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Spring Launch Tips: Cleaning The Boat

PEABODY, MA - The Sudbury® boat care products team has some tips to help boat owners get their boats looking good for spring launch.

STEP #1 - Preparation

Gather your supplies. You'll need different cleaning products for different parts of the boat. For the hull, you'll need a marine-grade boat soap and a soft brush. For the deck and upholstery, you'll need a mild soap and water solution. For the windows and isinglass, you'll need a glass cleaner. You'll also need a bucket, sponge, rags, and a chamois.

If your boat was covered for the winter, remove the cover and let the boat air out for a few hours before you start cleaning. This will help to remove any mildew or musty smells. Protect yourself- wear gloves and eye protection when cleaning the boat. Some cleaning products can be harsh on your skin and eyes.

Step #2 - Cleaning

Wash the hull with the marine-grade boat soap and soft brush. Be sure to rinse the soap thoroughly with fresh water. Wash the deck and upholstery with a mild soap and water solution. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water. Clean the windows and isinglass with the glass cleaner. Buff them dry with a chamois to prevent streaks. Clean the fenders, cleats, anchor and other hardware. **Important:** To prevent damage to the finish, never use harsh chemicals on your boat. Remove stubborn stains with a marine-grade stain remover. Rinse the boat thoroughly with fresh water after cleaning to remove any soap residue. If you plan to put the boat cover back on, let the boat dry completely to help prevent mildew growth.

Step #3 - Waxing & Polishing

Wax the boat to protect the finish from harmful UV rays. Waxing in the spring will make it easier to clean in the future. Polish stainless, clean and seal teak.

Sudbury offers a wide range of cleaners, waxes and polishes to clean and protect every on board surface all season long. For more info, visit your Sudbury retailer or <https://www.sudburyboatcare.com>, or call 978-532-4019.

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