



DATE: October 2010
TO: Our Valued Customers
FROM: Marla Kempf, Deputy Director, Port of Edmonds
SUBJECT: IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Due to Federal and State Standards requiring use of alternative fuels, conventional gasoline has become more limited in Washington State causing costs to increase and supply to be unpredictable. In order to meet the demand and continue to provide the best possible service to you, we have made a decision to transition to gasoline with 10% ethanol (E-10). To make sure that we provide a high quality product, we will become a Certified ValvTect Marine Grade Fuel dock effective November 1, 2010. This means we will provide ValvTect Marine Gasoline and ValvTect Marine Diesel. These are considered high Marine Grade Fuels specially formulated for marine engines.

There are precautions that you should take when using E-10 gasoline in your boat and we advise that you contact your boat and/or engine manufacturer or a qualified mechanic, and follow their instructions for using E-10 gasoline in your boat. Some of the things that have been learned as various facilities have transitioned to ethanol-blend gasoline are:

- Ethanol and fiberglass tanks are not compatible.
- Non-ethanol and ethanol-blend gasoline types should never be mixed.
- Boat owners should check for fuel-related components that may be incompatible with ethanol-blend gasoline.
- Boat owners should avoid using gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol.
- In order to minimize exposure to moisture, boat owners should avoid keeping fuel tanks half full for extended periods of time.
- Boat owners should install a water-separator filter if not already present
- Boat owners should be prepared with extra fuel filters aboard in order to make impromptu replacements.

Please be assured that the Port of Edmonds along with Associated Petroleum Products have taken every precaution to insure that our facilities are prepared to receive and distribute E-10 gasoline. We have had all hoses, gaskets, tanks, lines, filters, pumps and dispensers inspected for use with E-10. We have sophisticated water controls installed in our tanks and have had our tanks physically inspected to insure that they are free of water and capable of receiving and distributing E-10 gasoline.

Note : *Clarification October 29, 2010*

On October 26, 2010, the Port of Edmonds sent you the above letter notifying you of the transition on our fuel dock to ValvTect Marine Grade Fuel. **The highlighted bullet has caused some confusion.** Because our fuel dock is switching to Specially Formulated Marine Grade Fuel, there are stabilizers that will address the phase separation and moisture issues that could create problems with fuel that sits over the winter. ValvTect has assured us that there will be no problem with adding ValvTect Fuel to your existing tank of conventional non-ethanol gasoline. The best practice would be to use up all the fuel you can - then top off your fuel tank for winter like always. Adding E-10 on top of your conventional gasoline will lower the % of ethanol in the gasoline and you will continue to have trouble free boating.