

**Antifouling  
paint and dust  
is hazardous**



**USE PERSONAL  
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT  
(PPE)**

to minimise skin contact and avoid  
breathing dust



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**ANTIFOULING  
your boat safely**

**How to protect yourself  
and the environment**

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Be part of the  
DIY Safe Antifouling Initiative 2017



## BACKGROUND

The British Coatings Federation (BCF), along with the RYA and British Marine, are proud to launch the DIY Safe Antifouling Initiative 2017. The objective of the initiative is to inform and educate boat owners with regard to the hazards associated with antifouling their boats.

The following are freely available as references, to ensure the safe and correct use of antifouling paints, as well as the best practice for preparing the boat hull and disposing of waste and leftover paint:

**THE POSTER** (right)  
'Antifouling your own boat?'

**THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

'DIY Application of Antifouling Paints'

**THE VIDEO**

A five minute film showing how to safely prepare and antifoul your boat



All of these tools, including copies of this leaflet, are for sharing throughout the boat-owning community and may be found at [www.safeantifouling.com](http://www.safeantifouling.com)

## THE MARINE COATINGS GROUP

The British Coatings Federation is proud to introduce the Marine Coatings Group (MCG), who have worked to put together this leaflet. The group meets regularly, with active participation from the main companies who are involved with the supply of antifouling paints to the UK public.

The MCG continues to focus on ensuring the safe use of their antifouling products and reducing the risks to human health and the environment.

# WHEN ANTIFOULING YOUR BOAT...

## DO

- ✓ Choose appropriate location
- ✓ Read labels and literature
- ✓ Follow marina & boatyard rules
- ✓ Wear all recommended PPE
- ✓ Keep PPE on until the end of application
- ✓ Capture all debris & scrapings
- ✓ Keep dust to a minimum
- ✓ Use wet sanding techniques
- ✓ Thoroughly clean up after
- ✓ Use suitable tools
- ✓ Wash skin with warm soapy water or approved cleaners
- ✓ Dispose of all waste responsibly

## DO NOT

- ✗ Antifoul in a public place
- ✗ Allow bystanders
- ✗ Spray antifouling paint
- ✗ Eat, drink or smoke
- ✗ Remove PPE prematurely
- ✗ Use heat to remove paint
- ✗ Create dry paint dust
- ✗ Use dry sanding
- ✗ Allow waste to escape
- ✗ Re-use PPE (except goggles)
- ✗ Use solvents or thinners to wash paint splashes off skin
- ✗ Pour waste paint down drains