

the Latitude 43 to clean metal parts. There are several bronze portlights and hawse fittings on my boat, and all have developed a traditional "green" patina. With only a slight amount of rubbing with the lamb's wool, much of the patina was removed by the diluted cleaner. I suspect that a full-strength application would prove very useful in cleaning and polishing bronze.

In reasonably short order, my boat was cleaner than at any time since I picked it up from the paint shop last July 3. This stuff works, and works extremely well. I still had about half a

gallon of diluted material in the bucket, so I could have washed our 36-foot boat with something less than 32 ounces of soap.

### WHAT'S IN IT?

So, if there are no toxins, no chemicals, no phosphates, no detergents, and no nitrates in Latitude 43, what makes it work? According to the label, USDA Certified ingredients are: Organic, saponified coconut oil, organic olive oil, organic jojoba oil, organic vegetable glycerin, organic lemongrass essential oil, organic aloe vera, rosemary extract, and other

natural essential oils. The ingredients sound a lot like something that could be sold for bubble bath, if only it made any noticeable amount of soap bubbles. You could probably drink a bottle and survive, although it might be wise not to wander too far away from the head should you decide to conduct such an experiment. About the only unexpected side effect is a not-so-unpleasant citrus smell surrounding the boat after it is washed (fortunately boats are all "she's" so there is no gender-oriented embarrassment). Oh, and since I wound up handwashing the boat with the lamb's wool pad, my hands also have a sort of perfumed smell to them, and quite likely haven't been this surgically clean since I was born.

Boaters concerned about the possible environmental effects of traditional soaps and cleaners (as well as anybody interesting in having a fabulously clean boat) might want to consider trying a bottle of Latitude 43. It is available through John Nix, 1-800-376-9259. ■