

Press release

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Effective hull coatings with lower environmental impacts are no longer a dream

Hempel A/S, as a leading innovator of high performing coatings for yachts, has been optimising their coatings solutions for years to minimise the impact on the environment.

Hempel's philosophy is that unnecessarily impacting the environment should be avoided, therefore Hempel has been developing and testing innovative solutions, which resulted in the invention of Hempel's Silic One coating, the first single pack, biocide-free, foul-release coating widely available for pleasure craft. As its popularity has grown, more and more customers are seeing the advantages of this product over traditional antifouling. Boat owners are determined to find a long term solution that doesn't involve the hassle and cost of reapplying a new coat every season.

With an increasing track record, demonstrated efficacy above conventional antifouling coatings, Hempel A/S is now able to recommend Silic One for two year performance.

Hempel's patented hydrogel technology in combination with the ultra-smooth silicone finish, gives the coating surface water like properties making it difficult for fouling organisms to attach to the hull and easy for them to be removed when the boat is in motion. Switching to Silic One has never been easier with a full range of products to support application to unpainted surfaces or existing antifouling coatings, and with two year performance customers can cut down on their yearly maintenance costs. Hempel Silic One works on propellers too, so provides a single solution for both hull and propeller simplifying the whole process of product selection to achieve effective fouling protection.

Maintaining a fouling free hull is critical for boat performance, but the silicone technology ensures ultimate hull smoothness. Suitable for both motor boats and sailing boats, customer testimonials have demonstrated both fuel savings and improved cruising speed for sail boats.*

As pressure increases on the boating community to reduce the use of biocide based antifouling, without compromising on performance Hempel is ready to face these challenges by providing products that meet the legislative changes in this area, and is leading the way in the industry by showing that biocide-free coatings offer the same high performance as coatings containing biocides.

For Hempel, the responsibility is not only to have biocide-free products on the market, but also to educate the market about how biocide-free solutions can perform even better than coatings containing biocides. Hempel's Silic One offers an effective alternative for a fouling free future.

***Testimonial:** *"I am a part of a racing crew in a RO 300 Barcelona, the owner applied Silic One on the boat a couple of seasons ago. The owner claims that it has been a very good investment and the boat is always clean. As a crew we have noticed an increase in speed as well as finding the boat easier to control and steer. We've also seen a significant saving in the time spend on the annual maintenance of the ship's hull.*

The first year, after a whole season of the boat in the water, we could not believe what we saw when lifted the boat. The Boat hull was impeccable, no action was needed.

From that experience, and having painted many boats in the past as a crew member, I have become an absolute fan of Hempel's Silic One."

Monica Lorenzo

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For more info & testimonials check out www.hempelyacht.com

About Hempel

As a world-leading supplier of trusted coating solutions, Hempel is a global company with strong values, working with customers in the protective, marine, decorative, container and yacht industries. Hempel factories, R&D centres and stock points are established in every region. Across the globe, Hempel's coatings protect surfaces, structures and equipment. They extend asset lifetimes, reduce maintenance costs and make homes and workplaces safer and more colourful. Hempel was founded in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1915. It is proudly owned by the Hempel Foundation, which ensures a solid economic base for the Hempel Group and supports cultural, social, humanitarian and scientific purposes around the world.

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