

New gear

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If you haven't yet antifouled your boat – then this latest product from Flag looks exceptionally promising by combining the benefits of long-life copper antifoulings with easily-to-apply PTFE resins. These resins are becoming increasingly popular – acting like non-stick pans the thin, slippery film coatings claim to increase hull speed while being more environmentally friendly by not eroding leeching poisons.

Flag's pre-mixed High Performance PTFE antifouling contains a very fine-grade copper, which slowly degrades to a copper salt. Yet it is quick and easy to apply by spray or roller and dries rapidly (30 minutes is claimed)

even in low temperatures – so two-three coats can be applied in a day. And apparently as it's a thin-film coating, you won't get a build up of antifouling layers. Suitable for GRP, wood and steel, Performance PTFE is self-priming so can be used on previous PTFE based antifoulings – however traditional antifoulings should be removed first.

If its copper content helps provide longevity, this could be a barnacle-busting-bargain!

Price: £64.95 per 2.5 litres

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Flying the flag for clean, cheap bottoms: Performance PTFE

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If you're tired of paying excessive fees for mobile phone roaming calls from abroad, this worldwide GYMsim card, designed for cruising yachtsmen, offers an economic alternative. Global Yacht Mobile have produced the pre-paid sim card to be contract free, avoid monthly fees and hidden costs, and claim it saves up to 85% on mobile phone bills by bypassing the mobile operator's roaming charges. The GYMsim simply inserts into your existing phone providing you with a phone number that gives coverage in 122 countries – including free incoming calling in 80 of them. On top of cheaper international calls, it offers competitive local call rates, free voicemail service, plus, calls to other GYM phones worldwide are only charged the price of a local call. Credit is topped up via their website – which is informative and honest... call rates are shown for all countries as well as comparative rates against UK service-providers. If

you want to maximize the 'worldwide' potential you'll need a tri-band or quad-band phone to work for some countries.

Price: GYMsim card is €49.95 (£34.50) including €15 (£10.50) of call credit

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