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**BOATER SUES OVER ETHANOL-LACED GASOLINE'S EFFECT
ON FIBERGLASS FUEL TANK**

The Los Angeles Times reported that a lawsuit had been filed against Chevron Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp., and eight other gas producers for failing to warn boat owners that gasoline laced with ethanol could dissolve the fiberglass fuel tanks most commonly found on pleasure boats. Brian Kabateck, managing partner of Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP, filed the suit in U.S. District Court on behalf of boat owners. Kabateck estimated that perhaps 10 percent of all 950,000 pleasure boats registered in the state had fiberglass tanks and that costs to repair them could vary dramatically.