

ABSTRACT

Provided are a method and an apparatus for supplying fuel to a marine internal combustion engine which can prevent hard particles from entering in large quantity into an engine and which can prevent scuffing of a piston ring against a cylinder liner.

By outputting switchover signals 4a from a controller 9 to flow passage switchover means 4 of a fuel supply line 5 on the basis of detection signals 6a, 7a and 8a from level detectors 6, 7 and 8, the fuel is sequentially evacuated from fuel tanks 1, 2 and 3. When a detection signal 6a (or 7a) of the level detector 6 (or 7) reveals that the fuel level of the fuel tank 1 (or 2) under evacuation is reduced below a preset value, fuel evacuation from the next fuel tank 2 (or 3) is started, the fuel from the fuel tank 1 (or 2) being at least mixed with the fuel from the next fuel tank 2 (or 3). The fuel with a lowered concentration of hard particles can be injected into respective cylinders 11 of an engine 10.