



PROPSPEED LAUNCHES COMMERCIAL MARINE KIT

Underwater Coatings Leader Expands Commercial Marine Effort With New Professional-grade Offering

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Auckland, New Zealand – Propspeed, leading innovator of underwater foul-release coatings, announced today the launch of its first kit packaged specifically for the commercial marine trade professional. The Propspeed Commercial Kit includes what is needed to coat two propellers 165-203cm in size, or a total surface coverage of 14.2 square meters – ideal for most vessels in this space.

With over 21 years of experience protecting underwater assets globally, Propspeed has built a passionate team to offer superior in-field technical support. Propspeed’s ultra-slick topcoat is specially formulated to prevent marine growth from bonding to metal surfaces below the waterline. Offering all-in-one protection, Propspeed is the ideal defense against marine growth and corrosion for all underwater metal assets including propellers, shafts and struts. It is proven to support vessel readiness, increase efficiency, prevent corrosion, save fuel and reduce maintenance costs. The solution features an exceptionally strong chemical and mechanical bond between the metal substrate, the Etching Primer and the Clear Coat – ensuring the Propspeed coating actually sticks to running gear, and that the vessel can run at its peak. In addition, because growth releases when the vessel reaches cruising speeds, the product line prevents invasive species from being transferred to other regions.

“We’ve seen tremendous interest in our product line in the commercial space,” said Chris Baird, CEO, Propspeed. “Whether a fishing boat, ferry, tug or luxury yacht, owners, operators and shipyards around the world are applying Propspeed for the protection from growth and corrosion it provides. We decided to offer our established product in a more convenient package for these vessels and look forward to making it just a little easier for marine industry professionals to purchase and apply the best foul-release coating.”

Satisfied customers state the following:

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"Before using Propspeed, we had as much as four-inches (ten-centimeters) of growth on the propeller shaft," said Captain Rick Gauron, Ferry Boat Yankee Freedom III. "With Propspeed applied, our running gear is now free of growth."

"The benefits of Propspeed are definitely noticeable in terms of a much cleaner propeller when we haul the vessel for survey, maintenance and repairs," said Andrew Stark, CEO, Ocean Fisheries. "Application of Propspeed has now become a must-do job at all haul outs."

"Last season, I had Propspeed products applied on my wheel, rudder, underwater lights and transducer," said Wicked Tuna Captain Bob Cook. "Fat Tuna looks as fresh hauling out as the day she went in for the season!"

For more information on Propspeed or its premium coatings, Propspeed, Lightspeed and Foulfree, please visit www.propspeed.com/commercial.

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About Propspeed

[Propspeed](http://www.propspeed.com) develops high-performance products that make marine craft more efficient and economical to run and maintain, with an eye toward doing the least harm to humans and the marine environment. [Propspeed](http://www.propspeed.com) manufactures and distributes Propspeed, recognized globally as the leading product for preventing marine growth on underwater metals. Biofouling – the accumulation of marine life on ships' hulls – increases drag and costs the global shipping industry an estimated \$7.5 billion a year in wasted fuel. Based in New Zealand, where sailing excellence is culturally ingrained, Propspeed has become a worldwide phenomenon throughout the marine industry.

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