



How to paint like a professional



PREPARATION AND PRIMING FOR TOPSIDES PAINT WORK

To achieve a good finish, the condition of the existing paint work should be thoroughly checked to determine the extent of the preparation required. Look for areas of damage, separation or peeling of the paint or any other signs that the paint does not have a firm hold on the substrate.

- 1 Clean the hull with Super Cleaner to remove any contamination.
- 2 Re-inspect the hull to ensure no damage has been missed.
- 3 If the paint is in good condition, sand with 280–320 grade wet or dry paper and when dry, wipe with a dust wipe to remove any dust residue.
- 4 If the paint shows localised areas of damage, these areas can be repaired using Watertite Epoxy Filler (see page 11).
- 5 If the previous coating is cracking, peeling or generally showing signs of separation over the whole area, it should be totally removed. Typical methods are scraping, sanding, grinding and/or using a chemical paint stripper.
- 6 Application of an undercoat will provide additional depth of colour and durability to the finished surface. To create the best finish we advise mixing the second coat of undercoat 50:50 with the topcoat. This will create a satin finish which highlights final imperfections which can thus be sanded smooth. This procedure will also help achieve greater gloss and colour depth in the topcoat.