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# COPPERCOAT IS PROVING ITS WORTH



58ft Wavecrusher 'Gentle Spirit'

When Dave Cochrane lifts 'Gentle Spirit' out for her regular check in November this year, it will be the tenth anniversary since she was first launched at Warkworth from the former Wavecrusher Boats yard.

Dave Cochrane is now onto his third Wavecrusher, each slightly larger than its predecessor, and all three have been coated with Coppercoat anti fouling paint. Cochrane has now had over 18 years of using Coppercoat and his overall verdict is positive. "We are very pleased with Coppercoat as a low maintenance antifouling ... we lift Gentle Spirit out of the water for a week in November every year at the Whitianga Marina for her yearly maintenance. Each year all she requires is a high pressure water blast on lift out, check all hull fittings, propellers, shafts, rudders and the bow thrusters. A simple application of Prop Speed is all she needs. A regular anti-foul application to this 58 footer would greatly increase these costs and job list. It's been a very effective product for us and we highly recommend this product to other boat owners".

Dave Cochrane has been one of the early adopters of Coppercoat from around the world. Coppercoat is now in its 20th year of production, and has coated over 20,000 boats from as far north as Alaska and as far south as Bluff, New Zealand. Ewan Clark, one of the founders of Coppercoat, commented that the temperature of NZ waters to the UK are similar, where some of the longest serving boats have now reached 17 years!

Dave Cochrane is a proud ambassador of Coppercoat in New Zealand waters with three boats behind him and now with 10 years of longevity on his current boat. He can prove that the product does in fact live up to its claims in New Zealand waters. The key considerations that Cochrane faced and are commonly voiced are:

#### What does it cost?

The initial outlay is slightly more expensive than competing products, but within three years Coppercoat will pay itself off, leaving seven plus years of free antifouling.

#### When is the best time?

The best time to consider Coppercoat is if you have a number of old layers of antifoul on your hull and they need to come off, or your current antifouling is getting very thin. If your boat is brand new, then Coppercoat can be applied straight onto the gel coat or a quality primer coat.

#### Who can apply it?

If you have applied traditional antifouling paint before you will be more than capable of applying it yourself. No specialist applicator is required. Dave Cochrane adds, "it is quite simple. Good preparation and then just follow the instructions." MEC Marine, the NZ Distributor of Coppercoat, has a team that can be on hand to provide an added level of confidence, or a simple video can be viewed on MEC Marine's website.



Coated by Wavecrusher Boats December 2001.

## Vital Stats

**Boat name and design:**  
58ft Wavecrusher 'Gentle Spirit'

**Moored:**  
Whitianga Coromandel, NZ

**Date coated with Coppercoat:**  
From new December 2001

**How was it coated:**  
Wavecrusher Boats, Warkworth

**Yearly use:**  
Most summer weekends, some long trips to Great Barrier and a couple of trips to the Bay of Islands, approx 150 hours per year.

For Cochrane the key benefit has not just been Coppercoat's longevity, but a smoother and cleaner hull that ultimately means a more efficient boat. He further comments "commercial boats should be considering Coppercoat, especially the game fishing fleet because at 15 knots it self cleans itself!"



Hauled out after nine years.

"Apart from the inspection on the engines, and the odd touch up where something has marked the hull, yearly maintenance costs are almost nil". Dave Cochrane believes "it has been one of the best investments he has made with his launch. We are extremely happy with its performance and thoroughly recommend it to others".

Coppercoat will be on Display at MEC Marine's stand at the upcoming On the Water Boat Show, stand 313, or PH 09 845 8334



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