
Focus News

For issue 103 our focus is 'The Finish', and the main activities that are associated with it. This includes filling, fairing and all types of coatings including varnishes, teak and the machines and technologies associated with their application and maintenance. Here is the news we received on what makes the superyacht shine.

A Match Made in Heaven

Railstar Marine and the Commercial Division of Pinmar Yacht Painting Systems are pleased to announce a collaboration that will see Pinmar as the worldwide distributor for the award-winning Railstar (Cap Rail Maintenance) System. It seems like a match made in heaven with Pinmar's Commercial Director commenting: "...Pinmar's logo is 'Yacht Painting Systems'; we were immediately interested in this product. I do not recall when I have personally witnessed such an innovation with regards to (procedure and effect) within the realm of cap rail maintenance." Founded by Scott and Leticia Van Allen, Railstar Marine along with L.V.A Yacht Crew Agency is part of the newly formed Yacht Crew Group, also formed by the Van Allens. Formed in 1974 Pinmar has gone from strength to strength in the world of paint. Railstar is a reusable, quickly attachable and detachable frame assembly system. When in place, it houses a very easily installed "bib" or retaining tray which will catch all run-off material, which may include paint remover, varnish, scrapings,

sanding dust etc, enabling the varnisher or painter to apply thicker coatings without having to worry about run-off. When not in use the Railstar framing assembly can be easily stored and takes up a small amount of space. This product was developed in late 2004 and has gone on to gain the respect of industry leaders, we look forward to seeing how Pinmar and Railstar's relationship progresses.

As an 'embodiment of this system', Coverguard will now be available through Pinmar/Railstar distributors in smaller, more convenient spools. Coverguard, manufactured by Bainbridge Intl, is the industry standard (blue flame-retardant polyethylene deck plate with non-slip diamond pattern) for deck and carpet protection. The two new sizes will work well with the Railstar System, and are expected to be popular and practical with bosuns, engineers, interior crew and contractors alike.

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Yet Another One for Pinmar

Another nugget of news from Pinmar is that they have become the distributor for Neosil, with their unique, environmentally friendly concept – Neosil Fouling Release System. The system was developed in The Netherlands and is based on extremely smooth silicon technology, which prevents organisms from sticking to the ship's bottom. The fouling system also allows faster boat speed, does not contain biocides or heavy metals, prevents osmosis and annual maintenance is greatly reduced. It consists of epoxy primer, Neosil Midcoat and Neosil Topcoat and is suitable for steel, wood, aluminium, polyester and composite, and for fresh and salt water.

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