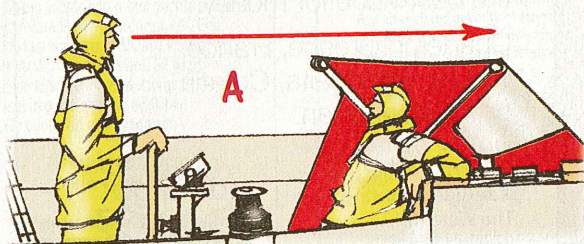
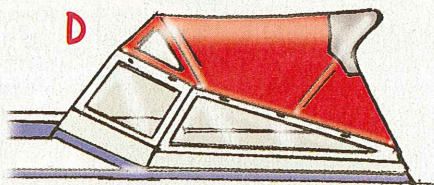
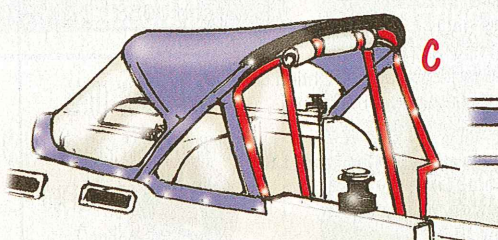


A few sprayhood ideas

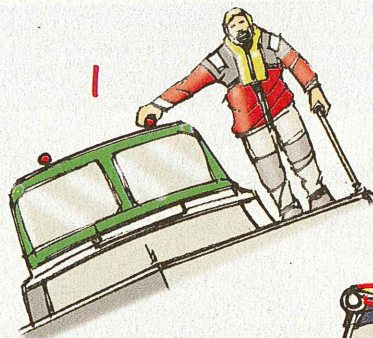
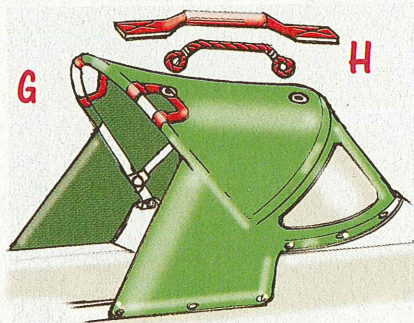
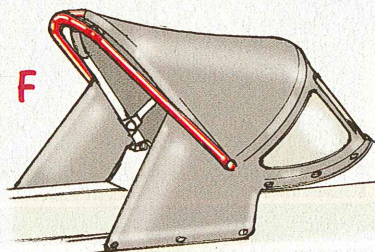
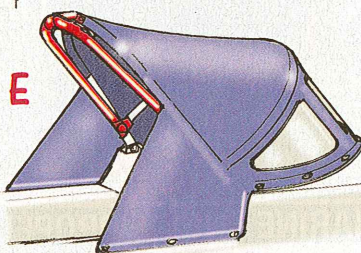


A. A sprayhood should be low enough to see over, and shelter at least one person each side. **B.** Some long hoods can squeeze in more people, and still look and work OK.

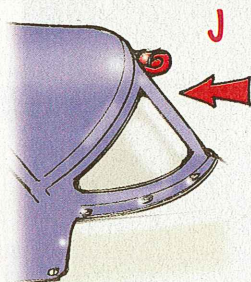


C. Zip-in rear, clear screens, and doors create a wheelhouse effect. **D.** Solid windcreens avoid the transparency problems of flexible windows, but here small windows are also added to the front of the hood.

Everyone hangs on to the back of the hood. Reinforcing the material there helps, but a metal handrail is better. **E.** Adding one to the rear pipe frame inside the hood works well. **F.** Putting it on the outside is more complicated, but does give a better handhold for the crew, while moving from the deck to the cockpit.

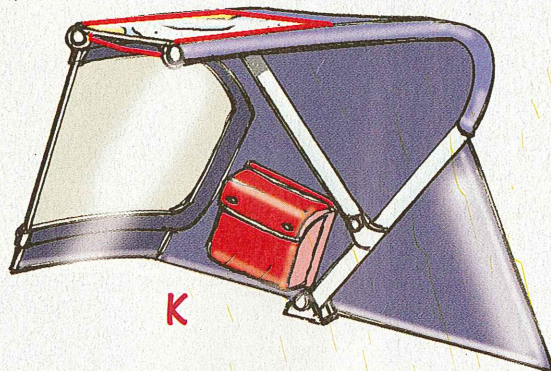


G. A simpler idea is to make a cut-out and reinforced handholds. **H.** Equally, sewn-on tapes, or ropes led through grommets and spliced onto the frame, make good, flexible handles. **I.** But do place them well inboard so they fall easily to hand when the boat is heeled.



J. In the tropics you might need roll-up windows to create extra ventilation. UV-resistant windows are good, but some people still cover them for long periods on the moorings.

K. All sorts of small stuff gets dumped under the sprayhood, so a few pouches can tidy things up. A big pocket under the 'roof' is a good place to stow a laminated chart or pilotage notes.



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