



Engine maintenance

Put a drip tray under your engine – a very easy way to see if your engine is leaking and to keep any spills or drips contained

Regularly check the fuel line for any cracks or damage

Check your fuel tanks for any damage or corrosion

Check your raw engine water filter – this is one of the most common causes of engine failure, usually by seaweed or another sea-material being sucked in, preventing water from properly circulating and cooling the engine

Change your oil filter ~yearly. When doing so, make sure you catch all drips in a container, to keep the oil out of the bilge

Changing diesel filters are another way in which oily contaminants can end up in the bilge – when switching these filters, make sure you do so over a container to catch any drips for safe disposal on land

If oil or fuel ends up in your bilge, it's important to keep out of the water at all costs. It's best to remove this contaminated bilge water with a small pump into a container for safe disposal ashore.

Remember: fuel and oil are considered hazardous waste, so make sure to use the appropriate bins in your boatyard, marina or harbour!

