

Bottom Maintenance in Salt Water

Bottom cleaning is important. The main reason is speed. The second is vibration. Salt water can produce barnacles as shown. The warmer the water the faster you will see growth. The bottom paint is designed to retard the growth of barnacles for up to one year. For maximum performance bottom cleaning and re-painting is required annually. If the boat lives in the salt water and you want maximum speed performance a dive service will wipe down the bottom monthly for a nominal fee. Warm salt water can accelerate growth.



Barnacles on the prop causes vibrations and slows down top speed up to 40%.



The anti-fouling paint eventually becomes ineffective after 12-15 months. Re-coating annually is recommended.

Pressure washing or hand scrubbing the bottom is a must before re-coating with paint. Immediately clean off barnacles and algae after hauling out of the water. Do not let the bottom dry out. Cleaning becomes ten times more difficult after the algae and barnacles dry out.

Bottom Maintenance in Fresh Water



The anti-fouling paint eventually becomes ineffective after 18 to 24 months. Re-coating is recommended.



Algae growth on the bottom and propeller can reduce speed performance up to 40%. The anti fouling paint installed at the factory will reduce algae buildup but not stop it 100%. Algae growth rate differs from lake to lake. It can be removed by wiping off with a sponge while in the water. You can also remove the boat from the water and use a pressure washer or scrub brush. **DO NOT LET ALGAE DRY WHEN OUT OF WATER!** When dry it becomes much more difficult to remove.