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Ask the Yacht Doctors[©]

This feature answers commonly asked questions posed to ACY regarding boat construction, maintenance and repair. Please fax your question to (772) 288-4993, or e-mail it to info@acyinc.com, in care of the "Yacht Doctors"." If your question is selected, we'll send you an ACY T-shirt. (To protect your privacy, your name will not be used.) The doctors are always in!

Q: I am planning an extended fishing trip over the summer and hope to explore some uncharted fishing grounds. While my boat carries over 1,500 gallons of fuel, I hate to limit my plans due to fuel capacity. I know there are auxiliary fuel tanks available that can be stored either above or below deck. Do you have any suggestions on what product would best meet my needs?

A: A long-range fuel bladder may be just the thing to help get you there. The Yacht Doctors have received excellent feedback from ACY customers that have used



ATL collapsible fuel lockers can be easily secured to cockpit decks or custom fitted to stow away in below-deck compartments.



collapsible fuel bladders manufactured by <u>Aero-Tec Laboratories</u> (ATL). ATL's new FueLocker is an on-deck solution available in standard sizes ranging from 50 to 500 gallons or custom-sized to meet any need. If deck space is limited, ATL also produces collapsible bladders made to fit in live wells, fish boxes and storage compartments.

The 65-foot ACY FREEDOM uses a 250-gallon ATL fuel bladder that fits snugly in a below-deck fish box. Captain Albert Miller reports that the bladder extends the vessel's range by about 100 miles at cruise and up to 250 miles at trolling speed. "Fuel bladders are great to get to faraway tournaments, like Bermuda, or to extend your range on a long trip," he said. "We like the ease of having our extra fuel stored below deck, and I've had great success with on-deck fuel lockers as well. In either case, we recommend pumping the extra fuel into the main tanks as soon as possible to free up space."

For additional information, call (800) 526-5330 (USA) / (201) 825-1400 (outside USA), e-mail atl@atlinc.com, or visit www.atlinc.com/rangeextender.html.

Store Early Before the Threat of a Hurricane



Don't wait until the last minute to store your boat in the threat of a hurricane. Save money and give yourself peace of mind by storing early and taking

advantage of ACY's seasonal storage rates. We can accommodate vessels up to 120 feet in length, including trailer boats, at our secure location on the Okeechobee Waterway. Call us today at (772) 221-9100 to make arrangements.

Seasonal Storage – \$8.50 per foot/month

Trailer Boat Storage – \$1.50 per foot/month

*Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit <u>www.americancustomyachts.com</u> to download a copy of ACY's Hurricane/Disaster Contingency Action Plan and Fee Schedule.

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