



Winterization and Storage Tips



When performing the winterization process on a Barletta Pontoon Boat, it's important to pay special attention to certain items. Some are specific to Barletta Boats, and some are industry wide practice. The following pages will help guide you through the process and make sure to keep your Barletta looking and operating like new.

Step 1: *Cleaning*

It's important to put your Barletta away for the winter after it's been cleaned, and more importantly allowed to *dry* before it has the cover or shrink wrap installed. Remove personal items such as wet life jackets, towels, coolers, food and beverages, and food in the pet dish. These items can cause mildew and mold to grow under the cover as well as attract rodents.

To maintain top performance, it's also important to clean off any marine growth that has accumulated with a nylon bristle brush and fresh water. The type of growth shown to the right can be responsible for huge performance loss.



Step 2: *Storage Compartment*

- A. Start by opening the Cooler Storage Compartment and removing all personal items and debris, then remove the mesh mat.
- B. Locate the 3 Phillips head screws securing the rear aluminum plate in the compartment and remove using a #2 Phillips bit.
- C. Inspect for water in the compartment and remove all debris in and around the bilge pump. Use a Wet/Dry Vacuum to completely empty the compartment.
- D. It's highly recommended to pour ½ gallon or more of -100 F Biodegradable antifreeze into the pump well, and run the pump until the fluid coming out of the discharge is pink.

*The Storage Compartment is not watertight, so if the boat is being stored outside, be sure the shrink wrap covers the lid to prevent water intrusion.



Figure 2B

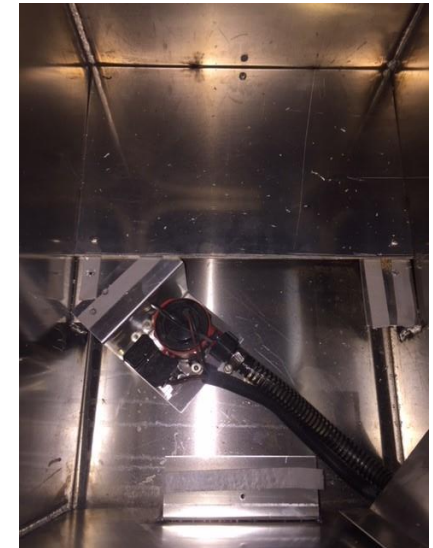


Figure 2C



Step 3: Engine and Fuel Systems

While it's important to follow your outboard manufacturer's recommendations regarding winterization, there are a couple things you can do to be sure your engine will operate normally next season.

- A. Clean any marine growth off of the lower unit and propeller, and be sure that the propeller shaft is properly greased, per your owner's manual.
- B. Consult your owner's manual and follow the procedures for stabilizing the fuel system, changing the engine oil, changing the lower unit oil, and fogging properly.
- C. Also, follow your owner's manual for cooling system flushing if you've been boating in a salt water area.
- D. Barletta highly recommends disconnecting all battery cables from Engine and House batteries prior to storage.

Step 4: Cut relief in Shrink Wrap

It's important to cut a relief in the shrink wrap at the lowest point on the engine. Water can accumulate and in freezing climates cause engine damage. Cut a slit at the lowest point, being careful not to scratch the paint on the lower unit.

