

Antifouling  
paint and dust is  
hazardous



**Choose the right paint**



**Collect waste water & debris**



**Clean up and dispose of all  
hazardous waste**



**Cover & protect the ground**



**Wet sand – reduce paint dust**

**For more information,  
please visit:**

[www.thegreenblue.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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