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Avoid picking up the diesel bug through the winter season!

Microbial contamination of fuel, commonly known as the diesel bug, is an increasing problem within the Superyacht sector.

Gerry Herman Technical manager at Conidia talks about why the winter season particularly, is the perfect time of year to be looking at your fuel regime, to detect for microbial contamination.

“For the yachting industry, if the vessel is not going to be used through the winter, now is the ideal time to test the contents of the fuel tanks. The traditional advice of filling the tanks to the brim to avoid condensation in the airspace is still valid even with today’s fuels. A sample from the lowest point in the tank, once tested, will enable the operator to decide if a fuel treatment should be added. If significant free water is found in the sample then more fluid should be drained off from the lowest point until no water is evident. Bugs need water to breed, draining off the water and any hazy layer should be part of every skippers autumn laying up routine. Testing the water / fuel sample from the tank will allow sensible decisions regarding additives to be made. The indiscriminate addition of biocide treatments is bad practice. Overdosing of biocide is very bad for the engine fuel pump and injectors, under dosing can encourage the existence of resistant strains. Much like us taking a daily antibiotic! The only way to ensure the vessels fuel tanks will be ready for action next season is to act now.”

FUELSTAT® *resinae* PLUS kit, is Conidia’s latest 10minute accurate on site fuel test, detecting the diesel bug. FUELSTAT® is the most simple to use test available, using the same technology as a pregnancy test. No special skills are required to use the test, and there is no investment needed for a reader to translate the results.

Regular fuel testing, is the only way we can identify a microbial problem- Conidia’s fuel test FUELSTAT® *resinae plus*, will deliver accurate results in 10 minutes.



Figure 2 Biomass



Figure 1 Corrosion Damage



Figure 3 FUELSTAT *resinae* PLUS test

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Note to editor: Conidia is an internationally recognised organisation within the Bioscience sector Rapid testing technologies for the detection of microbial contamination in light distillate hydrocarbon fluids (specifically diesels and kerosene) in the fuel supply chain. Test capability applies in the aviation, marine and land environments, wherever kerosene or diesel is used, stored or transported. (www.conidia.com)