



# PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

to minimise skin contact and avoid breathing dust











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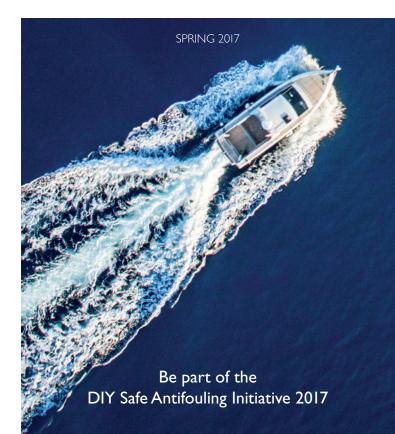






# ANTIFOULING your boat safely

How to protect yourself and the environment





#### **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

#### 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







Wash skin with warm soapy water



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



Thoroughly clean up after



Use suitable tools



or approved cleaners

