

## SEASONAL HULL PREP CHECKLIST

Defender has great prices on everything you'll need to start the season right. Our Seasonal Hull Prep list can help save time and make shopping more efficient. Don't waste a trip to the boat - bring everything you need to complete your project the first time.

[Boat soap](#) - mild cleaner safe for multiple surfaces

[Hull cleaner](#) - chemical cleaner often used to clean waterline, exhaust, and rust stains

[Bucket](#) - great for mixing soap, or providing a water source if a spigot is not nearby

[Water hose](#) - be sure you have enough length to reach the nearest spigot

[Spray nozzle](#) - controls your spray and eliminates the need to turn open/close the spigot repeatedly

[Drying towel](#) - the hull should be dry before applying any compounds or waxes

[Scrub brush/pad](#) - use soft bristle brush or white non-marking scrub pads

[Cup](#) - small container useful for applying smaller amounts of cleaner, compound, or paint

[Buffer/polisher](#) - saves time during application & removal of cutting compounds & wax. Random orbital models can be less prone to user error than rotary ones.

[Buffer pads](#) - use stronger material versions for higher cutting compounds and use the softest pads available for applying wax.

[Compound](#) - "cutting" material of varying grit that removes outer layers of oxidized gelcoat and exposes brighter gelcoat underneath.

[Wax/Sealant](#) - gloss enhancing protective material that blocks UV rays, oils, and stains.

[Extension cord/s](#) - use thicker gauge extension cords for longer electrical runs and/or high-powered vacuums, sanders, and polishers

[Finishing material](#) - sometimes called swirl remover. Used following compound or as a first step for lightly oxidized hulls that leaves a smooth, high gloss finish

[Rags](#) - clean rags make removing residual compound, finishing material, and wax a much easier job and provides the best results.

[Cleaner wax](#) - one step wax product that has light cut compound in it, best used with a buffer

[Restorer wax](#) - one-step wax that has higher cut compound in it, best used with a buffer.

### Protective Gear and Cleanup

[Gloves](#) - disposable gloves are the most popular for painting

[Goggles](#) - should fit your head properly to protect against sanding dust, chips, and paint

[Head sock/hood](#) - cleaning bottom paint out of your hair is not fun.

[Respirator/mask](#) - protects your lungs from harmful sanding and compound residue.

**Large Trash bags** - bring bags big enough to dispose of any rags, brushes, tray liners, and dropcloths you use.

[Paint suit](#) - protects your body and clothes from sanding residue and paint

[Solvent cleaner or water](#) - clean re-usable brushes and roller cages

[Towels/rags](#) - bring more than you think you need

## Bottom Cleaning and Paint Preparation

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**Sandpaper/discs** - 80 grit is most commonly used for antifouling prep

**Tape** - use high quality tape to achieve perfect paint lines

**Tarp/Dropcloth** - helps collect paint chips, sander residue, and paint drips

**Vacuum** - reduce sanding residue to protect yourself, the environment, and prevent potential stains on adjacent boats

**Sander** - random orbital sanders with vacuum hose attachments are recommended

**Brushes** - inexpensive chip brushes can help get paint places some rollers can't reach

**Paint tray** - essential for use with rollers

**Roller cage** - available in a variety of sizes, smaller boats and dinghies may be easier with shorter roller cages

**Rollers** - available in varying nap thickness and materials. Consult your paint can for recommendation

**Tray liner** - disposable liner that makes cleaning paint trays a breeze

**Stir stick** - paints may settle after sitting for extended periods. It is recommended that paint is thoroughly mixed before application.

**Knife** - can be helpful laying drop cloth, opening paint cans, cutting tape or rags, and trimming loose brush bristles

**Powerwasher** - good for initial cleaning of exterior surfaces

**Paint scraper** - used to remove any loose paint before re-coating

**Primer** - promotes effective adhesion of the bottom paint to the hull. Bare areas exposed under loose paint should be primed before applying more bottom paint.

**Anti-Fouling Paint** - paint used to prevent marine growth under the waterline

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