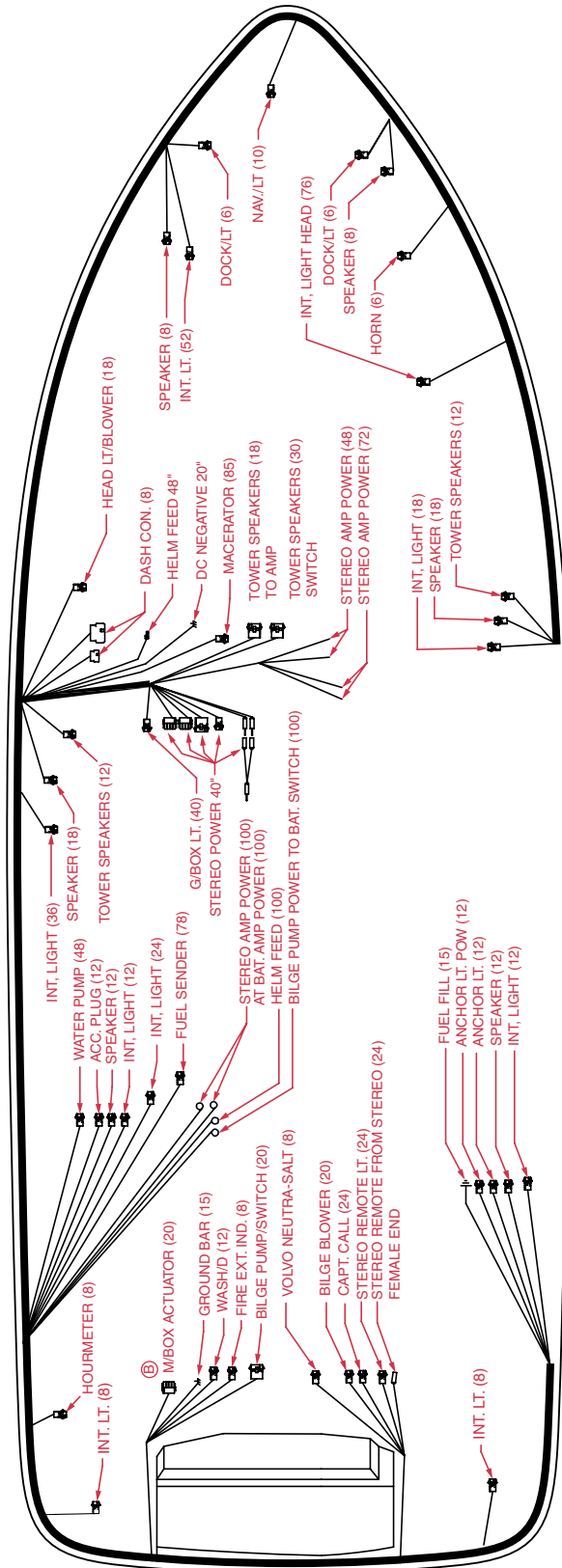
### AIR COMPRESSOR - OPTIONAL



A high volume air pump is conveniently located in the aft deck storage compartment to inflate your favorite water toys. Plug into the accessory receptacle on the dash or in the air compressor area.



# ELECTRICAL WIRING HARNESS

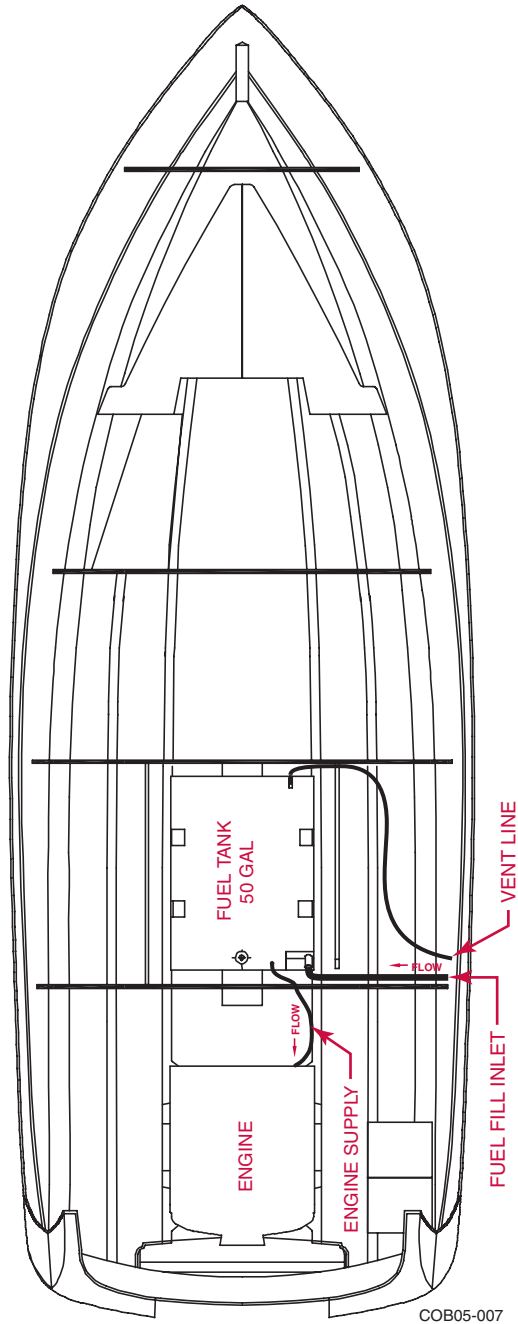


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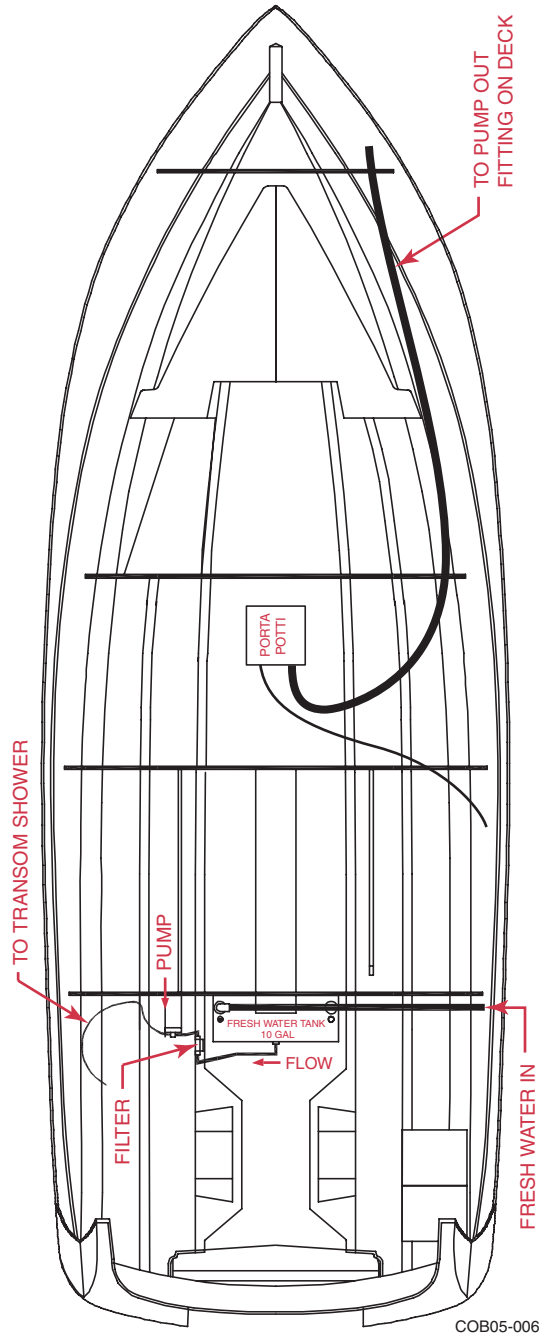


# FUEL ROUTING





## FRESH WATER PLUMBING





## PROPELLER APPLICATION CHART

MFGR	ENGINE	DRIVE	PHP	FUEL SYSTEM	STD RATIO	OPT RATIO	AL PROP	AL PART#	AL MFG PART#	SS PROP	SS PART#	SS MFG PART#
MERC	4.3 L MPI	ALPHA	220	MPI	1.62	1.81						
MERC	4.3 L MPI	BRAVO 3	220	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L	ALPHA	220	2 BBL	1.62	1.81						
MERC	5.0 L	BRAVO 1	220	2 BBL	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L	BRAVO 3	220	2 BBL	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	5.7 L	ALPHA	250	2 BBL	1.62	1.81						
MERC	5.7 L	BRAVO 1	250	2 BBL	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.7 L	BRAVO 3	250	2 BBL	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L MPI	ALPHA	260	MPI	1.47	1.62						
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 1	260	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	5.0 L MPI	BRAVO 3	260	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na			
MERC	350 MAG MPI	ALPHA	300	MPI	1.47	1.62	na	na	na			
MERC	350 MAG MPI	BRAVO 1	300	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	350 MAG MPI	BRAVO 3	300	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	24'S B-3	480321/322	48-823665A60/66A60
MERC	350 MAG MPI-HZN	BRAVO 3	300	MPI			na	na	na			
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 1	320	MPI	1.65	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	6.2 MX MPI	BRAVO 3	320	MPI	2.2	2.43	na	na	na	24'S B-3	480321/322	48-823665A60/66A60
MERC	496 MAG MPI**	BRAVO 1	375	MPI	1.50	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	496 MAG MPI**	BRAVO 3	375	MPI	1.81	2.2	na	na	na	24'S B-3	480321/322	48-823665A60/66A60
MERC	496 MAG HO**	BRAVO 1X	425	MPI	1.50	1.65	na	na	na			
MERC	496 MAG HO**	BRAVO 3X	425	MPI	1.81	2.2	na	na	na	26'S B-3	480300/301	48-823667A60/68A60
MERC	496 MAG HO-XZ**	BRAVO 1	425	MPI	1.5		na	na	na			
VOLVO	5.0 GXi	SX	270	TBI	1.6	1.79	17 AL RH	480404	3850300	17 SS RH	480763	3862462
VOLVO	5.0 GXi	DP	270	TBI	1.95	2.32	na	na	na	F4'S	480461	3851494
VOLVO	5.0 OSi	XDP	270	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 Gi	SX	280	TBI	1.51	1.51						
VOLVO	5.7 Gi	DP	280	TBI	1.95	1.95	na	na	na	F5's	480462	3851495
VOLVO	5.7 OSi	XDP	280	TBI								
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	SX	320	TBI	1.51	1.51				reprop		
VOLVO	5.7 GXi	DP	320	TBI	1.95	1.95	na	na	na	F5's	480462	3851495
VOLVO	5.7 OSXi	XDP	320	TBI						F5's	480462	3851495
VOLVO	8.1 Gi	DP	375	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na	F6'S	480463	3851496
VOLVO	8.1 OSi	XDP	375	MFI						F6'S	480463	3851496
VOLVO	8.1 GXi	DP	420	MFI	1.78	1.78	na	na	na			

\*\* Standard with Thru-Transom Exhaust



