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## COP-R-BOTE

The **ANTIFOULING** that lasts five + years

Bote-Cote provides a permanent antifouling coating, Cop-R-Bote, a suspension of 70% pure copper powder in a specially formulated epoxy resin. Cop-R-Bote has been designed to reduce the costs of boat ownership by avoiding the need for frequent application of antifouling, as well as to protect the environment of our waterways. With correct application it should last between five and Ten years without recoating.

For centuries copper sheathing has been well known as the most effective antifouling system. Cop-R-Bote builds on this knowledge to enable a copper sheathing to be applied to any hull other than aluminium. The coating is non-ablative, does not require replacement, improves osmosis resistance in fibreglass hulls, and improves boat speed because it is permanently very smooth and slick.

Cop-R-Bote is applied directly over a sanded epoxy surface. On other boats, sand back the existing surface to provide a good key, then apply two coats of Bote-Cote as a primer. Of course, all old antifouling must be removed first, as this would leave a weak substrate and possibly allow the new coating to peel off. Two coats of Cop-R-Bote are required to ensure good uniform coverage and ideally a third coat on leading edges and high wear areas. After it has cured, it is necessary to rub back the surface with fine abrasive to remove the epoxy film which covers the surface of the copper particles. Therefore the smoothest applied finish is desirable, and this can best be obtained by spraying Cop-R-Bote using a pressure pot and high build primer spray gun. Roller or brush application are also suitable.

Depending on water quality, the boat will require light cleaning by sponge or Scotchbrite pad every few weeks to months depending on the boats usage and water temperature, to remove the bacterial slime which accumulates on any underwater surface. Unlike all conventional antifouling, Cop-R-Bote has EPA acceptance for washing down and scrubbing without requiring the washings being removed for trade waste treatment (check with local waterways authorities as some consider barnacles and mussels to be pollutants). If left to accumulate, this slime layer will start to protect the fouling organisms from the toxic effects of the copper surface.

Cop-R-Bote is available in red, blue, green, black or natural copper. The colours will change with time and take on more weathered copper appearance as the exposed copper develops its natural tarnished layer.

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