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Safety first - put on your safety glasses, dust mask and work in a properly ventilated area... now to the fun part!

We all know UV rays can decompose and destroy just about anything. The same goes for your boat, fishing rods, and push pole. UV rays can cause a push pole to shed over years of exposure. A “shedding” pole can leave fibers in your hands which can be a little annoying. These instructions can also be used if you want to change the color of your pole.

Here’s how to fix the problem:

Paint to use:

- Any 2 part polyurethane paint (Awl Grip, System Three, etc.)
- Polyurethane paint has strong UV inhibitors and increases abrasion resistance.

Spraying the pole:

- Sand the pole with 220 grit sandpaper lightly scuffing as much of the surface as you can. The purpose here is to remove the fiberglass “fuzzies”.
- Wear gloves while sanding the pole and wear a dust mask.
- Remember! You are scuffing the pole, not sanding it smooth. A little scuff goes a long way.
- Mask off the foot and spike, unless you want to paint them too.
- Spray multiple coats waiting 15 minutes between coats.
- You can leave the mixed paint in the refrigerator in between coats or overnight before you spray again. The coolness of the fridge will keep the paint from catalyzing as fast.
- Remove masking before paint cures.
- Let cure for 24 hours before use, wait longer in colder weather.
- Don’t forget to protect your lungs and eyes!!!!