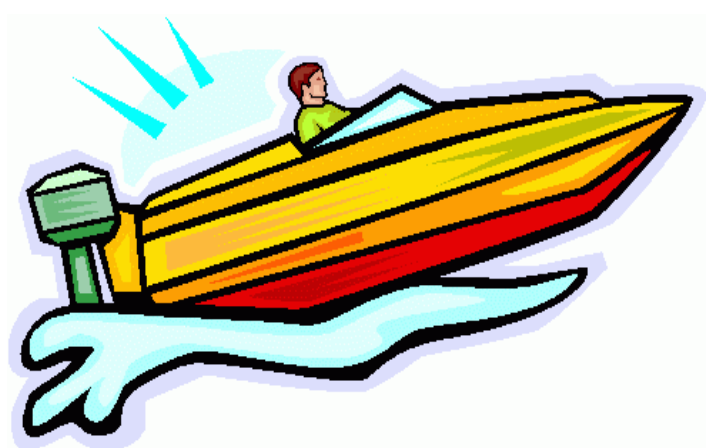


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Read This Before Cleaning Your Boat.

Ever Wonder Why When You Clean Your Boat Religiously, Only To See The Surface Oxidize & Fade So Quickly? This Might Be Your Answer!

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First things first... if cleaning your boat with Dawn and bleach is a regular habit, then what you're about to read next may blow your mind. If you don't use these cleaners, you can skip this paragraph, but I still encourage you to read on. So, straight to the point, these cleaners will strip away wax or sealants from your boats surface, leaving UV rays a wide-open door to oxidize the gel coat, starting that instant. You may defend your love for these cleaners that produce quick results, citing that you hear professional detailers say they use them when detailing quite often, but they fail to mention that they only use them for specific reasons.

One example is washing the surfaces to prepare for the application of paste wax, polymer sealant, or ceramic coating. Dawn, bleach, or degreasers are excellent cleaners to use when you need to strip the surface of compounds or polish residue left over from prior detailing steps. Removing all leftover compounds and polish allows the protective product to adhere to the gel coat surface. Another reason to choose Dawn or bleach is when cleaning compartments of mold and mildew or when you need a powerful cleaner to tackle tough jobs deep in the bilge or other stubborn spots that a milder soap won't remove. Non-skid decks are another area that is ok to use these cleaners, sparingly. I still stick with marine non-skid cleaners like Starbrite or Nautical One.



So, if you're wondering why, despite cleaning regularly, your boat keeps looking worse throughout the season, this is the reason, and it is easily fixable. If you're looking for the simplest solution, my advice is to hire a reputable boat detailing company to handle it all for you. They will know what products to use and where to apply them. All you need to do is make the phone call. Even if you only hire a professional for that initial spring cleaning and polishing, you'll be starting with a nearly perfect boat, and all you have to do is keep up with the routine maintenance throughout the season. As long as you use the right products and adhere to a routine schedule of at least once a month or every other week, depending on the climate and water conditions you boat in, you should be fine.

The Products I recommend to be used are marine or auto soaps that are labeled "pH Balanced" or "Wash & Wax". My go to soap is made by Koch Chemie, For optimal results, choose a high-foaming, pH-balanced soap and apply it using a foam cannon compatible with a pressure washer.

Alternatively, you can use a low-pressure foam gun that connects to a standard hose for applying foaming soap. The foaming action effectively breaks down dirt and loosens it from the surface, allowing for easy power rinsing or, if necessary, minimal scrubbing to eliminate stubborn dirt.

