

No direction on the directive yet...

The chances are, whether you work in the boating industry or just participate in water-based activities, you have been affected by European Union legislation.

From design and construction standards for boats, engines, lifejackets and diving equipment, to the designation of marine protected areas, EU legislation is behind many aspects of the boating sector.

In fact, over 80% of legislation affecting the industry has its origins in Brussels.

Giving a voice to our industry in discussions at the EU level is therefore crucial. This is the role played with success by European Boating Industry, the Brussels-based industry association for the leisure marine sector.

We currently work on behalf of 19 national marine industry associations from 17 European countries. Our work encompasses technical, safety and business issues, sustainability and the environment, navigation, professional qualifications, tourism and trade. More information can be found on our website at europeanboatingindustry.eu

In 2012 we will deal with a number of issues, such as the revision of the directive on recreational craft, which will introduce new exhaust emission limits for engines, mandatory holding tanks or onboard water treatment systems for sewage, and new obligations for manufacturers, importers and distributors as economic operators.

Work will also be carried out on market surveillance, the introduction of a carbon tax on fuels, boat's end-of-life and new rules for lifejackets under a revised EU directive.

Over the coming months, we will use this column to keep you up to date with these key issues at the EU level.

Your feedback is welcome at comment@europeanboatingindustry.eu



It seems the entire paints and coatings industry is waiting to find out what's going to happen with the Biocide Product Directive, writes **Peter Nash**. And it's unlikely the answer will be with us soon...

But it seems there was enough movement in the new products market at the recent Tullett Prebon London Boat Show, so we'll take a look at what was on offer.

Flag invests and refurbishes

David Lewin tells us that as well as investing in new paint making equipment and fully refurbishing the factory last year, Flag Paints has just launched its all new livery for 2012.

He says the range features the same value for money items as before but in a colour themed spread of products - easy for the customer to recognise and identify on the shelf. There is also a new brochure packed with useful facts on application and useage to go with it.

"Whilst the antifouling remain basically the same for 2012, research and fine tuning to the formulations is always ongoing," said Mr Lewin.

Last year the company sponsored Pip Hare in her Mini 6.50 for the Charente-Maritime/Bahia Transat 6.50, where she was the first woman home in the Classe Serie. In part, says Mr Lewin, thanks to her use of Flag Performance Extra Antifouling which showed no signs of fouling after more than 3,000 miles at sea.

Flag also continues to distribute its own products to its retailers, saving the distributor margin to offer higher quality paint at lower prices.

■ **Flag Paints**
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Seajet adds a budget antifoul

Seajet is adding a budget antifoul to its range for 2012. Seajet 031 Samuirai is a new 'budget conscious' self-polishing antifoul for yachts and boats.

Available in a choice of four colours - black, shark-grey, red



Pip Hare shows a clean bottom on her Mini

and navy-blue, Samurai is copper based yet formulated with slightly less booster biocide than some of Seajet's other antifoul products and will provide good all round hull protection in either salt or fresh water environments.

In today's tough economic climate, Samurai should prove a popular addition to the retail range and priced competitively at a suggested RRP of £56.99 for 2.5 litres.

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Seajet's budget Samurai antifoul

Seajet's antifoul for props and stern gear

Seajet Triple Pack is a new, antifoul system, designed for use on aluminium, aluminium alloy and bronze propellers, outdrives and trim tabs.

Formulated to prevent all forms of shell growth, weed and slime from attaching, Seajet Triple Pack is a 3-part system containing an epoxy primer system made up of a base (60%

by volume) and a hardener (40% by volume) mixed together prior to application.

Following application of the primer stage, a single top coat of Seajet 034 Emperor - supplied in either white, black or Volvo-Penta grey is then applied as the top coat.

Recognised as one of Seajet's best performing antifoul products, 034 Emperor contains Copper Thiocyanate and Zinc Pyrithione and, as such, can be applied safely to all substrates, without fear of galvanic reaction.

Recommended UK Retail Price inc VAT: £21.00
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International's Woodskin acts like a skin

International's Woodskin is a flexible wood oil/varnish hybrid that acts like a skin for wood. It's the replacement product for Sikken's Cetol Marine and is a micro-porous paint that allows wood to breathe.

Its microporous properties allow Woodskin to breathe with the boat's wood; tiny holes let the paint film expand and contract but are small enough to repel water - the cause of mould and mildew. Any residual moisture within the wood is able to escape through the paint film, whilst not allowing new moisture in.

It's very easy to apply; no need to thin or sand between

coats. With good flow and levelling, Woodskin dries to a subtle, translucent sheen.

It penetrates deep into the wood, leaving a thin surface film that will not crack or flake. It has excellent UV resistance and is easy to apply direct to bare wood without any need to thin down.

It's also available in a 'natural teak' colour which is considerably improved in comparison to the old Sikken's colours. It's tinted, but the new colour complements the natural tones of the wood far more effectively than the Sikken's colours did.

Woodskin has minimal maintenance requirements - simply clean and reapply season after season - the Natural Teak colour of Woodskin will showcase the beauty of any wood. It's suitable for use on all types of wood, including oily woods such as teak and iroko.

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International's Woodskin acts... like a skin on wood

Teamac launched a new antifouling at ExCeL

Teamac made its debut as the main sponsor for the Classic Boat stand at the 2012 Tullett Prebon London Boat Show; an excellent match with the company's product range.

Based in Hull with 70 employees, the company has been manufacturing paints since 1908. Teamac produces - in addition to its wide range of marine paints - agricultural coatings, oxide type paints, protective paints for doors, walls, roofs, pipes, tanks, chlorinated rubber paints, floor paints,