

## Hand tools that won't rust

Most of the hand tools we use on our boats are chrome plated steel which, over time, tend to rust in the moist salt air. Even if you keep your tools well coated with WD-40, the chrome eventually wears through exposing mild steel, which will oxidize.

This is a particular problem when using mild steel tools to drive stainless steel fasteners since the screwdriver blade will contaminate the screw head with tiny particles of steel that will pit and eventually destroy the screw.

Stainless steel tools have to be the answer but forging stainless

hand tools has been a problem. Stainless steel is brittle and can chip and crack under the twisting forces applied to screwdrivers, Allen wrenches and other screwing and driving tools. This fall, German toolmaker Wera finally introduced a new line of **all-stainless tools** that have been engineered—in the metallurgy—to combine the durability of mild steel tools with the non-rusting qualities of stainless steel.

If you are using stainless steel fasteners on your boat—and just

about every piece of gear installed will have stainless fasteners—then you should do your screws a favor and use stainless tools to drive or remove them.

To find a Wera outlet near you log on to [www.weratools.com](http://www.weratools.com).



## New Efficient Watermaker from Spectra

Spectra watermakers consistently rank very high in equipment surveys undertaken by the Seven Sea Cruising Association and by the World Cruising Club, which runs the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC).

The new **Ventura 200 Tropical** has been designed to be the easiest system to install while offering water desalination at the rate of eight gallons per hour in water temperatures of 50 degrees or higher. The new system uses nine amps per hour so you can replace 40 gallons of fresh water in five hours at the cost of only 45 amp hours.



Spectra also offers their Z-Brane system, which allows you to back flush and maintain your system without the need for harsh, environmentally unfriendly chemicals.

The new Spectra Ventura 200 T combines advanced design with superb engineering. BWS has used the Ventura 150

and can easily give the new 200 T the BWS Seal of Approval. For more information log on to [www.spectra-watermakers.com](http://www.spectra-watermakers.com).