

Better Boating

Gas Guzzle No More

(NAPSA)—With dockside fuel prices skyrocketing, saving fuel on the water has become boaters' top priority. "It's hard to have fun on the water if you're constantly worried about burning fuel," says Ray Brazier, professional angler. So what's a boater to do?

The experts at Honda Marine have a few suggestions to keep you afloat:



Operating your boat at optimal cruising speed can save you plenty at the pump.

- **Slow Ride**—Find your boat's "sweet spot" and stick to it. Simply slowing down and keeping the boat at its optimal cruising speed can save you hundreds of dollars each season.

- **Proper Propulsion**—The perfect boat can suck your wallet dry with the wrong propeller, so do your homework when choosing a wheel. Work with your dealer to determine which prop gives you the best mixture of acceleration, performance and fuel efficiency.

- **Weight Watchers**—Try trimming the fat before hitting the water. Boaters often store a plethora of unnecessary flotsam and jetsam on board, and all that extra weight can cost you in terms of fuel efficiency.

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