Boat Repair Cheat Sheet

SAFETY GEAR 🗘

Latex Gloves | Eye Protection | Dust Mask | Work clothes

PREP STEPS 🤌

- -Set yourself up in a dry, clean and warm environment.
- -Stabilize hull in sturdy slings, strapped down
- -Remove damaged material with chisel / box cutter
- -Clean the area with a clean rag and acetone
- -Scuff the bonding area with 80 grit sandpaper and a sanding block
- -Back the hole with masking tape if necessary

FILL STEPS 🌼

- -Paper cup, tongue depressor to mix
- -One pump West Systems Epoxy Resin 105
- -One Pump West Systems Fast Hardener 205 / Slow Hardener 206
- -Add West System 403 Microfiber filler to achieve creamy peanut butter consistency
- -Fill void and leave proud
- -For more structural support, cut a piece of **fiberglass** or **carbon fiber** to fit over repair. Wet out with a **paintbrush** and **WS Epoxy Resin** and **Hardener**. If fiberglass or carbon fiber is needed, leave fill slightly depressed, so glass/fiber does not get sanded away
- -Cure 6-8 hours @ +/- 60-70 degrees
- -Sand with 220 grit sandpaper and a sanding block
- -Use **Bondo** (mix filler and hardener) to fill low spots. Apply thin and even layers with a clean **putty knife** or similar spreader
- -Cure 15-30 minutes
- -Sand with 600-800 grit wet sandpaper and a sanding block
- -Repeat as necessary

FINISH STEPS 🙋

- -Clean surface with acetone and allow to dry
- -Evenly spray with fresh spray paint
- -Cure 12+ hours @ 60-70 degrees
- -Wet sand with **1200 grit wet sandpaper** using cross-hatching until surface is smooth to the touch
- -Buff with 3M Marine Compound (Buffer @ 1500 RPM or less)
- -Polish with 3M Imperial Compound Finishing Material