

Teak Maintenance

The teak deck is an important part of your boat's character.

It is recommended not to use acid cleaners, hard brushes or pressure washers on teak decks. The deck should only be cleaned with green soap or a gentle shampoo, using a very soft brush or sponge to spare the soft parts of the wood fibres and seams. Wash across the grain to minimize wear of the teak.

You can tell when the seams start to leak if you wet the deck on a sunny day and watch it dry. Any seams that are trapping the moisture will become obvious, you will see the damp patches lingering in the seams. It is very important to repair any leaking seams, otherwise it will reduce the lifetime of the teak deck dramatically.

In the long run, the best way to treat the teak deck against Mildew is to use Boracol.

Boracol 10Rh is an uncoloured liquid thin like water. It is marketed as a treatment against mildew for garden furniture.

Use a normal paintbrush or a sprayer with a flat spray and paint the deck with Boracol. Never use a normal brush on the teak! Do the work on a dry day. If it rains too much, Boracol will be washed away. It does not matter if it is drizzling the next day but if it rains much or if waves splash over the deck, the Boracol will have no effect having been washed off too quickly. If it does not rain, spray the deck with a little water. This little amount of water will help the Boracol penetrate into the teak. After three to seven days you wash the deck with a sponge and cleaner, for example green soap.

Please, do not be afraid if there is no positive result immediately. On the contrary, the deck looks worse than it did before the treatment. After approx. ten days things will start to happen. The mildew will disappear leaving the deck clean. The mildew will not recur for some time. Do not be afraid to repeat the treatment whenever you feel necessary.

