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## **UNLEADED FUEL**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION THAT CAME INTO EFFECT ON 1ST JULY 2019, THE USE OF LEADED FUELS IS TO BE CEASED IMMEDIATELY.**

All major Sports have adopted this cessation dating back to 1st July 2019

Concerns have been raised on the issue surrounding the Governments withdrawal of all leaded fuels and the availability of unleaded substitutes

These fuels have been available for a number of years however there is concern shown as to the warning signage on these fuels which indicates a fish in A RED TRIANGLE.

On investigation and talking to a Supplier of these fuels, POWERPLUS, I have been informed that their unleaded Race Fuel Blends are ok for use in Marine Environments and that this symbol appears on all Petroleum Based Fuels as part of a Global Harmonised System of Labelling and represents direct ingestion of the product.

On further investigation this label also appears on the Safety Data Sheets for commercially available fuels at your local Service Station, all unleaded versions of Shell and BP including Unleaded or Low Lead Avgas.

The important components that need to be looked out for are - No Lead in any form, Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (ETBE) and Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) which must be no greater than what the Government allows which is currently 1%, but industry standard for commercial fuels is around 0.3-0.5%.

Most of the Suppliers of these specially blended Race Fuels are already making it public that these components are not in their fuels apart from those that are specifically designed for some forms of Drag Racing, of which these are subject to an exemption with regards to supply and are definitely not to be used in watercraft as they contain high levels of MTBE and ETBE

It is highly recommended that Boat Owners and Drivers make sure that they get a copy of the SDS sheet from their Fuel Supplier of the particular brand of fuel and keep it for future reference if required by a Government Audit.

If there are any questions on this matter please do not hesitate to give me a call on the number above during working hours.

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