

Coatings' key role in shipping decarbonisation

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Impact of hull fouling

Consequences of biofouling

- Excess fuel consumption
- Increased GHG emissions
- Non-native (invasive) species transfer
- EEXI and CII

OHull coatings

- Fouling prevention
- Hull performance



Preliminary results Impact of Ships' Biofouling on Greenhouse Gas Emissions





A thin layer of **slime** (0.5 mm) covering up to 50% of the surface can amount to **20 to 25%** increase in GHG emissions. A light layer of small calcareous growth could lead up to a **55%** increase.

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Fouling control coatings

O Performance and technology claims?

- Significant number of products.
- Can be complex and confusing.
- Does 'high technology level' products lead to improved performance?



Commercially available AFCs

Segment	Products
Marine	>150*

*Product name, further reginal variations will be available



Dry Dock Data

Sample Definition:

- Data from coating supervision projects at drydock
- 800+ projects
- 200+ projects annually



Fouling control coatings

Selection and Performance

Coating Selection Trends:

• Increase in a move to perceived 'high technology level' products.

Coating Performance Trends

- Do high technology products offer more reliable performance?
- Is product positioning accurate?
- Contributing factors?
- > High/Low No difference in terms of in-service performance?
- > Ship-specific approach to specification and selection required.





Fouling control coatings

Selection and Performance

Coating Selection Trends

Some highlights:

- On average >1,300m² per vessel covered in hard macrofouling (vertical sides).
- 20% of vessels have less than 100m² of hard macrofouling on arrival in drydock (total area).



More than half of the ships with >20% macrofouling on arrival in drydock opted for the same manufacturer and often the same product.

>> Lack of systematic review of fleet coating performance and effective pre-planning.

Case Study

O Highlights

- Coating manufacturers consulted during planning stage
- Premium fouling control product applied

Outcome

- Poor in-service performance (biosecurity risks, elevated GHG, costs, delay)
- Severe early polish through (to tie coat)

Potential reasons/contributing factors

- Inappropriate specification:
 - Environmental / operational parameters not ship-specific (generic parameters used)
 - Around 2020 significant change in trading route
 - In-water cleaning events at least one known IWC

Prevention

Extensive pre-planning prior to dry-docking





Historical or current specification did not match the operational profile of the ship.

Specification Issues Root Causes

O Examples:

- Incomplete / inaccurate historical vessel data
- Changes to the operating profile not considered
- Errors in tender offers products, operating profiles, surface preparation, schemes, surface areas
- Budget considerations
- Planned versus actual surface preparation
- Fleet-wide specifications
- Tradition / no diversification
- Lack of structured test patching



Summary

O Tools:

- **Data** on coating performance across ship types, operational profiles, coating technologies, and specific products is critical for optimal product selection
- A systematic approach to coating selection and specification via
 - Functional specifications
 - Periodic fleet reviews
- Are key to robust evidence-based biofouling management strategies



In-service Maintenance: IWC, grooming, PP

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Fuel consumption



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Impact of Fouling

Barnacle growth on the hull causes friction and Increased emissions impacting CII

Scale up of results – Fouling on a destroyer

Barnacle Coverage (%)	∆SP (%) at 15 kts	∆SP (%) at 30 kts
10	36	23
17	44	27
39	54	33
48	57	35
57	54	33
63	55	34
70	53	33
79	52	32
Light**	31	20
Medium**	47	30
Heavy**	76	47

*Changes in shaft power are calculated with respect to a smooth hull surface As little as 10% barnacle coverage on the hull requires 36% extra shaft power to keep the same speed with an impact on CII

Investing in hull performance pays off

Quantifying the scale of the barnacle fouling problem on the global shipping fleet - Research take aways



Animal fouling condition on underwater hull

Barnacle fouling

- 44% of 249 vessels surveyed had >10% barnacle coverage on the hull.
- Niche areas are exposed to high fouling risk, 74% of observations found barnacle fouling in sea chests.
- Barnacle fouling increases on vessels with lower activity.



High grade VS. Low grade coatings

Investing in antifouling coatings

- Barnacle fouling reduces with coating quality.
- 37% of observed animal fouling was found on vessels with medium range coatings.
- Only 12% of the barnacle fouling was found or Safinah Group hulls coated with high range antifoulings.



The limited toolbox for Antifouling Coatings

innovation and paint development



Alternatives/Complementary technologies to Antifouling coatings

Emerging Technologies

Technology	Working mechanism
Ultrasound	Sound waves
Electro Chemical	In situ generated biocides (eg ozone, hypochlorite)
UV Light	Physical deterrent of organisms
Biofouling resistant material	Structured surfaces
Air Lubrication	
Cleaning (proactive & reactive)	Divers or ROW

Summary and outlook

- Hard fouling is still a significant issue for shipping
- A premium Antifouling is needed to obtain a good CII Rating
- Biocides are still key to protect the environment by reducing GHG-emissions as well as mitigate transfer of invasive species that can alter and destroy ecosystems
- Fouling is a complex challenge, there is no golden bullet to eliminate fouling, it is always the combination of different factors to successful protect a hull from biofouling
- Selektope is an essential piece in the toolbox for Antifoulings

Tested and approved

- In more than 20 commercial products.
- By 6 of 9 of the biggest paint companies.
- Globally available

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We need to use less energy - now and in the future

Why are hull coatings important to shipping?

40% of your vessel spends most of its life underwater, it is susceptible
to wear, deterioration and
biofouling.

significantly increases both fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Considerations when selecting hull coatings

OUTPUT

Silicone coatings The low-hanging fruit of energy efficiency

Industry dilemma: How do we balance antifouling coating performance with environmental impact?

Antifouling coating performance

- Reduce fuel consumption
- · Prevent the transfer of invasive species

Environmental impact

- · VOC emissions in shipyards during application
- Polishing polymers and biocides
- In-water hull cleaning waste material

Synergy in layers providing superiority in performance!

Hempaguard XL is designed to maintain the smoothness

Hempaguard is optimised as reservoir for hydrogel and biocide

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