

# BOAT TALK WITH

# Alex Salomatoff



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**Question:** I have a 1988 Silverton Yacht with a Generator. The Generator has not worked since I bought the boat 3 years ago. No surprise, I was told, up front, that it did not run. My wife keeps bugging me so now I would like to see why it does not start! It cranks, but will not fire up, I tried ether, but that did not work. It is a diesel with approx. 5000 Hrs. 8kw

**Answer:** These engines are quite simple. It is either fuel or air! My guess is no fuel or bad glow plugs or both.

First open an injector line. Is fuel coming out? If you are going to fix it yourself then replace all filters now. Fill the filters with fuel before screwing them back on. Make sure the fuel solenoid is engaged. The plunger should be in. It should try to fire.

Then you need to trouble shoot the oil pressure and high temp shutdowns. You can by pass the sensors by using a small jumper to the hot side of the battery.

At some point you will want to make sure your glow plugs are getting hot. Even in the summer they are very helpful in starting your diesel generator.

If none of this works then I suggest you get it repaired by us at your leisure. It will add value to your boat, and provide convenience to your lay overs, not to mention the nagging will stop from your wife.



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Alex Salomatoff is the Owner and an Extraordinarily Exceptional Mechanic at Alex's Marine Plus in New Windsor, NY. If you have any questions at all about your boat, your trailer or your Jet-Ski, Simply Call or Text Lex Now at 845-363-0004 to arrange a time ASAP to ask your question directly to Alex "On The Air."

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