Catalina 350



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Recently I heard from a fellow (former) C350 owner, Dewayne Wilson, who had suffered a complete loss of his boat in hurricane Katrina. Dwayne further related to me that he had not only lost his boat, but that he and his wife had also sustained an additional substantial financial loss because he had erroneously assumed that his personal belongings that were on the boat would be covered under his homeowners insurance policy.

Dewayne suggested to me that this presents an opportunity for boat owners to be reminded that both their boat and homeowners insurance policies should be carefully reviewed so that the insured has a keen understanding of what is, and what is not covered in their policies. He has also been kind enough to tell us his story from his personal perspective.

Please read this story in the feature section of this issue.

This quarter we have also heard from Gary Morgan who has provided a couple of good ideas that should be of interest to all of us. The first suggests how we might take advantage of otherwise unused space in certain areas of our boats. Although it's specific to the areas on either side of the microwave, the general idea can possibly be applied to other places where hidden space might be utilized. The second is for those who might want to use a portable generator but haven't found a good place in which to store it.

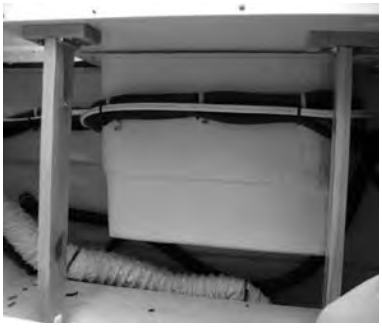
We hope these articles prove to be interesting and helpful. *–Skip Penizotto*

Support Legs for Port Lazerette Shelf

I wanted to store my 1000-watt generator on my port lazerette shelf but I was afraid that the shelf could not support the weight so I decided to add folding support legs under it.

Using 2 X 4s, I cut the legs to length with a slight angle at both legs to help keep them spreading apart. For better support and fastening strength, I used another piece of 2 X 4 at the top end of the leg under the shelf, added hinges and thru-bolted everything together.

I also offset them from each other so that they could be folded up to allow for removal and reinstallation of the shelf through the lazeratte opening. Velcro is used to hold them in the collapsed position under the shelf. Last, I sealed the legs with a few coats of polyurethane. *–Gary Morgan, Sassy, Hull # 124*





Extra Hidden Storage Space Next to Microwave

My boat had inaccessible spaces on either side of the microwave because they were covered up with blanks that were slightly recessed. We need all the room we can possibly get on our boat so I removed the blanks, installed hinges at the bottom and mounted them flush with the cabinets. Then I added door magnets at the top and holding cords. The welcome extra storage space can be used for light items such as coffee cups, tea bags, etc. *–Gary Morgan*



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