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EBBTIDE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Ebbtide's 2660 Z-Trak Dual Console Fun Cruiser will play an integral part in the upcoming Oak Film LLC movie, *The Prince and the Pauper*, produced by three-time



Academy Award-winning producer Bob Moresco (*Million Dollar Baby*); Joe Reilly, creator and executive producer of the award-winning children's series "Grandpa's Place;" and Jonathan Krane (*Phenomenon*).

Drawn to its family-friendly appeal and design, producers hand-picked the Ebbtide 2660 deck boat as a key item in the film based on Mark Twain's classic story about two young boys in a quest to swap lives.

"We couldn't be more pleased that our 2660 Z-Trak was chosen to be showcased in this upcoming hit movie," says Tommy Trabue, president of Ebbtide. "Just like Hollywood, our boats stand out, showing off the most beautiful characteristics of what a boat should offer. We are honored to be an important part of this film."

This PG-rated film is currently in production in West Palm Beach, Fla., and has an estimated release date in the summer of 2007. For more information, visit www.ebbtideboats.com.

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New Places



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ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ELEMENTS OF BOATING IS SEEING NEW PLACES. With that in mind, the February issue of *Boating World* focuses on cruising. You'll find tips for planning a family outing, new cruisers for 2007, the best in navigation electronics, and eight great cruises for you and your family to try. In keeping with this theme, here are 10 tips for making your cruising experience as enjoyable as possible:

1) Do A System Check. About an hour into the trip, do a walk-through to make sure everything is functioning properly. If there's something wrong, you'll still be close enough at this stage to turn around and get it fixed.

2) Use Your Thumb. Keep your boat a thumb's width away from any danger spots indicated on your navigational chart. If using navigation electronics, make sure to maintain plenty of safe distance between you and any hazards that appear.

3) Check Location Regularly. Having a good idea of where you are at all times will help you avoid falling off course and will also keep you abreast of any potential troubles on the horizon.

4) Mix It Up. Duties on a cruise range from the fun (driving the boat, playing DJ) to the not-so-glamorous (cleaning the head, rinsing the hull). Make sure to rotate jobs so everyone gets a reasonable mix of the good and the bad.

5) Wear Sunscreen. Nothing spoils a weeklong cruise like getting sunburned on your first day out. So be generous with the sunscreen, and remember to re-apply throughout the day. Sunglasses and hats are essential for sun protection, too.

6) Stop And Explore. You don't want to be so focused on running from port to port that you miss interesting

sights along the way. So slow down, admire the view and drop anchor for a swim now and then. A stop on land can also recharge the crew, whether to go shell hunting, grab a quick meal or have a picnic.

7) Fuel Up Every Day. Take a little time to top off the fuel tank in the morning or evening, and you won't have to spend valuable cruising time worrying about whether you'll hit another gas dock before you run out of fuel.



JUST CRUISIN' Visiting new places with the family is a great way to reinvigorate the boating experience.

8) Start And Finish Early. By getting on the water first-thing in the morning and breaking at a reasonable hour, you'll increase the odds of encountering less traffic, smoother water and generally safer boating conditions.

9) Read And Learn. Bring guidebooks about the area so you can keep abreast of the sites you're seeing. The kids (and you) will learn some new stuff, and it will enrich everyone's enjoyment of the trip.

10) Document The Adventure. Keep your cameras loaded and ready so you can catch that great shot when it appears. Another great idea is to keep a log of your vacation (the kids might enjoy this, too). At trip's end, you'll have a great keepsake.

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