

Barry's Tips - Hull

By Barry Mellor, Shrimper 849 (Clementine) (2003)

1 Topsides

Degradation by UV causes chalking of the gel coat, which in turn accelerates the rate of UV degradation. Dark colours are especially vulnerable - the darker the colour, the better the UV absorption! Cutting back gives a nice new shine, but this seems to be short lived. (*See update on Farecla topside refurbishment under Hull- Topsides*)

2 Antifouling Boot Top

For the boot-top, I have extended the white strip around the waterline and apply International MPX, which is quite easy to scrub clean of weed. Most important - you must apply a primer to the gel coat before painting with MPX, otherwise the MPX comes off!