Get Ready For Boating Season

Last weekend I put away the unused snowblower and pulled my power mower out of the garage. I got it ready for the coming months of mowing (mostly) weeds by checking the oil level and letting it run at idle for 15-20 minutes. I may need to sharpen the blade, but unless something is wrong with it, that's all I do to get it ready for the season. Those with riding mowers need to take a few more steps, but their spring preparations are still pretty easy.

But a boat, even a small one, is a lot more complicated to take out of storage, even when stored in a secure facility. You start with checking the hull for damage. Then there are controls, winches, motor(s), batteries, anchor(s), moors, life vests, and various electronics to ensure are in proper working order. Once it's back in the water (not always a sure thing) it must be inspected for leaks and other systems checked. And let's not forget the sails. The bigger the boat or ship, the more that needs to be checked and prepped.

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Big "I" Markets partner Chubb is sharing an updated "Coming Out of Lay-Up" tip sheet, along with a full length "Coming Out of Lay-Up" brochure. Developed by Chubb's team of highly experienced marine specialists, these education resources are designed to help yacht and boat owners store their vessels safely over the winter and ensure readiness for spring commissioning next year.

We encourage you to share this valuable information with your clients whenever possible. You can download the PDFs from the following links:

- Chubb Recreational Marine - Coming Out of Lay-up Tip Sheet
- Chubb Recreational Marine - Coming Out of Lay-up Brochure

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