



YESTERDAY

Hacker-Craft



TODAY

OWNING A WOODEN BOAT

MYTH vs. REALITY

MYTH - “*A wooden boat needs a boathouse*”

The Real Story...The images of wooden boats tucked away in lakefront boathouses are pleasing...but the majority of Hackercrafts are not docked in boathouses.

UV Protection

Hackercrafts are built for hard use. With proper care, they are boats for a lifetime. What helps keep a Hackercraft looking as good as the day it is delivered are some common sense precautions on the care of the glass-like varnish finish. For salt water use, we have several options, depending on location, which finishes we will apply to the boat. We use a special 2-part varnish which is extremely durable in harsher environments. The number one enemy of the matchless Hackercraft finish is direct sunlight. Wherever Hacker owners moor their boats—they need to protect them from extended exposure to sunlight. There are no problems with day after day use of the boat on sunny days. However, leaving the boat unprotected and exposed to direct sunlight for weeks at a time can be a problem. Solutions vary. A covered, protected boat house is ideal. Some Hacker owners have lifts which allow them to raise their boats out of the water and rinse them off regularly. No boat house? No problem. There is a manufacturer that makes *The Touchless Cover™*—the world’s fastest and easiest boat cover and protection system. With a simple push of a button the cover smoothly lowers over your boat. This system provides superior protection for your boat by helping prevent mildew, eliminating sun damage to your boat’s interior and exterior, and securing it from exposure to animals and debris. Other Hacker owners have their boats docked in unprotected locations. In this situation, we make custom fitted covers that cover their boat to the waterline. With the addition of solar vents under the cover—this provides great protection of the boat’s exterior. Finally, many Hackercrafts are trailerable and stored outside or in garages. The manufacturer of *The Touchless Cover™* also makes an automated cover system for boats on trailers.