

Help Document

Creating a How To Document in the Wiki

I learn something new about my Manta every time I'm aboard and like most Manta Owners, I don't really like to outsource the maintenance and repair on my boat. In the five years I've owned Double Wide, I've struggled through a number of tough projects, only to discover later that other Manta Owners have dealt with several other issues. We can help each other significantly by sharing our experiences.

Before you begin writing an article, you will want to check the "How to Articles" category to see if someone else has already undertaken the project. If your project is listed, take note of any changes or additional information that could enhance the existing project and add those details to the article when you're done.

If your project isn't listed, plan to write an article and upload it to the site after you've completed the project. Here are a couple of things you'll want to do in preparation to writing an article:

1. Take Pictures or Video
2. Provide a narrative that someone else can follow
3. Provide a recap with lessons learned, mistakes made, etc.

If we all take the time to document projects we undertake and share that information in the mantaowners.org wiki site, our lives will be SO MUCH better for the effort.

Note: *If you want to embed a link to a YouTube video, simply type the link to the YouTube video. When you view the article, you'll notice that the video is embedded.*

1. To create a "How To" wiki article, login to the mantaowners.org site
2. Click on the Wiki Articles tab
3. The Wiki includes three primary categories:
 - a. How To Articles – write articles here on how to perform repairs, maintenance, etc.
 - b. Manuals – Use this category to upload manuals for products. For example, engine repair manuals, windless manuals, instrument manuals, etc.
 - c. Owner Recommendations – Use this section to make specific recommendations on marinas, repair facilities, yards, vendors, products, etc.

If you click on any of these categories, a group of sub-categories will be presented.

4. For purposes of this document, we're going to create a document on how to change the starter on a Nextgen generator
5. Click on the sub-category, "Generators"
6. Verify that there isn't already an article created for this topic (if there is, consider adding additional details or comments vs. creating a new article of the same topic).
7. Click on "Create New."
8. Enter a title for your new article.
9. Click in the body section and enter your text.
10. You can use the WYSIWYG features to edit the article with bullets, numbering etc.
11. If you want to insert pictures, click on Add Media and upload your pictures.
12. For more detail (if you have sufficient internet speed) view the video tutorial section.