

Interlux Temporarily Recalls New Quick-dry Wood Finish

Interlux (www.yachtpaint.com) recently recalled its new Compass varnish. The temporary recall, which applies only to Compass cans, was made after tests found the quick-drying hybrid finish to be too quick-drying for large projects. We talked to Jim Siedel, assistant marketing manager for Interlux, about the recall. His comments follow:

“There are no doubts about the Compass varnish’s performance, longevity, or durability; this is an application concern only. We have some very fast driers in the product to make it dust-free sooner and to be able to overcoat more quickly, which is a help on smaller areas but it does prove a challenge on large areas where you need more wet-edge and working time. Listening to our customers, we’ve got our chemists on track improving the application properties so it will be



easier to brush on.

“We have also had customers that have applied Compass call in to tell us that they love it and don’t understand why we’ve recalled it, but Interlux is all about ‘making it easy’ so we want to ensure we supply a product anybody can apply and above all, that it’s suitable for any project. Those customers who have successfully applied Compass will enjoy a great performing product.”

In the wake of the recall, Interlux has brought the original Schooner varnish out of retirement

“to fill the void while Compass is not available,” Siedel explained. It should be in local chandleries by presstime.

We’ll keep you posted on the status of the recall and will let you know once the new formula returns to store shelves. Look for tests of it and other new coatings in upcoming *Practical Sailor* reports.