



## **STOLEN BOATS CANADA**

(Non Profit - Public Service)

### **BOATING SAFETY**

On the evening of July 1st 2017, a 19 foot pleasure craft suffered an engine compartment fire. The operator of the vessel was able to extinguish the fire and no one on board was injured. It appears a cooling system hose had become blocked over the years with crystallized salt. This appears to have caused the engine to overheat and increase the temperature in the engine compartment to cause the emergency release valve on an empty propane bottle to expel the residual propane. The owner had installed a new battery and repaired some electrical components the day before that appears to have caused a spark, igniting the escaping propane to form a "blow torch" which subsequently ignited materials lining the engine compartment. **This is a reminder to all boaters to check the integrity of all intake and cooling system hoses as part of your "pre trip". If making repairs to your engine and wiring system, ensure all parts are [ABYC](#) approved. Finally, do not store flammable containers, full or empty, in your engine compartment or near any heat source.**



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