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Has anyone else had problems with the teak in the cockpit of their Bavarias? When ours gets very wet then the top surface starts to come off alarmingly by sitting, stepping on it or just rubbing it lightly with a finger. Ive thought about sealing it etc but the owners brochure does not recommend it. But what am I supposed to do? Maybe I have teak which is not mature and needs replacing?

'Summercruiser'

**Replies:**

Hi,

Noted similiar problem on some parts of deck. Sorry can't suggest remedy, but have been advised only to wash teak down with sea water, never fresh. Apparently fresh kills off the bacteria in the grain which gives teak its natural harder wearing and stain resistant properties. I have seen myself use a scouring pad to lightly 'fix' any hairy bits which stick up when wet. However have stopped this since the teak seems to fairly well fix itself when it dries. If you start oiling or coating it - the hard work begins since it apprently needs fairly regular maintenance after that to retain the appearance the coating provides.

regards

Norrie 'Sna'drap'

cleaned the teak decks with saltwater for the first time since we have had the boat, (2yrs) and the difference was very encoraging; the wood reagined its natural light colour; we also suffered from flakey fuffy debris from the teak when using fresh water and there was a dark greasy covering on the wood; also had a green algae in the wood where rain water collected; seems that the theory from Sna'drap re bacteria dieback with fresh water wash is right

'OceanSong'