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Ref Smelly heads

Has anyone else experienced smelly head syndrome? Has anyone got a remedy?

Ron Elliott (Bavaria 34 Odyssey)

Replies:

When we thought about the problem it became obvious that using a clear inlet pipe, under a deck window, was a serious mistake. Sure enough when we looked closely at the pipe you could see that it had farmyard qualities, yes it was full of dead and decaying wildlife despite having a "head mate" in the system.

As soon as we changed the pipe for a proper toilet grade version - which does not allow the combination of seawater and sunlight to create new life - the problem was solved.

Stewart Wallace Bavaria 34 Tsunami

We had a similar problem, and followed various advice given on the ybw.com reader to reader forum. From flushing with fresh water, using bleach and Jeyes fluid, wrapping the pipes in tin foil. Nothing worked - the solution was to replace the pipes with the more expensive 'odour free' type, even though the problem pipes were less than two years old. Apparently it is an anaerobic bacteria that gets in there and produces the smell, it is not effluent which is thoroughly pumped out by seawater. On inspecting the rogue pipes once dismantled, they contained what looked like white grit in a paste like constituency in some parts and dried hard like limescale in other parts, but we know it isn't limescale because seawater doesn't produce limescale.

Having tried everything going, the answer is new pipes of the 'odour free, type.

Carole - Yacht Mica - Bavaria 430 Caribic

My solution has been to "add 1 capful of Milton to the heads and just pump a couple of times after closing seawater inlets..." Seems to do the trick by stopping the bacteria from producing the sulphides..

(Those with young children will remember Milton is used to sterilise bottles etc..)

Dave Lovell (Eez-off)

