



Whether you have a dingy or a luxury yacht, you still have the enviable pleasure of getting out on the water.

Of course, if you are looking to revive a neglected vessel, a few hours of well-spent time can change her from a hag to a princess. Quality products will make a difference.

Meguiar's marine line of products will keep your boat as good-looking and maintained as they do your car.

All surfaces can be treated to withstand the elements and keep a new appearance through the years. It's not difficult and can easily be incorporated into the time spent on your vessel. These Meguiar's products for boats will clean, protect, and perpetuate proper maintenance of any size vessel in any weather and water conditions.

## **Hull Maintenance**

### **Fiberglass:**

Washing down fiberglass surfaces with a mop, brush and fresh water, will go a long way toward keeping your topsides, deck and superstructure looking really good. An occasional waxing and buffing out will complete the maintenance cycle. However, any hull damage such as deep gouges or cracks, is best left to a professional.

The cleats, rails and other hardware should get a coat of wax now and then to keep them looking brand new.

### **Aluminum:**

Aluminum is a great material for use of hull constructions. It won't rot, it's very resistant to cracking and it forms its own protective coat of oxidation.

The biggest problem with aluminum is galvanic corrosion. When placed in water (especially salt water), near another type of metal, aluminum will turn itself into a battery and quickly corrode. So in order to prevent this from happening, bare aluminum must be covered with a special barrier coat before paint is applied. Most bottom paints contain high amounts of copper and cannot be used on an aluminum hull. The good news is that there are bottom paints especially designed for use on aluminum hulls.

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