



Window replacement on a 2800.

We have owned 'Chusanna' for 16 years and replaced most items, including engine, rigging, stern glands etc, etc. About 10 years ago I replaced the windows and was reasonably pleased with the result, although before too long leaks started, demonstrated by fresh water in the storage lockers. The shortcomings of my DIY were all too evident.

We decided it was time to get in a professional. On the recommendation of Bob Gosling, who also owns a 2800, 'Hennisae', I called Russell Rennison, who came with Springer Spaniel pup Jasper.



Anyone who has tried window replacement on a 2800 will know it cannot be done single handed as the face mounted windows are secured by screws and nuts, so Russell was pleased I offered to help, and he didn't charge any more for the 'assistance'.

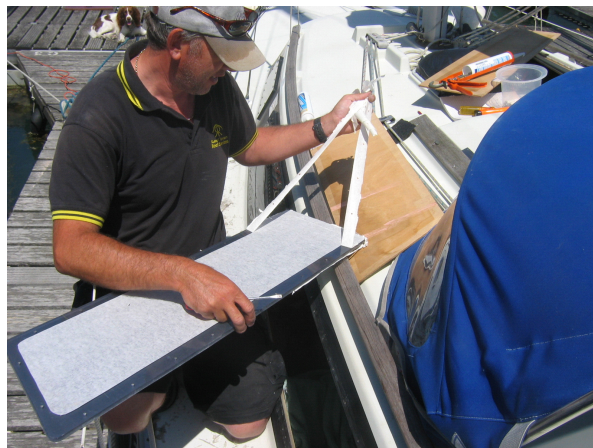


After the original windows were removed each was blanked off with the plywood secured in place with tape (The two hatches covered with a cut up bin liner). Bob had lent me the plywood blanks cut for his 2800, so time and expense were saved here. Russell felt the original thickness left the windows vulnerable, so I agree to 10mm Perspex. He used the



originals as templates and did his own cutting and shaping.

Two days later we reconvened at 'Chusanna' and the task of fitting began. He started carefully chiselling off the old silicon and wiped off with methalated spirit, less greasy than white spirit. Each window had a tear-off protective sheet on both sides. Russell temporarily fitted each window in turn to the opening holding it in place with a



couple of screws. Then inside he carefully scored the film around the inside with a Stanley knife. Then he stripped off the outer strip leaving the inside as a mask for any over spilt silicon.





admired his control of the silicon application, recalling what a 'pig's ear' I made of it last time, mess everywhere.

I was called into action. My job was to hold the screw outside whilst Russell tighten each nut in turn. Not



excessively tight so as to keep a good layer of silicon. He had also slightly over bored the screw holes to better take the silicon to provide a more secure watertight protection. Cleaning off the excess was a spatula job



and acetone to clean the surround.



The hatches were replaced simply by removing the old glazing with the Stanley knife, cleaning off the old silicon and bedding in the new Perspex, carefully masking around.

There comes a time when DIY is relevant and times when you use a professional. This was a case for the latter. Russell a local tradesman has been with boat building and maintenance all his life and has many interesting stories. Jasper knows the rules and sits quietly on the pontoon.

The cost was £750 (I was quoted £400 for the materials alone cut to pattern when considering the DIY option) I estimate Russell spent about 20 hours from start to finish.

A fantastic job and not a smear in sight!

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The finished job.

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