



## Top Boat Enemies and Tips to Avoid Them

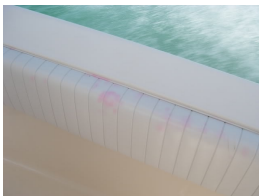
As boaters we have seen the problems that boat owners deal with. Most common problems are avoidable with care and attention. Proper care of your boat can prolong the life of the upholstery and keep your interior neat.

Keep an eye on these 3 intruders: **pink stains**, **mildew** and **premature aging**.

"Pink stains" or "pinking" on the surface of the vinyl, which are actually microorganisms similar to mildew, are a mostly irreversible symptom of exposure to the marine environment. The right measures should be taken to avoid pinking, but in some cases it is inevitable.

You might find useful these recommendations:

- It is wise that boat owners cover their boats when not in use.
- Allow adequate venting to avoid trapping moisture to assist in reducing the adverse effect of continuous sunlight, which can degrade upholstery components over time and shorten the service life of exterior upholstery.
- Boat owners should refrain from stowing wet towels, allweather gear, swimsuits, etc. inside their boats.
- Cabinets and lockers should be opened, if possible, to aid in air circulation. Moisture absorbing desiccants will aid in controlling interior moisture.



These four elements guarantee the appearance of mildew: spores, food, warmth, and moisture. The elimination of one of these elements would make the mildew problem disappear, but the most likely element to control is moisture. Keep the surface and the ambient air always dry!

To avoid premature aging use only approved cleaners or a cleaner that is water based. Always rinse any cleaning agent off completely after use. Most stains can be removed if caught early, and cleaned with a soft bristle brush and a cleaner like Dawn dish soap.

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