

BOATING TIPS

Top Fuel-Saving Tips From The Pros

(NAPSA)—With the cost of fuel on everyone's mind nowadays, many are looking at alternative ways to save, boaters especially.

The Yamaha pro anglers are no strangers to high gas prices. Having made a career on the water, they understand what many Americans face at the pump every day. So it is no shock that many of them have learned a few tricks of the trade in regard to fuel conservation. Here's what some of the top pros have to say about conserving fuel on the water:

- **Perform Basic Maintenance**—"Have spark plugs, oil and other service items replaced according to schedule. A well-maintained outboard burns less fuel than a neglected one." Chad Morgenthaler, 2006 AOY FLW Stren Series Midwest Division

- **Choose the Right Prop**—"Have the most efficient prop for your boat, the way you use it and the loads you carry." Zell Rowland, named one of the top 35 Anglers of All Time by B.A.S.S.

- **Check the Prop Every Time You Boat**—"Always check for nicks and scrapes along the leading edge of the blades. Damage at the trailing edge of the blades or a loss of radius in the 'cup' at the trailing edge can cause a loss of 'grip' and reduce efficiency." David Dudley, 2008 FLW Angler of the Year

- **Watch Your Weight**—"Boating with extra weight requires extra fuel. If you don't use it and it's not safety, don't carry it." Alton Jones, 2008 Bassmaster Classic Winner

- **Take the Path of Least Resistance**—"Boats run more efficiently when the water is smooth. Wind and waves cause resistance, and the more resistance, the more energy it uses." Dave Wolak, 2005 B.A.S.S. Rookie of the Year



There are many ways by which boaters can conserve fuel, such as using current engine technology and keeping the motor clean.

- **Plan Your Fishing Trips**—"Plan out the places you want to try in logical order to reduce running time and eliminate backtracking to reduce fuel consumption. There are many chart software programs available for your computer and onboard GPS." Clark Wendlandt, FLW Angler of the Year (2000, 1997)

- **Find the "Sweet Spot"**—"Every boat has a 'sweet spot'; the speed at which the engine and hull perform most efficiently." Mark Menendez, 2008 Elite Series Pro Angler

- **Keep it Clean**—"Just as clean oil reduces internal friction, thereby saving fuel, keeping the bottom of the boat clean can reduce friction when going through the water." Curt Lytle, 2008 FLW Tour Pro Angler

- **Switch to a New Technology Motor**—"With the technological advances in modern four-strokes, fuel savings of over 30 to 40 percent can be seen as compared to carbureted motors." Scott Suggs, 2007 Forrest Wood Cup champion

For more fuel-saving tips or to get advice from the pros on fishing tactics, products or dealer information, visit Yamaha online at www.Yamaha-motor.com.