

# **Fairport Yachts Ltd.**

## ***Bottom Painting Instructions for Tartan and C&C Yachts***

***Note: Following this factory approved method will not void your hull blister warranty.***

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Although we use the finest gelcoats available today, our testing indicates that sanding these gelcoats seriously degrades blister resistance. By following the approved finishing methods you will maintain your hull blister warranty protection as well as protect your investment for years to come.

### **BOTTOM PAINTING BARE FIBERGLASS**

1. Scrub the surface thoroughly with soap and water using a stiff brush. Flush with fresh water to remove soap residue.
2. Wipe surface thoroughly with a rag that has been dampened with Interlux Fiberglass Solvent Wash 202 or an equivalent de-waxing agent to remove mold release agents, wax and other contamination. Wipe off with a clean dry rag before liquid dries. Wipe only a few square feet at a time and change rags frequently.
3. Lightly spray the surface with water to insure all contamination has been removed. If water beads up or separates repeat Step 2.
4. Scuff all the gelcoated areas with a 3M #H-07747 Medium Scotch-Brite Hand Pad. Lightly sand gray Interprotected areas with a 220-320 grit sandpaper until blended into surrounding areas to achieve a smooth finish if desired. Be careful not to sand into the gelcoat. Sand the keel and rudder with a 180-220 grit sandpaper to achieve a smooth finish if desired.

### **AFTER THE SURFACE HAS BEEN PROPERLY PREPARED**

1. Remove the sanding residue by wiping with Fiberglass Solvent Wash 202.
2. Apply antifouling paint following manufacturers recommended application procedures. A sandless primer such a Pettit 6999 may be recommended for certain bottom paints.

### **ALUMINUM PROPELLERS AND SAILDRIVES**

Most of these areas are made of aluminum and it is important to ensure the surfaces are properly prepared and primed in order that the paint adheres well and the metal is protected from galvanic reactions. Aluminum propellers and Saildrives are a problem to paint with most copper base anti-fouling paints, so it is important that the antifouling for these areas be specified for use on aluminum. Interlux makes Micron 33 Aerosol, Trilux, Tri-Lux II and Micron 33 for use on aluminum. Check with the specific Saildrive manufacturer for recommended painting procedures.

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WARRANTY FOR BOTTOM PAINT APPLICATION OR THE  
PERFORMANCE OF BOTTOM PAINT APPLIED.***

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FACTORY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
ABOUT THE BOTTOM PAINTING PROCEDURES.**