

Technical Pull-Out

Q&A FOR YOUR CATALINA THAT'S BEEN FACTORY APPROVED



Catalina 470



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When more room is needed

Having lived on board *S/V Southern Cross* for near six years, Judie and I realized more than ever that storage and comfort are key. When we bought *S/V Southern Cross* the saloon had the two captains chairs on the starboard side and we considered them a part of the boat that made it look and feel like home. We finally realized that we never sat in the forward seat which blocked access to the forward cabin. It was only a place to collect things. As you can see from the pictures, we contracted an outstanding carpenter to help make our modifications. The bench seat is not only comfortable, it is long and wide enough to be a bed. We now sit on it all the time. Storage underneath the seat has increased our overall storage con-

siderably. Accesses to the area outboard were opened to add more locations for spare parts. The aft most area of the bench seat is the future home of a 3000 watt inverter/charger.

The counter tops over the cabinets in the main saloon were dedicated to various needs but never looked ship-shape. The carpenter was able to enclose two of them to finish the entertainment electronics installations. The forward port counter top is the location of the DirecTV controller as well as the DVD player. The aft starboard counter top is where the IPOD docking port is located and the future location of the AM/FM radio. The carpenter was able to match the look of the wood and design of the cabinetry exactly. The smoked Plexiglas still allows remote control of the equipment and finished off both areas. As you can see from the pictures the match was perfect.

We have had friends stay with us recently and there is never been a place for them to place their personal effects in the forward berth. The port side, outboard of the Pullman berth has always



Aft looking forward in the entire saloon



Aft looking forward at the bench seat

been a messy area with little utility. Closing in the area and providing access through a pair of doors has greatly

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Forward looking aft at the bench seat



Aft Starboard enclosure

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Forward Port enclosure

improved storage without affecting the cabin size. Without guests, Judie finally has a linen closet. The carpenter installed one shelf about half of the vertical height. The pictures barely do justice to the installation, but you can see how well they fit.

All of these additions were verified sea worthy during our May trip which you can read about in my column in the 470 Section.

These additions make *S/V Southern Cross* even more of a joy to live aboard. —*Carl Smeigh*



Aft looking forward into forward berth

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Forward looking aft into the forward berth



Access doors open in forward berth

No.