

# IS IT REALLY ALL SHADES OF GREEN?

**M**ost all of the strippers tested extolled the virtues of their environmentally friendly manner, touting their bio-degradable nature and how they could be disposed of at the local landfill with no problem. What some failed to indicate as prominently, however, was the fact that no matter how green the stripper, once used to remove bottom paint, the resulting goo becomes as toxic as the bottom paint itself and has to be disposed

of accordingly. Although most of the products tested can be removed via power washing or scrubbing with soap and water, boatyards that allow you to do your own bottom work will frown at a toxic, rainbow hued stream of water heading into the bay or ocean from your boat. Catching removed bottom paint on tarps and disposing as per local regulations will be the recommended (and most environmentally conscious) option.