

Think Before You Float

10 Tips for saving fuel, money & Georgia Strait

1. Slow Down & Enjoy Your Cruise

Reducing speed while travelling and idle time when stopped saves fuel, money and prevents angry water users.

2. Know Where Your Fuel Dollars Go

Monitoring fuel usage and logging operating conditions can go a long way to reducing fuel consumption.

3. Every Drop Counts

All spills are harmful to marine life, so handle fuel carefully. Take your time, don't overfill your tank, and have fuel absorbent materials handy. Report all spills to 1-800-OILS-911, or Coast Guard VHF 16. Don't pump oily bilge water overboard, secure an oil absorbent pad in your bilge, and keep your bilge squeaky clean with an environmentally friendly cleaner.

4. Trip Planning Can Be Fun

While planning ports of call, plot the shortest route, go with the tides, currents and weather, and plan down time in your favourite spots to reduce fuel consumption.

5. Keep Your Engine Happy

A well tuned engine will help prevent pollution and improve your cruising pleasure. Maintain fuel lines, fittings and gaskets to keep your engine leak free. Dispose of oil, filters and spill pads correctly, avoiding contamination of water and soil.

6. Propel Yourself to Success

Match your propellor to your engine and boat for the most efficient operation. Keep the propellor clean and well maintained to get the most out of your fuel consumption.

7. Baby Your Bottom

Keep your bottom smooth and clean to reduce friction and maintain optimal fuel efficiency. Use environmentally friendly non-fouling or hard antifouling paints.

8. Don't Be a Drag

Minimize appendages on your boat and have them installed with water flow in mind.

9. Drop the Pounds

Reducing excess weight on your boat will increase fuel efficiency. Pack what you need without risking safety, but get rid of that ghost weight.

10. Be Stylish

Whether buying, building or renovating a boat, consider a fuel efficient design. Consider wind, solar and human powered options for your boat, energy system and runabout.



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Turning the Tide



Impacts of Climate Change on Georgia Strait

Georgia Strait is experiencing:

- Increased air and water temperatures
- Changing snowpack runoff and precipitation patterns
- Signs of ocean acidification

Temperatures are expected to continue to rise, the acidity of the ocean to increase, and precipitation and runoff patterns to continue to change. Sea level rise and extreme weather events are predicted.

If we continue on our current course, the result will be loss of habitat, and decline and extinction of species. This will impact not only the marine and coastal environment, but our coastal communities and economy as well.

By taking care, practicing green boating and by following **10 Tips** for saving fuel, money & Georgia Strait we can **TURN THE TIDE** on Climate Change!

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