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## **WATER HEATER ALERT**

Silverton boats that were manufactured prior to January 1990 may have been fitted with a water heater that was not ignition protected as defined in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, Part 183, Section 410. These water heaters can produce a spark when the thermostat turns on and off. If a volatile mixture of gasoline fumes and oxygen is present in the area of the water heater when the thermostat sparks, a fire or explosion may result causing injury or death.

The water heaters in question were manufactured by Bradford White. The model numbers are M12U5S and M12U5S – 1. These water heaters are round with a white body and a blue top and bottom cover.



Many of these water heaters have been replaced over time and your boat may no longer have this water heater. However, if your Silverton boat has a water heater that meets this description and it is located in the engine or fuel tank

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compartment, it is critical that you follow these instructions before operating your boat:

1. Check the boat for gasoline fumes by sniffing for odor.
2. If gasoline odor is present, leave the area and contact a qualified marine technician for immediate assistance.
3. If there are no signs of gasoline fumes, disable the water heater by turning off the circuit breaker marked water heater on the AC electrical panel. It is a good idea to place a piece of masking tape over the breaker so that no one accidentally turns it back on.
4. Write down the serial number of the water heater. The serial number is located on the information plate along with the model number.
5. Immediately call the Silverton Customer Service Hotline at 800-882-9266 for verification and to receive information on having the water heater replaced.
6. Do not allow the water heater to be energized for any reason.

We apologize for any inconvenience. As always, our concern is the safety of our customers.