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I am going to talk about the BARD database. It is one way boat builders can identify accidents involving their boats and respond to safety issues.

Learning how to use BARD is a bit like learning how to play the piano. It is a bit scary at first, but with the assistance of a piano teacher it is fairly easy to learn how to peck out a few basic songs. The same goes for BARD, if you have a teacher it is fairly easy to learn how to peck out a few basic searches.

We believe some boat builders have remained on the sidelines because they don't have a teacher. I am here to announce we have filled that void by releasing a series of 9 BARD training videos for boat builders.

- 1. We also announced some supporting materials in our public comment letter.
- 2. Typically boat builders search BARD using an OR search for their company name OR their Manufacture's Identification Code.

Our videos teach this method, plus a series of techniques that can find some accidents this method doesn't.

3. All our BARD training materials are free and can be reached from: **propellersafety.com/propeller/bard** all lower case

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We ask you to please help us spread the word about the availability of these BARD training videos.

Thank You! Have a Great Day!