

26' Hewescraft Pacific Cruiser

Blue Medicine



Operation Manual and Boater's Handbook

The *Blue Medicine* is a 26' Hewescraft Pacific Cruiser. She is powered by twin 115 hp Yamaha outboards. Optimal cruising can be achieved at 4400 rpm. Do not operate at the engine higher than 4500rpm. She carries 120 gallons of gasoline in one tank. A forward v-berth will sleep up two adults and the dinette converts to sleep one to two more adults.





Vessel Documentation

The State of Alaska boat registration paperwork is located onboard in the glove box.

Safety equipment

Eight adult type II lifejackets and one Type IV throwable PFD are located under the seats. A flare kit as well as a basic first aid kit, and a tool kit are also on board. The boat is also outfitted with fire extinguishers and a combination CO/smoke detector.

Boat Loading

Load the boat so that it sits level. Listing is better corrected by moving gear rather than by using trim tabs. Trim tabs will slow you down and decrease efficiency. Do not overload the vessel as this will stress the engine and drive and may cause unsafe stability issues. Eliminate extra and duplicate gear. Most boaters carry far more gear than necessary.

Electronics

Blue Medicine is outfitted with a Garmin 541s combination mapping GPS/Sonar.

Wash down hose

The wash down hose is located on the port transom. The switch should be left in the “off” position unless you are actively using it. If this pump is left “on” and a leak develops, you could potentially sink the boat.

Marine Head

The marine toilet uses seawater from the wash down pump to flush. Be sure that the pump is on. A holding tank is located under the unit and is pumped out through a macerator pump (when three nautical miles offshore), or through a deck fitting. Never allow baby wipes, paper towels, or other objects to be flushed into the tank. The macerator pump will plug **and you will be charged a steep cleaning fee.** It is your responsibility to return it as found (Clean!).

Power

Electrical power on this vessel is provided by two 12volt marine batteries. A battery switch controls which bank is used. Always reserve one battery for emergency starting and run on “both” occasionally to charge both batteries.

Pot Puller

The shrimp pot puller is of electric capstan design. It is operated by a foot switch kept in the boat’s gunnel, under the unit. There is an automatic resetting breaker located near the puller’s connection to the battery.

Heater

A Wallas diesel fired heater provides both head and a cooking stove. Instructions are posted above the heater. Follow the directions closely.

Raft

A raft is onboard for shore excursions. Take care in where you land the raft as sharp rocks and barnacles will puncture the raft. You are responsible for damage to the raft. Always wear a life jacket and be prepared while ashore. Remember to take

adequate safety equipment, food and water, and to be mindful of tidal and weather conditions.

Anchoring

A 22lb Bruce anchor, 20' of chain, and 300' of line make up the boat's ground tackle. The anchor is rigged with a weak link which will break should the anchor become fouled. The anchor is pulled with a buoy system. Take great care not to wrap the line in the prop while pulling the anchor. Doing so can sink you very quickly.

Misc. Notes

*This is a "wet deck" style boat. This means that there are no scuppers. While the deck remains dry, it is important to remember that the deck of this boat drains into the bilge where water is then pumped out via bilge pumps. You should take care not to wash debris which may foul the pumps into the bilge, and you should be certain that pumps are in the "auto" position. You should also periodically check the pumps for proper operation.