

Through-hull fitting Alert - Feb 2016



A few of the above-the-water-line through hull fittings are made of plastic. For some of these boats, that means they could be 30 years old. The plastic ones were (maybe “are”) allowed because they are above the water-line. But if you are sailing they might not be with even a moderate heel.

I found these two with cracks in them. The Travel-lift strap tends to go over these two, so that probably doesn't help, but I found the one for the vent up high on the aft port side was cracked as well.

Take the time to give them a good look over. I just replaced all of the plastics ones with bronze so I don't even need to think about it.