

Dandy Auto & Marine Reminds Boat Owners to Schedule Boat Winterization Before Freezing Weather Arrives

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Dandy Auto & Marine is advising boat owners throughout Airdrie, Calgary, and surrounding Southern Alberta communities that the arrival of colder temperatures signals the time to schedule professional boat winterization before prolonged freezing conditions settle into the region.

Alberta's boating season is drawing to a close, and preparing a vessel for winter remains an important step in protecting the investment and avoiding preventable repairs when spring returns. Water left in engines, manifolds, hoses, ballast systems, and plumbing can freeze and expand, causing cracks and damage that are costly to repair. Old fluids, untreated fuel, and neglected batteries can also lead to corrosion, moisture buildup, and long-term storage problems over the course of a harsh Alberta winter.

Dandy Auto & Marine encourages local boat owners not to wait until freezing temperatures arrive before preparing their boats for storage. A straightforward seasonal service now can help owners sidestep

freeze-related repairs and return to the water more easily next spring.

The company's winterization process covers fuel stabilization, engine oil and filter service, engine fogging for corrosion protection, and the draining of water from engines, manifolds, hoses, ballast, and plumbing systems. Marine antifreeze treatment, lower-unit and gear-lube service, and battery preparation and storage round out the comprehensive approach. These steps reflect the preventive mindset that has long guided the shop's seasonal work.

Boat owners can select from Basic and Premium winterization packages depending on their needs. The Basic package focuses on running the engine until the thermostat opens, draining the water, circulating marine antifreeze, and adding fuel stabilizer. The Premium package adds a full fluid change, including engine oil, gear oil, and drive-leg oil, along with an engine alignment and inspection of the bellows, gimbal bearings, and prop seals.

Beyond the service itself, Dandy offers an all-in-one solution that combines winterization, boat shrink wrapping, and secure winter storage. This arrangement allows boat owners to prepare their vessel for the entire off-season through a single local provider, keeping the boat protected and ready for retrieval at a time of the owner's choosing.

The reminder is directed at boat owners in Airdrie, Calgary, Balzac, Crossfield, Cochrane, Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Strathmore, Beiseker, and nearby Southern Alberta communities, where early-season cold snaps can catch owners off guard. Scheduling ahead of the busiest period helps ensure a vessel is ready before the first hard freeze.

With more than 35 years in operation, Dandy Auto & Marine brings an experienced marine service team to the task of seasonal maintenance and Preventive Marine Maintenance. The shop understands the particular demands Alberta winters place on boats and marine equipment, and it serves as a local resource for owners seeking to protect their vessels through the colder months.

Dandy Auto & Marine is a comprehensive automotive and marine service provider based in Airdrie, Alberta, serving the Greater Calgary area since 1993. The company offers automotive repair and inspections, marine repair and seasonal maintenance, and RV and boat storage. It is a CAA/AMA certified facility and one of the few Volvo Penta-certified marine shops in Alberta.

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