

How To Clean your Boat ...and your caravan, RV, or even your airplane



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Introduction

Read before you start

This manual covers small, medium and cruiser boat cleaning but can also be used for caravan, RV's, light aircraft, and vehicle valeting. The principles involved are applicable to any of these and it is for the user to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the products for the purpose for which they are intended.

Aircraft frames are especially vulnerable to damage – some of the products mentioned in the text may be capable of potentially causing damage. This problem is easy to solve – buy products which are formulated to clean aircraft skins and frames. There are one or two available, which are made to Boeing Standards. In general, it is not recommended you use anything but these particular products on light aircraft; but then aircraft in general do not get the level of dirt that a average cruiser hull, on a canal or in/offshore waters gets.

Always only ever consider the materials you are cleaning. On GRP it is gelcoat which is a plastic, and you will find frequent mentions to plastics and plastics cleaning. On steel it is actually paint work which you are cleaning and this is often the case with aluminium shells as well. So concentrate on the paint work here (the same with cars and other vehicles) On some materials you will find that the dirt just sits there – most paint work. On others you might find that the dirt works its way inside the shell. This is especially noticeable with GRP and gel coat helped out by UV radiation from sunlight. So it is incredibly difficult to restore a grey-ish coloured gelcoat to pristine white.

Cleaning will keep your boat as free from problems as anything will. Problems are spotted almost as soon as they start; cleaning will help to get rid of many at source. Rust stains point the way to a deeper corrosion problem on steels, not so much on gel coat. Cleaning the hull thoroughly finds blistering and cracking which you may not be aware of and cleaning the interior gets rid of

moulds which will affect your health sooner or later.

The first thing your boat needs is a good clean! Before anything else, and certainly before you start any maintenance after lay up procedures. In this manual we attempt to address a real need for information about cleaning and detailing a boat as opposed to maintaining one, despite the importance of the latter.

Is this as good enough reason to find out how to detail the boat? If not, try for:

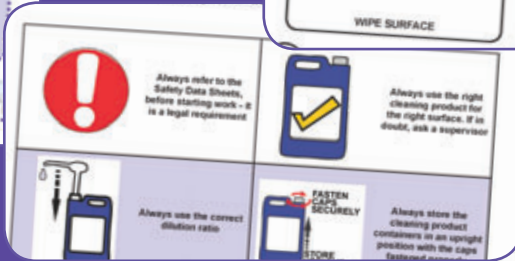
- Do your friends look down on you as you sail away in your scruffy old tub?
- Is the love life suffering because of it?
- Is it due for laying up and no-one wants to help you because it is so dirty?
- Do you see yourself sailing away into the sunset with a perfectly immaculate boat, but you get brought down to earth when you look at the dirty old heap you really have?

All these reasons should justify your taking action at once to restore your reputation and that of your boat.

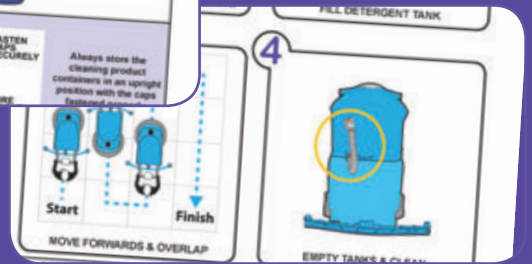
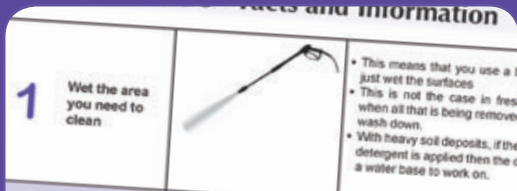
Finally let's look at the most obvious reason for cleaning and detailing - you get more money for a super clean boat than you will a dirty rusty old heap. So here is where you should start. With the thought of those extra wads of moolah heading nicely towards your bank account.

And the next most obvious reason? Buying a real cheap boat which is filthy and worth much more when it is cleaned and detailed, and looks stylish.

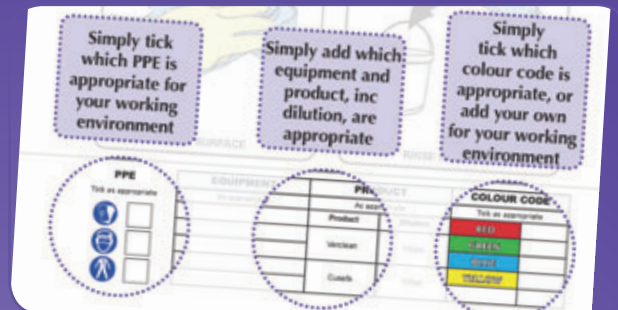
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