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Mini-masterclasses in using WEST SYSTEM® epoxy at this year's SIBS

Wessex Resins will be running daily product demonstrations over the course of Southampton International Boat Show (12:00 & 14:30 each day at stand J401, 16-25 September 2022).

The mini-masterclasses will share the team's specialist knowledge in getting the best out of the WEST SYSTEM range, how to use it, and what to use it for.

Mini-masterclasses will take place at 12:00 & 14:30 each day at stand J401 (southeast corner of Ocean Hall). There is no need to pre-book, and the masterclasses are free. Audience members need to arrive five minutes in advance to secure a spot.

Mini Pack Demo 12:00 daily

Learn about two step bonding, filleting, sheathing, peel ply and more. These are simple techniques to make the most of repairs and restoration.

Specialist Epoxy Demo 14:30 daily

Find out all about WEST SYSTEM specialist epoxy products such as G5, Six10, G/flex, 650 epoxies and others. These products work brilliantly on glass fibre hulls and provide excellent solutions for bumps and scrapes and more.

The latter session will also include advice on using WEST SYSTEM G/flex 655 which is a toughened epoxy that makes permanent, waterproof, structural bonds (and now comes in an easy-to-use ready-filled twin syringe).

The team also welcomes any questions on using PRO-SET® epoxies for composite work and its Bio-Based ENTROPY RESINS®.

Further to the mini-masterclasses, David Johnson (sales manager for Wessex Resins) will also be appearing on the Foredeck Stage, speaking about WEST SYSTEM's GRP repair kit. On Sunday 18th (12:00) he'll be exploring WEST SYSTEM epoxies for GRP boat maintenance and on Saturday 24th (17:00) he'll be talking about WEST SYSTEM epoxies for GRP system boat maintenance.

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WEST SYSTEM products are used extensively by the boat building - and sailing - community. Wessex Resins has been manufacturing the epoxy, and offering support about its uses, for thirty years.

"We really enjoy meeting people at shows like Southampton International Boat Show," says Ian Oliver, MD Wessex Resins. "Whether they are 'old hands' already using WEST SYSTEM products to repair or rejuvenate their boats, or new to epoxy and needing some specific advice about all the ways in which it can be utilised."

At the high end of the scale, all Spirit Yachts utilise WEST SYSTEM products. In Spirit's case, WEST SYSTEM epoxy plays a major part in the structural integrity - they're built using a cold moulded process over strip plank construction.

Bespoke boatbuilders use it too, like Dan Lee, who built a gentleman's racer, using WEST SYSTEM products to bond its bottom to the frames, and fillet the seams.

And then there are the many sailors who already carry WEST SYSTEM mini packs. These handy packs contain everything needed (resin, hardener, filler, gloves, pots, syringes and more) to make a quick overnight repair at a regatta, whether it's for GRP or being used on a wooden boat.

"It fills me with pride," says Ian Oliver, "that the WEST SYSTEM product range we manufacture in Romsey is used across the whole of the industry. And that the team here can - and do - advise sailors who want to repair a leak, or their rudder stock, all the way through to companies who are making yachts worth hundreds of thousands and are effectively creating their own in-house wood epoxy composite structures.

"All these customers recognise that the WEST SYSTEM product range is unparalleled in what it delivers. They also know that the team is always on hand ready to share knowledge and tips - whatever a customer's level of experience."

WEST SYSTEM epoxy was created by Gougeon Brothers Inc. in 1969 and since then the resin and hardener formulas have been continually tested and improved to produce the most reliable and well-balanced epoxy systems available. Wessex Resins manufactures WEST SYSTEM products under license from Gougeon Brothers in Romsey, UK.

Furthermore, the company is well known for its willingness to share knowledge. Whether projects are large or small, WEST SYSTEM technical publications and videos provide detailed procedures and instructions for specific repair and construction applications. (<https://wessexresins.co.uk/support/how-to-use-west-system-epoxy/>)

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A selection of images is available online at <https://maa.agency/media-centre/>

These include product demonstrations and Dan Lee's gentleman's racer.

- Wessex Resins and Adhesives manufactures WEST SYSTEM, PRO-SET and Entropy Resins epoxy products in the UK under license from Gougeon Brothers Inc., and distributes these leading brands across the whole of Europe, Africa and the Middle East via a well- respected distribution network.
- Wessex Resins and Adhesives provides international support for the world-renowned WEST SYSTEM, PRO-SET and Entropy Resins epoxy brands.
- Since Michigan boatbuilding brothers Meade, Joel and Jan Gougeon first experimented with the bonding power of epoxy over 50 years ago, the WEST SYSTEM and PRO-SET product ranges have become the epoxies of choice for private boat owners, boat manufacturers, chandlers and naval engineers throughout the world.
- Wessex Resins has been working in partnership with Gougeon Brothers, Inc. for more than 36 years, manufacturing WEST SYSTEM, PRO-SET and Entropy Resins epoxies here in the UK.
- Whether an epoxy is needed for laminating, bonding, coating, tooling or infusion, the combined breadth of WEST SYSTEM, PRO-SET and Entropy Resins products will provide the solution. WEST SYSTEM and PRO-SET have passed extensive quality testing. They are certified by Lloyds Register and DNVL.

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