

## **Not All Boat Suds Are Created Equal: BoatUS Foundation Tests Boat Soaps**

The non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water recently laboratory tested 20 boat cleaners for their toxicity as well as how quickly they biodegraded. The study findings definitively put an end to a misperception amongst some boaters that “green” cleaners may not be as effective as conventional cleaners. In fact, some of the ‘green’ products actually outperformed conventional cleaners. Tests revealed that the best cleaners for the environment were found to biodegrade in as little as two weeks. “Biodegradability is more important than its initial toxicity. Cleaners that break down slowly have a greater impact on aquatic life over time. To find out which products scored the highest in all tests, you can view a series of short videos as well as a full report, “Foundation Findings #47 – Green Cleaners Testing,” at [www.BoatUS.com/foundation/Findings/47](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/Findings/47). From: [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com).

Spoiler alert – What they found was Both Thetford Marine Boat Wash and Meguiar's Gel wash were nearly 100% biodegraded in 4 weeks. ConcrobiumXT Ecowash Gel was the hands down winner in biodegradability with nearly 100% degradation in only 2 weeks. Weighing all the factors: cleaning performance, toxicity, biodegradability and cost, the **Staff Pick is Thetford Boat Wash**. Meguiar's is the only one listed for sale at the Harbour Chandlers.

There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. We are all crew. ~Marshall McLuhan, 1964

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