Instructions below too Clean & Polish using Fountain of Youth Restoration Products

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The instructions below provide you with a step by step cleaning process for your boat or yacht.

Washing the Marine Canvas and Isinglass

Clean all canvas using, vinyl, using <u>Cuddy Buddy</u> and isinglass using <u>Quickshine</u>. When cleaning isinglass be sure to rinse off sand and salt crystals with plain water and let dry before applying <u>Quickshine</u> to clean and remove spots from isinglass. Don't forget to clean fenders, fender boards, and other accessories with <u>Cuddy Buddy</u> that may be stored away in lockers or lazarettes.

Cleaning the Gel Coat and Fiberglass

Marine gelcoat is tougher and thicker than automotive paint. Blisters or serious oxidation in your boat's gelcoat is likely to require the services of a professional who specializes in gelcoat repair and refinishing, but You'll find that you can buff out most of the surface oxidation and Imperfections and restore a shiny, glossy finish by following some basic steps using Fountain of Youth Restoration Products.

First wash the gelcoat thoroughly, using a soft-bristle scrub brush and a gentle cleaning solution such as <u>Bio-Clean</u>, diluted in water (follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution strength). Or use <u>Quickshine</u> a Wash W/O Water Product from F.O.Y.

Inspect the Topside or area of concern now that you have removed light dirt & fallout from the atmosphere. Do you have light oxidation or heavy? If you see areas of Yellowing or Dirt buildup it may be caused from using a Carnuba Wax, which when is in Hot Sun Light for long periods of time will actually Melt the Wax and let it slide to an area where it accumulates. Causing dirt from the environment to adhere to it. When this happens the darkened area will attract light causing a super heated surface to Dull more quickly and yellow. Be Careful what you use to seal the surface!

If you have medium to heavy oxidation you may need a Scrub & Sand Product with a gray scotch-brite pad from Fountain of Youth this is very Quick & Easy to use. (White pad can be used for light Oxidation) Simply wet the surface to scrub and gray pad, sprinkle scrub & sand onto area. Using gray pad, scrub a straight-line front to back in direction. Paying attention to direction as you move across topside or area of

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Rinse entire area with water, when dry you will already see an improvement in shine. Now apply Vibra #1 Cut to a Wool non-abrasive pad or foam pad and buff surface with circular buffer at 1500 - 2800 rpm applying even pressure Buff front to back working cream into surface. Buff to a High Gloss Shine, Totally Buff can be used in place of Vibra #1 Cut if you prefer.

Follow this process after removing any excess product left behind near cleats, fasteners, etc. with <u>Vitreo</u> a Fountain of Youth Product that is a Polymer Sealant to use instead of Wax. <u>Vitreo</u> when buffed into surface or placed on surface cured and buffed off will remove any circular buffing wheel marks left behind and bring out High Gloss while leaving cured layer of Polymer Sealant to protect the surface instead of yellowing wax.

If surface just needs brightening, Then apply <u>Quickstep</u> with a non-abrasive wool or foam pad from Fountain of. After buffing, polish with a gelcoat polishing pad using <u>Vitreo</u> (long lasting) or <u>Awesome</u> (works well) whichever you prefer as Polymer Sealant.

Teak and Mahogany

Teak is popular on boats because the natural oils and waxes it contains hold up well in a marine environment. Nevertheless, over time teak will begin drying out and turning gray. You can restore the teak's natural color and shine by scrubbing it with a Tip Top Teak Cleaning Crystals, follow with Tip Top Teak color restorer, and then applying a coat of Tip Top Teak oil.

Teak can be varnished, but most yachtsmen prefer the appearance of teak in its natural state, and a light coat of Tip Top Teak oil applied annually will maintain the teak on your boat for many years.

Interior

- -Clean the heads
- -Wipe down entire interior with <u>Cuddy Buddy</u>
- -Clean and polish all interior wood
- -Wash windows and mirrors using Quickshine
- -Clean blinds curtains with Cuddy Buddy
- -Clean out all drawers, cabinets, storage lockers and compartments, and hanging lockers (Long Term Storage place container of Charcoal for Moisture Absorption).
- -Wipe down, brush off or vacuum all cushions and pads, and remove to clean underneath.
- -Vacuum and sweep all flooring. Considering shampooing any carpeting. (Cuddy Buddy is Great for Shampooing)

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- -Clean out refrigerator and freezer
- -Clean stove and burners
- -Wipe down bilges with **Bio-Clean**
- -Clean thru-hulls, strainers, and other fittings
- -Topsides, Deck and Cockpit
- -Wash and dry (with a chamois cloth) every exterior surface of the boat from the fishing tower or flying bridge down to the bottom of the keel, or to the waterline if your boat is in the water. Clean everything in the cockpit thoroughly using <u>Quickshine</u> or <u>Cuddy</u> <u>Buddy</u>, including the helm station, seats and seat cushions, and lockers, tiller or steering wheel, companionway opening and panels.
- -Scrub the deck, wash the hatches with <u>Bio-Clean</u>.

 Wet down, clean, and rinse small areas at a time, so as not to let the soap dry and create spots on the surface. Wetting down the entire deck, and re-wetting periodically, will allow surface dirt and particles to soak loose, making it easier to remove them when you reach that part of the deck.
- -Pay special attention to non-skid surfaces and use only mild cleaners (no bleach or abrasives). There are special non-skid cleaning compounds such as Awesome and a Scrub Brush.
- -Flush out and clean any live wells, bait freezers, and built-in coolers
- -Don't forget winches, rigging, lifelines, turnbuckles, rails, blocks, pulleys, cleats, jam cleats
- -Running rigging and standing rigging
- -Mechanical and Electrical

In the engine room:

- -Clean up all oil and fuel spills, and remove stains if possible using <u>Bio-Clean</u>
- -At the navigation station and help: Wipe down surfaces of all electrical equipment.
- -Remove crumbs and other particles.

STAINLESS STEEL & CHROME

- -Remove fingerprints or other oily residue with Quickshine Wash W/O Water
- -Clean props, shafts, and rudder.
- -To Polish Stainless Steel and Chrome use Quickstep

Use only a soft cloth & <u>Quickstep</u> to clean steel and chrome on the boat. Anything else is likely to cause scratches. Special polishes can be used to remove or reduce rust and stains.

RUST STAINS or a YELLOWING BOTTOM

Use <u>Power One</u> it easily removes the Stains in normally 6 seconds, another wetting with product may be necessary with some stubborn rust stains. As you proceed with your cleaning and detailing, you will likely discover a variety of repairs and maintenance that your boat needs. Be sure to have a pad and pen handy to make notes of these, so that you can tend to them later.

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