

Methods for keeping the cabin dry

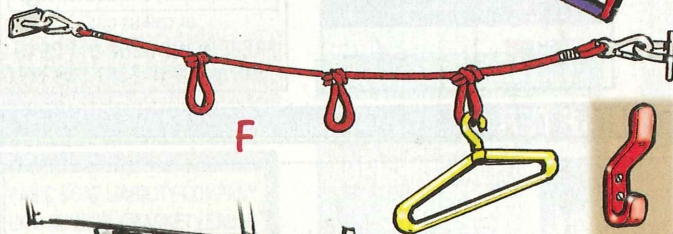
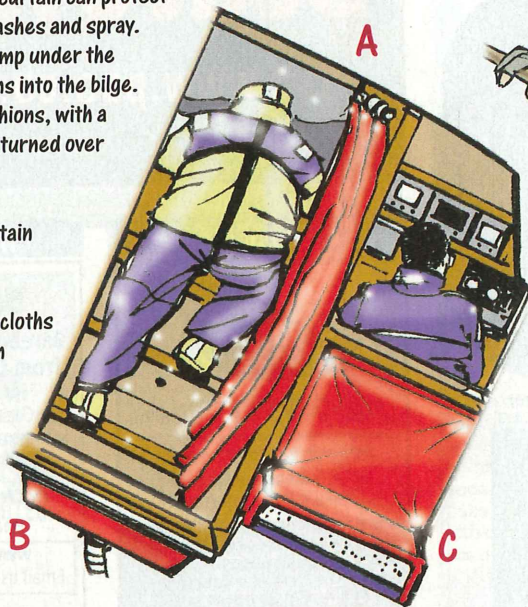
A. A heavy-duty shower curtain can protect the chart table from splashes and spray.

B. Some boats have a sump under the companionway that drains into the bilge.

C. Waterproof bunk cushions, with a breathable base, can be turned over in drier conditions.

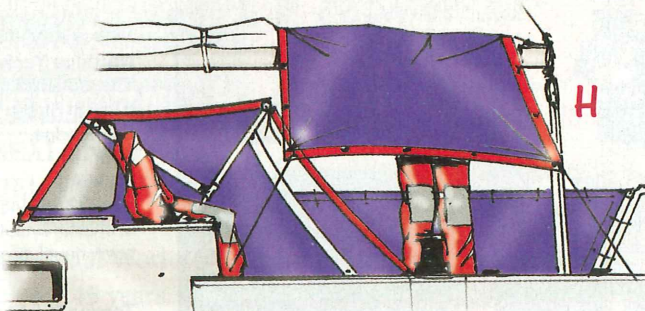
D. Another heavy-duty, transparent shower curtain can be rigged to a track around the forehatch.

E. Large waterproof leechcloths keep drips off. They can also be tucked over the bunk, so they can be sat on in wet oillies.



F. Few boats have wet lockers, so oillies can be dried in the heads on hangers. Fix them to a clothes line, or use hooks.

G. One small boat used a draining plastic bag that could be clipped back when you needed to use the loo.



H. It's best to dry the gear outside in the wind and sun. In rainy weather, at anchor or on a swinging mooring, hang them under the sprayhood. But in a marina, with the rain blowing in from astern, lash a small tarp across the back of the sprayhood, or rig it over the boom to form a tent.

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