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PRODUCTS FOR THE WOODEN BOAT



NO-GRIT KIWIGRIP

Here's a deck coating well suited for wooden boats that's even easier than the Ultra-Tuff we tested last year ("Deck Coatings: The Ultra-Tuff Challenge," April 2007). KiwiGrip, developed in New Zealand (hence the name), is a one-part acrylic polymer paint-on coating. It is water reducible and cleanable, to avoid volatile fumes, and makes application easier for the "do-it-yourselfer." And it doesn't use any grit, sand or rubber chips. The anti-slip characteristics come from the paint itself, which goes on quite thickly and cures with a myriad of ridges and valleys. KiwiGrip is available in five light shades of white, grey, cream, blue and green, and comes in either one-litre (US\$30) or four-litre cans (US\$100); each includes an open coat roller. Available only direct from West Coast distributor Pachena in Seattle. www.pachena.com