

BOAT SWEET BOAT

We've all added
our own little
touches
To our boats...



Let's share our hints !!!



Cabin Hints

Use sticky backed Velcro to attach pockets to side walls for extra storage.

Attach “soft shelves” (from closet dept.) to existing rod holder wood bracing.

Attach (auto dept.) clothes bar with cup hooks.

Use a small tension shower curtain in head to keep water away from the toilet.

Keep a chamois & squeegee in head for wipe down after shower.

Use plastic bins & Ziploc bags to pack in. They can be easily stowed aboard after packing in the house and also help prevent moisture.

Add hooks under the sink for wall storage.

Cut memory foam with an electric knife to the shape of bed.

Use smaller containers (aluminum water bottles) for milk, juice, etc. to fit into refrigerator and cooler better.

Direct air flow where you want it with a flexible dryer hose attached to vents.

Convert to LED rope lighting for cooler under counter lights and less energy draw.

Use a toaster oven for non-microwaved crispy treats.

Freeze drinkable water in clean milk jugs for block ice and emergency water.

Print out your personal packing checklist from a computer saved master list.

Put talc in your beach bag for sandy feet. Helps to “unstick the sand”.

Keep a supply of quarters and “purex laundry sheets” or pods. Just in case.



Cockpit & Exterior

Helm seat arm covers made from socks or homemade from terry.

Spring-clip fans for comfort. We keep 1 running for air circulation even while docked.

Velcro trash bags on back of helm chair.

Boarding handrails that fit into rod holders.

Homemade boarding mat: using Sunbrella for top and non-skid rug pad for bottom. Pockets on each end stuffed with a PVC Pipe filled with sand and capped.

Homemade Fender cleats for rod holders. Large dowel or PVC tube that fits rod pocket hole... Drill a hole through the upper portion and insert a smaller dowel for tying off fenders. (forms a “T” shape)

Folding Camp table & Chairs for outside dining. Use rubber caps on feet. Can make Velcro pockets, attached over the arms of the chairs for storage.

Booster Seat for passenger's visibility on the 33 Express.

Convert running lights to LED for brighter light.

Radio amplifier overhead (or blue tooth headset) so you can hear while running.

Mark the anchor line at 25' intervals with permanent marker "rings". 1 for 25', 2 for 50', 3 for 75', 4 for 100'. Change color for each 100 feet.

Throw bag with floatation in case of MOB. This is in addition to regular throwable.



Adding Shade

Many options from patio/beach umbrellas to fixed and removable canvas options. One can be homemade from Sunbrella with velcro attachments to existing super structure. You can even use a vinyl shower curtain and bungees in a pinch.

Wiper blade covers (for storage), made of sunbrella & velcro or even a length of PCV pipe slipped over the blade.

Hats in all shapes and sizes.



Cleaning & Maintenance

A large paintbrush makes a great mini broom.

A drain screen keeps hair from draining into the bilge when showering.

Eva-Dry makes a dehumidifier that works well. Convert it to continually drain into the sink with a tube (glued into the collection container).

Cord Pro XL “Donut” for storing the shore power cord.

Water freshener/purifier from the Camping Dept.

Wax removal : Awesome (from the dollar store) and Magic Erasers work great, Rinse well!

Mold Armor: both with bleach and without...don't mix up on fabrics !

Salt Away for engine flushing.

POCKET HOSE, Pro model with metal fittings. (They can be fixed if leaking at the fitting)

Cover fenders with old pant legs for messy situations (locks, bad docks)

1 1/2 " PVC pipe put into Generator exhaust thru-hole to divert black exhaust away from boat.

Dock line covers (made of soft fabric that velcro on) to protect engine paint while cross-tied.



Docktails & Dining

Disposable aluminum mesh grill covers for public grills.

Crockpots and disposable liners work well.

Dollar store disposable plastic table cloths, knotted or twist-tied on the corners. When done, everything can be wrapped up and trashed.

Lots of trash bags.

Wine bags for boxed wine and either weighted wine glasses or Tervis tumblers with tops.

Love those “Beer coozies” for keeping drinks cold.



Little Buggers & Mal de mar



Keep a can of wasp spray on board for bugs & critters.

When on lift, cover thru-holes to prevent mud wasp invasion.

Sometimes regular Listerine in a spray bottle will repel mild biters in a clean non-toxic way.

The personal ,wearable repellants & patio small area lanterns work fairly well.

Mesh suits and face covers, for the big bad boys. (Everglades)

Ammonia will help take the sting out of a jelly fish sting.

Old fashioned “sea-sick bands”, an elastic wristlet with a round button sewn on the inside.

“thumper watches” for new technology.



Fishin'

Spring hair clip will cover the hook.

storage of line with hooks by wrapping in slotted pool noodles :as
you can see from this you tube:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqf9HI-](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqf9HI-Dnm8&list=PLVvCv_YsXCmSGOC6kta3YMQ1D9L2JyR9F)

[Dnm8&list=PLVvCv_YsXCmSGOC6kta3YMQ1D9L2JyR9F](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqf9HI-Dnm8&list=PLVvCv_YsXCmSGOC6kta3YMQ1D9L2JyR9F) We will

bring our own sample for everyone to see.



File a float plan, have a disaster plan !!!

Brief all passengers.

Have a ditch bag and easily available floatation.

Use an EPIRB, PLB or SPOT

Test DSC periodically

Keep 1st aid kit up to date.

Consult USCG for many other ideas

Happy Boating !!!



Let's keep in touch.