

.... and this is what the man said

Report Card - Nyalic® to the Rescue

I wish the manager of the slipway had told us BEFORE we pulled our 20 metre mast that they could only paint when the wind was less than 10 knots and in any direction but East to Southeast. Of course the wind here blows from those directions and in excess of 10 knots almost every day of the year. But we didn't find out about this until the mast was in the painting booth, stripped, sand blasted, and ready to paint.

It took a week of very early mornings to get the strontium chromate primer, epoxy primer, undercoat sprayed on. Then the big day - the top coat. It went on like glass, smooth and perfect, but just as the painter got going on the final coat it began to blow. And just at that moment several trucks and a crane came thundering along a dirt road just upwind of our painting booth. They stopped and began loading the trucks with dirt precisely upwind and the wind kicked up to 30 knots. In an hour the newly sprayed topcoat of glistening white was dusty brown with a wide assortment of field insects glued to it.

24 hrs later the manager of the yard suggested we wash it off and give it a fine sanding with 1000 grit and then repaint the following morning. So we did that. But the next morning the manager told us someone had complained overspray from our topcoat had gotten onto their car in the parking lot. So the yard was forbidden to spray paint anymore. Perhaps, he suggested, we could compound the mast or hand paint it.

I had a different idea. Two years earlier I had experimented with Nyalic. The white paint on our binnacle had chalked and rather than paint it, I washed it off with the special Nyalic cleaner and then painted on a thin coat of crystal clear Nyalic. It looked terrific when I did it and it looks exactly the same today as when I painted it on two years ago.

So I got a litre of Nyalic, washed the dust off the mast and rolled on the Nyalic using foam rollers from the local Dulux store. It went on like a dream. My wife and I rolled it on as thin as we could and in 35 minutes the mast looked terrific with a water-like, smooth shine. It took less than 500 ml to coat our 20 metre long mast and the spreader arms and the boom!

It was touch dry by the time we stood back to admire it.

The next day we began reassembling the mast, handling and moving it, without any damage to the Nyalic at all.

Because Nyalic is easy to recoat even after a year and is so easy to apply we plan to recoat the mast every couple of years with Nyalic and hopefully we won't have to pull it again for a very long time.

Report card on Nyalic®? A+++ , it's the best top coat in the world.

In fact, we plan to roller it onto our hull and cabin next week.

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