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Hi Richard,

Re: Coppercoat Antifoul Coating

Constructing and finishing leading edge racing dinghies and offshore powerboats has run in the Mackay family from the 1960's.

Jim, our father built the Flying Dutchman that bought home New Zealand's first yachting Olympic Gold Medal from the Tokyo Games. He then went on to dominate New Zealand offshore power boat racing in his own designed and built boats that he often drove himself. My brother David and I have continued his legacy with Mackay Boats now having won 30 Olympic Medals and 140 World Championships.

Another part of our family history is Tamarau, a 22' L Class Mullet Boat in which Jim is a five times winner of the Lipton Cup. On 1 May, the 100th Edition of the Lipton Cup was raced on the Waitemata and we again competed. This year, after a very closely fought battle at the head of the fleet, we finished third.

As at any time we go racing or prepare a race boat for others, we prepare our boats meticulously. Part of Tamarau's race preparation is fine sanding the underwater surfaces with 600 grade paper. We have had Coppercoat Multi-Season Antifoul Coating on the bottom since 2000.

Because we dry-sail the boat, Coppercoat's multi-season effectiveness against fouling was not the most important feature in selecting the product for Tamarau nor the fact that its two-part epoxy composition provides substrate protection that no other antifoul coatings are capable of.

The key attribute of Coppercoat for us, was being able to achieve a hard racing surface that is equal to or faster than any ablative antifoul available.

Kind regards,

Owen Mackay

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