

T34C Tech Articles & photos

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Cockpit Seat Backs for the T34C

See Appendix J for enlarged Seat Back images

Making Cockpit Seat Backs



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Concordia Style Seat Backs

Among the loveliest boats around are Concordia Yawls. They were designed by C. Raymond Hunt and exquisitely built by Abeking and Rasmussen in Germany. They have lots of delightful features especially folding berths known appropriately enough as Concordia berths. But, when I was looking around for something to use as a backrest in the cockpit of "Temujin", I came across hinged cockpit seat backs in my friend Jim Cosgrove's beautiful Concordia 41, "Yankee". The first picture shows how these seat backs fit on the Concordia cockpit coaming. When not in use they fold down. They are usually made of locust and nicely varnished. (Photo 1)

For the Tartan 34C the specific Concordia arrangement won't work. But, the principle of a hinged and removable seat back still applies, albeit with some modification. And, of course, the style of the backrest is still very pretty.

Seat Back Design and Construction

The second picture shows the basic design of the seat back (Photo 2). The seat back is made of teak with white cedar bungs, for decoration, and the supports are teak held in place with stainless steel (Photo 3) hinges and a locking latch against the main sheet traveler bridge. The seat back as you can see, is held to the cockpit coaming with gudgeon and pintle fittings (Photo 4). The brace is angled to allow the seat back to tilt aft to a comfortable degree. (If you don't have a traveler bridge, you can work out possibly a fast pin in a brass sleeve, or something else suitable. Or you could just push the seat back to the coaming aft of the lazarette.) (Photo 5: Matched Pair)

When not in use the seat back folds up and can be put into the cockpit locker, in its own canvas bag.

These seat backs can be covered as well. You can, if you wish, have your canvas shop make seat cushions and cushioned backs which can be affixed to the back rest by means of a pocket or two straps of webbing with brass buckles. I have chosen not to do this but there is no reason

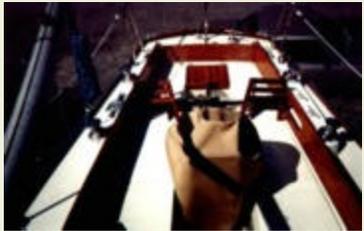


Photo 5

why it wouldn't work very nicely.

One of the great pleasures of owning a boat is to go around and look at all the beautiful things that craftsmen have fashioned for sailing yachts over the years and to try to bring them back into use on your own boat. So, I am always looking at fine old boats to pick up ideas about what might work to enhance "Temujin's" appearance and usefulness. You can do the same by browsing the Internet listings of wonderful classic craft. There are always excellent interior pictures of S&S designs, Alden designs, Concordias and many others that have been beautifully restored by owners who appreciate the intrinsic aesthetic value of these vessels.



Appendix J - Seat Back images





