

# **Forester/SunSeeker Winterization**

## **STEP 1: EMPTY THE BLACK/GRAY HOLDING TANKS.**

- Be sure when emptying both holding tanks that there is only RV antifreeze coming out of the dump valve.
- Any remaining water left in the holding tanks could freeze and damage tanks.
- Attach water hose to black tank flush and clear out any remaining debris.

## **STEP 2 –RELIEVE PRESSURE ON WATER LINES**

- Open hot and cold valves on shower and sinks.
- Push flush pedal on toilet.
- Check for pressure on outside shower wand.

## **STEP 3 – ACCESS THE LOW POINT DRAIN TO EMPTY THE FRESH WATER TANK. *SEE FIGURE 1***

- The low point drain will be a waterline that will be protruding under coach. Generally, this is located towards the rear of the coach.
- Remove the cap on the end of the line to drain the Fresh water tank then re-install the cap once the tank is empty.

## **STEP 4 – ACCESS & INITIATE DOMETIC WATER HEATER BYPASS VALVES (HOT & COLD)**

- Based on the floorplan locate and remove the appropriate panel in the coach to access the back of the water heater.
- There are **three** bypass levers on the backside of the Suburban system (one for the upper red water line, one for the lower blue water line, and one in the middle connecting the red and blue lines) → Turn the upper red and lower blue bypass valves to the OFF position and turn the middle connecting valve to the ON position. To turn the valves OFF you need to have the valves make a cross with the hose. **See figure 3.** For the valves to be ON the valve needs to run in line with the hose. **See Figure 2.**

## **STEP 5 – DRAIN THE DOMETIC WATER HEATER**

- Drain the water heater by removing the drain plug.
- Draining the water can be facilitated by opening the pressure relief valve.

#### **STEP 6 – LOCATE THE WATER FILTER CANISTER**

- **WARNING, BE SURE ALL WATER PRESSURE IS RELEASED BEFORE REMOVING CANISTER.**
- This will be located under the bathroom sink. **See Figure 4.**
- Using the canister bowl wrench, remove the water filter canister bowl. Remove the water filter cartridge from canister bowl and reattach canister bowl. (Canister will fill with antifreeze during winterization process). Do not over tighten canister bowl, this could crack the housing.

#### **STEP 7 – PUMP ANTIFREEZE THROUGH THE LINES USING THE HOSE ON THE WINTERIZATION KIT**

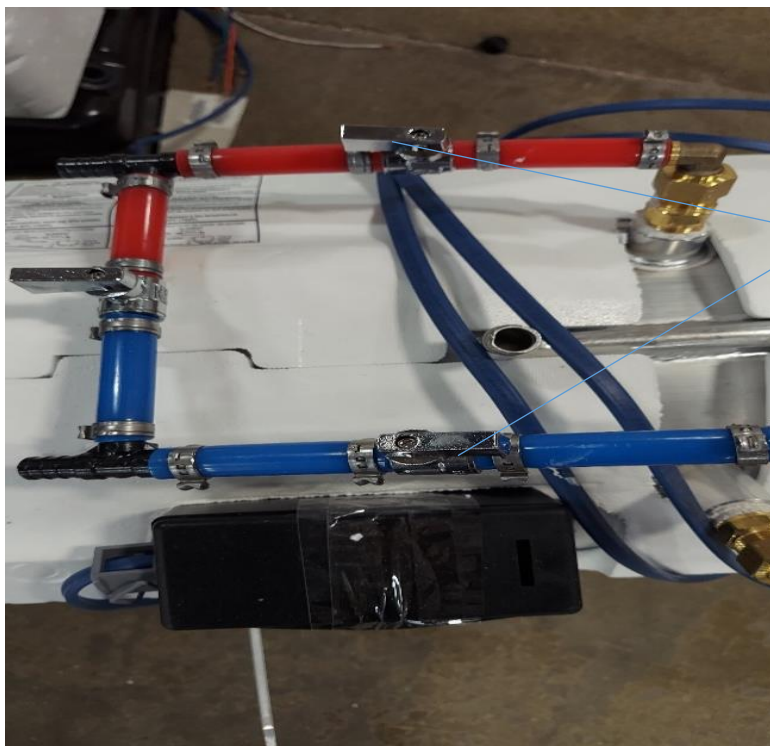
- Locate Winterization hose under the shower behind an access panel. **See Figure 4.**
- Place the opposite end of the Winterization hose into a supply of the RV antifreeze jug.
- Turn on valve located on winterization water connection. The valve is below water pump. **See Figure 4.**
- Turn on the Water Pump – ***(Lines must be primed or the system will not pull in the antifreeze).***
- Fill Lines with antifreeze
- Open all interior and exterior water faucets (one at a time) until you see only pure antifreeze present. Open the faucets in the front first then the ones in the back.
- Add a cup of Antifreeze in the shower drain, toilet and bathroom sink.

FIGURE 1



CAP

FIGURE 2



Normal Operation  
Valves in line w/Hose

FIGURE 3



Winterized  
Valves are Crossed w/Hose

FIGURE 4



