

# Maintenance Guidelines for Rupp Outriggers

and Anodized Aluminum

## **RUPP Tool Box**

### **Outrigger Maintenance**

Most captains don't think twice about taking a chamois to their aluminum tower after a rough crossing or day at sea. Unfortunately, some captains and crew often neglect their outriggers, for an obvious, hard to reach, reason.

At Rupp we recommend the three step maintenance program shown here. The frequency of this process will be determined by boat use and exposure to the elements. Regardless, we recommend that outriggers be cleaned and waxed every three months.

Accumulated water spots will eventually pit the surface of anodized aluminum resulting in permanent damage. Protecting the anodizing is the key to keeping your outriggers and tower looking new. The anodized finish on outriggers can



#### **STEP #1**

Wash aluminum thoroughly with soap and fresh water.

Optional pre-rinse with vinegar & water



#### **STEP #2**

Wax riggers using Collinite Insulator wax or similar. STEP #3

Finish with a coating of Rupp Aluma Guard and re-apply often.

be ruined from infrequent or improper cleaning, use of any abrasive cleaner or rubbing compound is highly discouraged.

Follow this simple three step program and your Ruppriggers<sup>TM</sup> will not only perform great but also look great for many years.

#### Additionally:

We recommend you inspect your outriggers annually for loose or missing hardware. Take care not to over tighten nut and bolt assemblies; they are designed to allow movement.

Pay special attention for worn nylon sleeves and bushings. Replace as needed to prevent contact of dissimilar metals. Re-bushing kits are available by contacting Rupp Marine.

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