



information. This is an excellent move by Precision Navigation.

With the Yeoman Sport, because it's designed for use above or below decks, the chart in use is contained in a plastic weatherproof case. However, 'installed' models have always used plastic clips to hold the chart in place. Now Precision has produced the ClearView heavy plastic overlay, which neatly stops the chart wandering and enables the navigator to work with a wipe-off felt tip pen. It's definitely better than the clips, even if the extra cost is not to be sneezed at.

So now both Compacts are installed and ready for use, we'll experiment with them on the two boats and report back later in the year. It'll be interesting to use the new facilities and to try forming routes directly from the chart; to date I've always put them into the GPS and then navigated on the chart using the plotter to follow our progress. *Colin Jarman*
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Finished power/data plug works well

RENOVO ULTRA PROOFER

£11.95 per 500ml; £19.95 per ltr

Last month, Mary and I reported on the Renovo Boat Canvas Cleaner and Renovo Plastic Window Polish products. Now we turn to the Renovo Ultra Proofer, which we applied to the sprayhood after it had been successfully cleaned with the Canvas Cleaner.

The fabric looked a lot cleaner and healthier after treatment with the Cleaner and, a few days later, we applied a liberal coating of the Ultra Proofer, which is water-based for easy application and subsequent brush-cleaning. It's designed to renew the waterproof qualities of the canvas, as well as to provide protection against both UV and mildew and mould. The latter will be easier to demonstrate, because we had, before cleaning, grown a heavy covering of mildew and, if this is prevented from growing again, we will be impressed and well pleased. It will be harder to prove the UV protection.

Incidentally, UV protection really is important on sprayhoods when you consider their cost. Sections of the stitching on our sprayhood virtually disintegrated while cleaning the fabric. It was clearly degraded by UV and will have to be renewed when our finances allow. We just hope the canvas is still sound and will now be protected against any further unwanted deterioration.

Application of the Ultra Proofer was straightforward. Just paint it on and leave it to dry. It's as simple as that. We ended up using most of the 500ml bottle on the sprayhood (for a 26-footer), but we didn't stint with it. After use, of course, the brush was just washed out in water; again, very simple for use afloat.

The canvas now looks quite smart and we will have to see how the proofing and UV protection work. I shall

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observe the next lot of spray/rain as it desperately tries to force us to shelter under the hood with unusual interest – and welcome the occasional burst of sunshine to see if the canvas reaches for the sunblock or just sighs contentedly. *Colin Jarman*
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Above: The Renovo Ultra Proofer was brushed 'generously' onto the sprayhood to ensure full protection

Below: Applying a good coating of Ultra Proofer should waterproof and protect both the canvas and its stitching against UV



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