



Mistral Owners' Association

The Mistral Tiller

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Dear Mistrallers,

MID-WINTER EDITION!

White Flag! OK, fair cop Guv we've nearly all just been content to sit on the couch and wave a white flag over winter! Looking at the winds this week and into the weekend its hardly surprising. Fair to say, not much action since the nationals other than a few party faithful having a bash every now and again. However, those rare but lovely calm winter days do happen every now and again and a winter potter-about can be a nice pass-time.

So, if you're not sailing over winter then there's no excuse for not doing a bit of work on your boat over this rest period. Nothing like a good sanding and a new coat of paint to make a wooden boat look loved again, and a bit of spit n' polish on the glass hulls goes a long way too.

Top tip: If you're giving the hull a paint then have a go using a fine foam roller instead of a brush. After a good sanding with wet & dry, thin the paint down a good 10% and warm the whole tin first in a bucket of warm water. Using a normal tray, roll it on quickly and thinly, then do another coat when its only just dry, no need to sand inbetween. You'll be surprised how good you can get it.

For those attempting more serious work, remember we have a heap of 'old hands' and experience in the class that can advise on matters ranging from structural issues through to the layout of fittings and more.

BOAT SHOW: Many thanks to Jarrod who kindly volunteered #25 again as a display boat for the Boatshow a few weeks ago. It looked great and you never know how many people absorb the information and pass on to family and friends.

AGM: We will be having an AGM within the next couple of months, date TBC but I will let you know very soon. Anyone wishing to raise a separate agenda item, please let me know asap.

HAPPY SAILING

Nick