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Hi Richard

I am very pleased to provide an endorsement for Coppercoat Multi-Season Antifoul Coating, because it has performed exceptionally well on "Larus" for the duration of our 15-year circumnavigation.

"Larus" is an Alan Gurney designed fibreglass ketch first built in the UK in 1978. We applied Coppercoat ourselves by roller before our departure from England in 2006. In 2014 we freshened the Coppercoat at the same time as re-coating our topsides in Trinidad. Now another seven years on, we have abraded the existing Coppercoat and applied another full coating which we expect will continue to protect the laminate of the underwater sections of "Larus" as well as preventing biofouling, for another 8 to 10 years.

The advantages we have enjoyed over 15 years of Coppercoat use are:

- It is effective against fouling, for four to five times longer than ablative, biocidal antifouling.
- It does not leach biocides and toxic materials into the sea, so we are doing our bit to protect the world's oceans and sea-life against the damage caused by ablative antifoul paints.
- Coppercoat's two-part epoxy composition makes it impermeable giving us comfort that our hull has a high level of protection that no other antifoul coating can offer.
- It is durable, so it can be scrubbed without harm and is very resistant to damage.
- It is equally effective in tropical and sub-tropical water.

We have appreciated the level of technical support that you have provided during our recent Coppercoat application in Whangarei. Applying a clear resin and hardener coat ahead of the full Coppercoat made application easier than ever before and the supersmooth finish we achieved (again with rollers) is a joy.

Our observation is that the level of biofouling in areas of Northland is as bad or worse than any we have experienced during our journey. I am delighted to say that after six weeks in these waters, we have not a single spot of biofouling on the hull.

As you are aware, we are going to assist our friends on the Oyster 56 with their Coppercoat application this coming summer. We look forward to working with you again on this project and to applying what in our opinion, is the best antifoul coating system in the world.

Best regards.

Tim