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Salt Is Your Enemy

For those of you taking your boat to the coast for Shrimping Season or just for the weekend, there's some general maintenance you should know.

When you pull out for the day, find the nearest water hose and flush your engine with fresh water for at least 15 minutes. This is easily done with the use of "Earmuffs". These attach to the water intake on the foot of the motor just behind the prop and a garden hose supplies water. Next give your boat, motor and trailer a good bath. The easiest way is to go to your nearest self-service car wash and use the brush and high-pressure wand. Make sure you get every inch in order to keep rust from forming on the metal parts.

After you have flushed the motor and washed your rig, it's time to coat it with a good corrosion resistant spray. Some brands include Mercury Corrosion Guard, WD-40, CRC Corrosion Inhibitor. You need to remove the cowling and coat the inside of the engine, along with the lug nuts, coupler and tongue jack of the trailer. If you follow these simple steps, you can keep your rig in top shape even after many years of use in salt water.