



Dealer Bulletin

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Bulletin 00-04

To: All Corsair Dealers

Subject: POTENTIAL HAZARD WITH THE FLOAT HATCHES

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Introduction: It has been brought to our attention that there is a potential hazard with the float hatches on certain models of Corsair boats.

Discussion: It appears that Corsair Marine was supplied with a batch of Bomar hatches that the rubber gasket was not properly glued in place. This could result in the possible displacement of the rubber gasket in the event that the boat is driven hard, or the float being submerged when overpowered from carrying too much sail area for the existing conditions.

The hatches have two closed positions, one which allows for venting, as these hatches are also used as foredeck hatches. The other position is the sealed and fully closed position, which is where they should be while sailing, and should be checked prior to heading out on the water. The hatches also have a means whereby the tightness of the seal is adjustable. This is accomplished by loosening the screws that secure the handles and either removing or adding washers depending on the individual fit.

To secure the gasket, a good marine sealant can be used to permanently fix the gasket. You should use something that is recommended for marine use and works on both rubber and metal. Elastomeric Marine Sealant by Rule Industries is one suggestion, and as well super glue will work. A guide to fixing the gasket is sent with this bulletin.

The float hatches are considered one of a number of items that should be checked as part of a regular maintenance schedule. To check to see if you have an adequate seal, one can dry the interior of the float and then close the hatch and give it a good hosing to see if there is any leakage.

To the best of our knowledge the problem appears to be very isolated at this point, only occurring on a couple of F-31's. The same hatch is used on the F-24Mk1 and all models of the F-28 and F-31.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter contact Corsair Marine at 619 585 3005.

Please see the next page for the procedures to follow for the Bowmar Hatch Fix

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**BOWMAR HATCH FIX
PROCEDURE FOR GLUEING GASKET IN PLACE**

Remove gasket and clean surface

Apply glue to frame where gasket will set

Install gasket 6" (six inches") at a time

Use masking tape to hold gasket in place until glue dries. **DO NOT** close hatch before the glue dries because the unit may become glued shut and glue will not receive proper ventilation.

Allow glue and gasket to bond overnight and then remove masking tape