

## **Filling your boat using a portable fuel container.**

Several years ago a boat owner contacted me about his cruising speed performance issues on his gasoline power boat. I explained to him I was now just doing Marine Surveys and to contact a marine technician. I did mention I had seen fuel supply pickup tube problems.

As time went by the owner had the fuel pump changed, all engine electrics (plugs, wires, distributor bits), fuel supply hoses, fitting, and the problem was still there.

Well this year again he calls; I agreed to go have a look. While he was prattling away about all the parts replaced, I was cutting a hole in the cockpit deck to access the fuel supply pickup tube. Oh and the fuel hose used was 30R7, not Type A1 or A1-15.

This particular boat has an aluminum tube with a filter where the tube threads into the tank fitting. The picture below is of the filter blocked with who knows what. Do all fuel tank pickup tubes have filters? Not sure, but I have seen this type.



So do you still want to save on the high costs of marina fuel? Best make sure the portable tank you're using is pristine clean.

Generally I no longer repair boats, but this problem had me interested.

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