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The perennial problem with marine toilets is the offensive odour of rotten eggs caused by a build up of bacteria in the sea water inlet pipe. Since you can't reach the inlet pipe, and chemicals put down the loo only go down the outlet pipe, it's hard to deal with.

Having suffered the issue on my boat, I tried a SeaSmart, which is a self-contained unit that fits on the wall by the toilet and connects to the plumbing via a tee piece. A thin catheter feeds down the inlet pipe to the sea cock. That

enables a squirt of disinfectant to be sent right through the toilet and out. It's controlled by a microprocessor, so it senses when it's being flushed but it also senses inactivity, so even when you're away from the boat it puts a squirt in every three days.

Running a microprocessor 24/7 takes its toll on the battery, which is a PP3. The alkaline battery provided was flat within 6 months but £12 on Amazon buys a box of 10. The more pressing question is, did it get rid of the bad smells? The answer is an emphatic yes.

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