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Shrink-Wrapping Yachts and Motorboats

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Shrink-wrapping of yachts and motorboats has been done for over 20 years to protect boats when they are winterized. In areas where severe winters and heavy snowfall occur, this protection can help prevent serious damage to boat superstructures.

With proper training, the right equipment and the use of “flame retardant” shrink-wrapping film, this process can be completed with little risk of damage to customers’ boats.

Training

Proper shrink-wrapping technique must be learned from qualified professionals. Training literature and videos that teach these skills are available from suppliers of shrink-wrap materials and tools.

Shrink-Wrap Film

Use of “Flame Retardant Film” is strongly recommended. Regular shrink-wrap films can burn and create a fire hazard during heating.

Flame Retardant shrink-wrap that meets NFPA 701 guidelines is recommended. The criteria in these guidelines require the shrink wrap to self extinguish within 2 seconds when a flame is removed from contact with the film.

Ventilation

When a boat is shrink-wrapped, the shrink wrap cover needs to be cross-ventilated to eliminate moisture buildup that can cause mold or mildew:

- A minimum of 4 vents are needed on boats up to 19 ft. long with beams up to 8 ft.
- A minimum of 6 vents are needed on boats 17 ft. up to 29 ft long with beams of 8 ft up to 9 ft.
- A minimum of 8 vents are needed on boats 28 ft up to 31 ft long with beams up to 10 ft.
- A minimum of 10 vents are needed on boats 30 ft up to 38 ft long with beams up to 11ft.
- A minimum of 12 vents are needed on boats 38 ft up to 60 ft long with beams up to 16 ft.

Heat Guns for Shrink-Wrapping

Heat guns for applying heat to shrink wrap are available in both propane fired and electric models. Propane fired guns are the most common. Both types are available in UL Listed (Underwriters Laboratories) and non-listed styles.

We strongly recommend using a UL Listed model to further reduce the chances of starting a fire during the shrink-wrapping process.

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