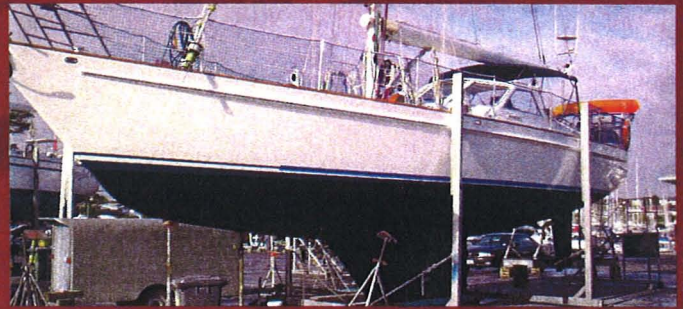
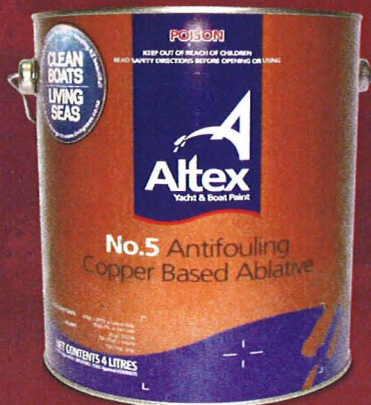


ALTEX'S No.5 Clearly NZ's No.1 antifouling



Altex's popular No.5 is, by a considerable margin, the favourite antifouling for New Zealand boat owners.

It is reliably estimated that, in New Zealand and Australia, No.5 is the most popular antifouling applied to pleasure boat hulls.



No.5 was invented, here in New Zealand, by Altex over 20 years ago. It quickly gained a dedicated following, for one very good reason: it works!

In fact it works so well that only very minor modifications to its formulation have been required in all that time.

No.5 is a "soft" or ablative antifouling. It works because the salt in the surrounding water "hydrolyses" or softens the outer surface of the antifouling. This outer layer then becomes unstable and marine organisms find it difficult to "get a grip".

Every 18-25 days (depending on the salt levels in the water, the boat's usage and the amount of tidal flow), this unstable outer layer falls away, taking any fouling with it. This self-cleaning, self polishing, action keeps the hull smooth while also reducing the thickness of the film build.

No.5 is also very effective. Two coats,

properly applied, will give two years of antifouling protection.

Another reason for No.5's huge popularity is that it is so easy to apply: for both DIY-ers and professional marine painters. No.5 also effectively protects all substrates except aluminium (GRP, timber, steel, gelcoat); works well on both high speed and slower moving vessels and is accepted throughout the world (including in the US and Europe where they have very strict rules about which antifouling can be used).

Altex No.5 is widely available throughout New Zealand and Australia in four fashionable colours: Classic Black, Aurora Red, Seaport Blue and Sea Green. This allows owners to apply two different-coloured coats when re-antifouling and so quickly and easily identify turbulent, "high use" areas where the antifouling ablates or wears away fastest.

'GREEN' MARINA Chooses No.10

Empire Marina Bobbin Head is one of the largest privately owned marinas in NSW.

The owners have just invested millions of dollars developing a world-class facility and marina is now positioned to service over 1000 boats per annum and delivers both time and cost effective servicing due to the superior design of the new hardstand.

The hardstand is a spacious 1600m² serviced by a 50 tonne travelift and 3 tonne crane, and replaces the redundant slipway system of lifting boats. The refit and paint shed is large enough to accommodate two 60 ft fly bridge cruisers and provides the ideal working environment for lengthy projects.

Given the capacity of the new facility, accredited marine contractors who support the BIA's Marine Card System are welcomed.

Both the shed and hardstand have full environmental containment and an on-site water treatment plant, making this one of the most advanced marine service facilities in Australia.

To meet these demanding environmental

parameters, and its boat owners' high standards of hull cleanliness and performance, only Altex's No.10 & Vivid (for aluminium) antifouling paints are used at Bobbin Head.

Altex's David Brown says No.10 is specified when a harder antifouling is required.

"A harder antifoul is needed on high speed craft such as racing yachts that are regularly cleaned and on underwater surfaces that are subject to high turbulence.

"We also specify No.10 where very good long-term and static performance is required and as a durable boot top for hulls protected with Altex's popular No.5 ablative antifouling."

David says some of the No.10's other advantages are that it is compatible over other copper based antifouling and has minimal colour-wash-out when cleaned.

The new hardstand development at Empire Marinas is good news for contractors such as shipwrights, marine mechanics and electricians looking for a safe and efficient working environment and for boat owners who require top-quality anti-foul applied to their vessel.

