

**Antifouling
paint and dust is
hazardous**



- ✓ Choose the right paint
- ✓ Collect waste water & debris
- ✓ Cover & protect the ground
- ✓ Wet sand – reduce paint dust
- ✓ Clean up and dispose of all hazardous waste

**For more information
visit**

www.thegreenblue.org.uk

The Green Blue is a joint environmental initiative between the Royal Yachting Association and British Marine.



The Yacht Harbour Association

The Yacht Harbour Association, part of British Marine, manages the prestigious Gold Anchor Award scheme, which includes environmentally sustainable practices.



www.safeantifouling.com

The British Coatings Federation's website is dedicated to providing information on how to antifoul your boat safely and minimise the impact on our boating environment.



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Protect, Collect & Dispose Antifouling Initiative



Environmental Best Practice for Recreational Boating

Background

Building on the successful, award-winning DIY Safe Antifouling programme launched in 2017, the British Coatings Federation (BCF), the Green Blue (a joint initiative between the Royal Yachting Association and British Marine) and the Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) have launched this 'Protect, Collect & Dispose' initiative focused on environmental best practice when antifouling boats.

This initiative is intended for DIY antifouling as well as for marinas and boatyards who are offering professional antifouling services.

For 'Protect, Collect & Dispose' initiative awareness-raising tools & materials please visit: www.safeantifouling.com

USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

to minimise skin contact and avoid breathing in dust



Best practice guidance for protecting our waters

Choose the most appropriate antifouling paint



- Ask your local chandlery and talk to the paint manufacturers before buying your paint, so you get the best paint for your boat and for the boat's environment
- Antifouling treatment depends on your boat type and the location

Collect contaminated water run-off



- Use a marina or boatyard wash-down system where available
- The water from pressure-washing your boat is contaminated and best efforts should be made to collect this
- Portable bunding is one approach to use

Preparing the hull



- Make sure that you only remove the fouling and paint that needs removing
- Place a tarpaulin or groundsheet underneath the boat to collect debris
- Wet abrade to minimise dust & clean the hull by wiping with a damp cloth
- Industrial vacuum-cleaners linked to a sander are ideal and can be hired.
- Avoid using paint strippers
- Consider 'paste and peel' techniques

Applying antifoul



- Use a groundsheet or tarpaulin to capture paint drips & drops
- Use the correct application method for your paint – a roller and/or brush
- Protect yourself – use PPE and work in a well-ventilated area

Cleaning up and disposal



- Follow marina, boatyard or club procedures regarding hazardous waste disposal
- All items that have been contaminated by paint are hazardous waste, dispose of carefully and legally
- Think about what to do with the waste paint before starting the job
- Take any waste paint to an approved disposal location