

## Safety – Inspection Ports

The original black rubber inspection ports should be replaced. They are not very secure and may even pop out during a capsize.

Your best bet is to purchase inspection ports (aka access plate) direct from Beckson on their overstock page: <http://www.beckson.com/osdp.html>. You want to purchase inspection ports with an outside diameter of 8-1/8" and 6" inside diameter, DP60W for example. Sometimes you can pick these up for \$3.00 a pop. If none are available on the Beckson overstock page, you can purchase from Defender Marine or Jamestown Distributors

[http://www.jamestowndistributors.com/userportal/show\\_product.do?pid=7794&familyName=Beckson+Screw-Out+Deck+Plates](http://www.jamestowndistributors.com/userportal/show_product.do?pid=7794&familyName=Beckson+Screw-Out+Deck+Plates). Jamestown runs free shipping deals from time to time.

The original holes in you cockpit will need to be cut larger to accommodate the new inspection ports. Mark a line using the outer ring of your new inspection port as a template and cut the larger hole with a jig saw.

Place the outer ring in the new, larger hole and mark the screw locations. Drill pilot holes with a 3/32<sup>nd</sup> bit. Caulk the back of the ring and screw holes with silicon caulk or butyl tape (butyl tape is available at RV and mobile home parts stores or on Amazon.com <http://www.amazon.com/Gulf-States-30-Butyl-Tape/dp/B0009MBC9C>. Butyl tape is easy to use and cleans up easily. One \$5.00 roll will last a long time and can be used for all deck projects.). Use 1/2", #8 self- tapping stainless steel screws to install.



New inspection port compared to original black rubber plug.