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"It Works!"

Irish Boat Buddy has a complete range of boat care products being launched in Norway. We have tested their fastest solution for cleaning, and polishing - and have never seen anything like it.



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The effect of different boat care products, is highly variable and somewhat sad compared to the price. Our experience over many years is that industrial products at a fraction of the price often is many times as effective as expensive boat care products. But recently, we have tested several products earmarked for the boat that is both environmentally friendly and which has an impressive effect.



WITH A BRUSH: Grunt! is applied to the surface with a conventional brush

TESTED: We applied Grunt! Boat cleaner to the dinghy and let it work for 30 minutes. The reaction time depends on the temperature and how dirty the surface is.



THREE STEPS: The basic package for Boat Buddy consists of three products that wash, cleans in depth and seal the surface with wax.



BEFORE
A heavily contaminated and oxidized dinghy was used as the test object.



AFTER
The results after treatment with Grunt! and a quick rubbing is astonishing - and very little labor intensive.



WASH OFF: Grunt! is removed with a sponge and water.



AFTER HALF AN HOUR: After 30 minutes without moving a finger, the treated area looked like this. Longer work time would also have dissolved the last dirt along the waterline.



RUBBING: Problematic stains removed effectively with Surface Renovator containing rubbing crystals.

The Irish product line of Boat Buddy consists of a number of different products, and in this issue we have done a test at their fastest solution for cleaning and surface preparation. We'll be back with tests of the complete product range.

Doing the job on its own

"The lazy man" version of Boat Buddy is Grunt boat cleaner which contains phosphoric acid (also found in Coca Cola). This acid is according to the manufacturer not harmful to the surface. Grunt is a combination of the products Marine Surface Wash and Marine Surface Cleaner, and literally does the job while you stand and watch. We tested Grunt on a very dirty dinghy with highly discolored hulls, partly because of runoff from a copper mine in the vicinity of the

marina. We taped off a section of the hull to show the contrast between treated and untreated areas. Grunt was applied with a brush on the section with no other treatment in advance. The products working time is temperature dependent - the hotter, the more effective. The test was conducted at room temperature and the cleaner was allowed to work for 30 minutes according to the application manual. Already after a few minutes the discoloration began to disappear. After 30 minutes, we washed the surface with sponge and water.

The treated area was virtually clean and had regained its original color. An extension of the duration of 20-30 minutes, would no doubt have fixed up the last spots of impurities. These, however, we removed easily with Marine Surface Renovator containing rubbing compound and some wax. This product provides a degree of surface protection, and the boat is ready for launching. If you want to seal the surface for better protection with longer duration, it can be polished with Marine Surface Protector.

First class results

A complete cleaning of our test dinghy would have taken approximately two hours. The effects and results of the product is obvious, and you get very good results with minimal effort. We have not measured the surface gloss in comparison with www.batmagasinet.no other products in this test. The comparison will we do in later tests. In the April issue we will test a variety of products, including the complete three-step package for Boat Buddy, a more extensive surface treatment than the "lazy-man version" of this test.

Complete Series

The complete cleaning range from Boatbuddy consists of

1. **Marine Surface Wash**, which is a detergent based cleaner that removes dirt and organic material.
2. **Marine Surface Cleaner**, which cleans deep into the pores of the gelcoat.
3. **Marine Surface Protector** containing both carnauba and montan wax and used to seal the surface and give a high gloss surface.
4. **Marine Surface Renovator** is a Polish containing mild abrasives. Used for light to medium oxidized surfaces when surface protector is insufficient to bring up the shine.

FACTS

Product	Grunt	Surface Renovator	Surface Protector
Contains	1 Litre	1 Litre	1 Litre
Price	300	325	300
Information	www.boatbuddy.no		