

# Some Sage Advice from One DIYer to Another

- A file and a whetstone for sharpening scrapers are the bottom stripper's best friend.
- Heavy-duty rubber gloves, leather work gloves, and disposable latex gloves are a must. A hat, eye protection, and particle mask round out the safety gear.
- The choice of drag scraping or push scraping depends on the hull contour and your body position.
- A small stool and step ladder can make the job easier.
- Roll on the paint stripper using a thick-nap roller and a wide dabbing brush.
- Use masking tape to help hold the stripper covering, paper or plastic, in place.
- Remove blistered and flaking paint by first dry scraping, and then attack more reluctant areas with stripper.
- Lightweight back-vented coveralls effectively balance the need for heat dissipation and skin protection.