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There have been inaccurate reports and photographs of a sunken boat related to RAMFILL. There has never been a sunken RAMFILL equipped boat due to RAMFILL technology. The Centurion Boats R&D department has put boats through countless tests and unusual conditions including occasional submerging, for nearly four decades as a marine manufacturer. Our R&D department takes great pride in destructively torturing testing boats, so our customers remain safe and protected. We are proud of every photograph of that sunken boat that has been circulated.

During normal destructive testing a boat equipped with RAMFILL in 2013 was submerged in controlled conditions. This boat was submerged on local Lake Yosemite during standard testing of a new inspection device. An inspection lid designed as part of the Centurion Boats EcoConscious Program; was being certified with a team assembled by the R&D department. This large inspection lid was intended to provide visual tank inspection for invasive species and/or water. The use of these lids was proven unreliable by this test and, as a result, the inspection lids were abandoned as a possible inspection solution.

Confirmation by destructive testing of these innovations is a key part of Centurions development programs. There are times when destructive testing is the only way to certify a boat and Centurion takes this responsibility very seriously.