Antifouling paint and dust is hazardous.

USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) to minimise skin contact and avoid breathing dust.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit www.safeantifouling.com

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Antifouling your boat safely

How to protect yourself and the environment

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Be part of the DIY Safe Antifouling Initiative 2017
**BACKGROUND**

The British Coatings Federation (BCF), along with the RYA and British Marine, are proud to launch the DIY Safe Antifouling Initiative 2017. The objective of the initiative is to inform and educate boat owners with regard to the hazards associated with antifouling their boats.

The following are freely available as references, to ensure the safe and correct use of antifouling paints, as well as the best practice for preparing the boat hull and disposing of waste and leftover paint:

**THE POSTER (right)**
‘Antifouling your own boat’

**THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**
‘DIY Application of Antifouling Paints’

**THE VIDEO**
A five minute film showing how to safely prepare and antifoul your boat

All of these tools, including copies of this leaflet, are for sharing throughout the boat-owning community and may be found at www.safeantifouling.com

**THE MARINE COATINGS GROUP**

The British Coatings Federation is proud to introduce the Marine Coatings Group (MCG), who have worked to put together this leaflet. The group meets regularly, with active participation from the main companies who are involved with the supply of antifouling paints to the UK public.

The MCG continues to focus on ensuring the safe use of their antifouling products and reducing the risks to human health and the environment.

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**WHEN ANTIFOULING YOUR BOAT**

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