

Anode use on canals and rivers – your feedback

Unfortunately, I can't find the pictures I took of our hull last time we blacked. Around the anodes a perfect circle of clear hull and in the mid area of the boat (where anodes were sadly lacking) many many small rust pits. Very disappointing (first blacking since buying the boat) and more were swiftly applied.

Saying they are of no help is similar to the misguided suggestion that you won't get rust on your baseplate due to the depth (to which I first roll my eyes and second suggest taking a look at any bicycle etc that's been pulled from the water).

My understanding is that fresh water boaters should use magnesium and not zinc anodes. I too experienced ineffective zinc.

I added new anodes last September as the existing ones were around 80% gone after four years.

Assuming they are being eaten away from doing their job they must be worth having?

In fresh water they are not essential, but you may as well have them, if you use a shoreline you definitely do.
