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**HULL DIVERS** | 619.823.5210

### **San Diego Hull Divers BMP (Best Management Practices)**

San Diego Hull Divers promotes in-water hull cleaning **Best Management Practices (BMP's)** and the use of non-copper and biocide-free hull coatings. We have been trained and certified in the use of these BMPs (the only ones recognized by the state of California) and use them every day to ensure that we minimize our impact on the environment when performing in-water hull cleaning, zinc replacement and propeller maintenance to maximize the performance and longevity of boat and yacht anti fouling paint.

- We clean gently during underwater hull cleaning to avoid creating a plume or cloud of paint in the water.
- We refrain from hull cleaning for a minimum of **60 days** after hard antifouling paint has been applied to a boat's hull.
- We always use the least abrasive material that will effectively clean the boat hull and metal painted surfaces:
- We use soft sponges or pieces of carpet to clean marine growth for hulls.
- We use only soft nylon or similar material on rotary brush machines.
- We use more rigorous cleaning pads only as needed to remove hard growth from the hull or propellers.
- We use stainless steel pads or brushes only on unpainted metal areas such as propellers and shafts.
- We do not clean the entire hull **if it is not** dirty. This reduces pollutants in or waterways and lengthens the life of bottom paint. We will clean the bad hull spots, waterline, running gear, and propeller.
- We never sand, strip or chip hull paint underwater.
- On boats painted with **ablative** paints, we clean only propellers, running gear and zinc anodes.

- When we replace zinc anodes, we bring the zincs ashore for recycling.