

## Deck/Bow Eye Guard

The problem: spinnaker sheets getting hung up on the bow eye attached to the cutwater and the deck overhang.



The Problem

## Down and dirty fix.



Ugly, but effective for a short period of time.

Grab a stick from the woods and ducktape it to the bow. The problem with this fix, beside being ugly, is as the ducktape gets wet its bond with the hull and wood eventually gives way. In a pinch down and dirty works. But for around 7 bucks you can have a permanent fix that does not involve the use of ducktape.



The more pleasing, permanent fix.

## Tools and Supplies

A 9 inch piece of Davis Cable Cover, 3/8", Davis item #257. Davis Cable Cover is available in 6 foot sections from most marine supply houses. Here is a link to Jamestown Distributors:

[http://www.jamestowndistributors.com/userportal/show\\_product.do?pid=13007&familyName=Davis+Cable+Covers](http://www.jamestowndistributors.com/userportal/show_product.do?pid=13007&familyName=Davis+Cable+Covers) \$4.32 for 72" section.

3 #6 pan head stainless steel screws, phillips

Silicon

3/32" drill bit

Drill

Phillips screwdriver

Hacksaw

## Procedure

1. Place the 9" cable cove slot up on a workbench. Measure  $\frac{1}{2}$  in from both ends. With the hacksaw carefully cut halfway through the cable cover on both ends creating "tabs".



Hard to see, the slot is up and the cut on one end.

2. Place the cover's slot over the bow eye and position so that the top of the cover is located on the rubrail. Drill 2 pilot holes through the cover into the rubrail.



Drilling pilot holes.

3. Secure the top with 2 #6 screws.



Top end secured.

4. Position the bottom of the cover on the cutwater and drill a single pilot hole through the cover into the cutwater. I did not need to drill completely through the fiberglass creating an opening into the hull.

5. Secure the bottom with the remaining #6 screw. Apply a bead of silicon between the end of the cover and the hull to smooth the transition from hull to cover.



Secured.

That's it. No more need to send a cranky crew forward to clear spinnaker sheets. And the bow eye still functions properly to secure a painter or winch cable.



Problem solved.