

How is your Battery?

Maintenance of your battery is crucial if you want to make your next boating trip stress free.

Check the age of your battery.

Most battery companies will put a date on their battery or have removable sections to help you remember when your battery was installed. If it doesn't, take a permanent marker and write the date on it. If your battery is over 2 years old, you may want to invest in a new one. After that length of time the dependability can drop significantly. If you're unsure how your battery is doing, take it out of your boat and bring it into Gunnells Marine for a load test.

Look at it.

Do a visual inspection of your battery and it's hardware. If you see any cracks or damage, replace as soon as possible.

Check your level.

If your battery is maintenance free, you do not have to check the water level. Otherwise, carefully remove the top caps and visually check the level. If the plates inside the battery are out of water, replace it with distilled water. Be careful not to overfill which may result in overflow.

Keep it clean

Keeping your terminals and connections clean is important to ensure good contact. If you have corrosion build up, clean the connectors and terminals with a wire brush or ammonia. A 50/50 solution of baking soda is also an alternative method.