

Spring Slipway & Antifoul Protocol

Haul-out prep, hull washing, antifoul coats and cure windows — the sequence that protects your launch date.

Work top to bottom. The launch date is set by the cure window, not the painting — agree both before the boat comes out.

Before Haul-Out

- ☐ Slip or hardstand booked; antifoul system and coats confirmed on record
- ☐ Anodes ordered, alloy matched to the water (zinc salt / aluminium brackish)
- ☐ Launch date planned around the paint's cure window
- ☐ Gear stripped from the boat; dinghy and outboard handled separately

Haul-Out Day

- ☐ Hull, propeller, shaft and anodes photographed before wash-off
- ☐ Through-hulls and transducers inspected
- ☐ Gelcoat damage noted for separate repair quotes
- ☐ Full hull pressure-washed; wash date logged

Prep

- ☐ Loose antifoul removed and edges faired back to sound paint
- ☐ Hull sanded per the paint spec; dust collected, not swept
- ☐ Dewaxing solvent wipe before the first coat
- ☐ Waterline masked; props, shafts and transducers masked per manufacturer

Antifoul Coats

- ☐ First coat thinned per the specification
- ☐ Full coats applied as specified (typically two)
- ☐ Boot stripe and touch-ups completed
- ☐ Paint batch numbers recorded; recoat windows observed between coats

Anodes & Running Gear

- ☐ Anodes replaced at 50% wastage or better; old ones photographed
- ☐ Propeller and shaft cleaned and inspected
- ☐ Shaft seal greased or serviced per type
- ☐ Cutlass bearings checked for play

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Launch & After

- ☐ Cure time observed before launch — per the paint spec, not the calendar
- ☐ Launch date and yard recorded
- ☐ First-run engine check after re-launch (temperature and alarms)
- ☐ Job photos filed against the vessel's logbook

File this with the vessel's records — every tick is worth more with a photo and a date.