

PRODUCT UPDATES

GREEN CLEANING

Shortly after we launched our “Practically Green” series on eco-friendly solutions for sailors (May 2008), we learned of West Marine’s newest line of boat cleaners. All of the products in West’s new Pure Oceans line carry the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Design for the Environment (DfE) logo, a designation for products with the safest in class ingredients, making them environmentally friendly and safer for humans, too. The DfE program is designed to minimize the amount of harmful chemicals that come in contact with the environment and people.

The Pure Oceans line includes a boat soap, multi-purpose cleaner, black streak remover, bilge cleaner, vinyl cleaner, and nonskid cleaner. (Price ranges from \$7 to \$28.) Look for these products in our future maintenance tests.

West Marine, 800/262-8464, www.westmarine.com



PETTIT PAINT RECALL

Earlier this year, Pettit recalled two batches of its black Vivid antifouling paint. The affected paints (batches 4298340 and 711014) reportedly increase in viscosity over time and become too thick to be applied. According to Pettit General Manager John Ludgate, the paint’s performance was not affected, but applying the thick paint can be difficult and requires adding solvent to the paint. The problem, which has since been resolved, affected a total of 800 gallons.

West Marine is offering to replace any purchased gallons/quarts with the SKU 348771, 5917703, or 6886154 that came from the affected batches.

Pettit, 800/221-4466, www.pettitpaint.com