



SPRAY DODGERS

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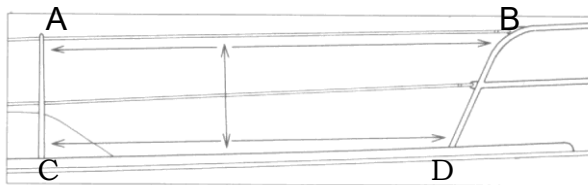
Dodgers or weather cloths are attached to the guard rails at the aft of the boat to offer protection from the weather to the cockpit area. They are also useful for offering a certain amount of privacy. The best materials to use are acrylic canvas or polyester canvas and the fitting should be not too tight so as to allow tension to be pulled on to make them taut, but a small clearance to allow any excess water to drain easily.

If using old dodgers as a pattern, remember to allow for any shrinkage that may have occurred and also to make sure that each side is checked to allow for any differences.

ITEMS REQUIRED:

- Acrylic canvas, (AC10) or (TG10) Top Gun Polyester
- Grommets, (approx 9.7mm)
- Rope for pulling taut
- Thread

MEASUREMENTS REQUIRED



Measure the following distances, making sure to leave enough for the cloth to be pulled taut.

Port Side	Starboard Side
AB =
BC =
CD =
DA =
BD =
AC =

1. Using the measurements taken draw out on the wrong side of the cloth the shape of the dodger. Around this then mark 80mm outside this, to provide a double turnover hem.

2. Crease the seam allowances along all the edges and sew at the top and bottom. For very oblique angles such as at point B cut off a triangle shape leaving enough cloth to turn in but to remove excess bulk.
3. Divide the cloth into equal parts around 15-20cm intervals and install grommets.

LETTERING:

Mark out the lettering on to contrasting cloth. It is easiest to use the TG10 for this as it does not fray and is easily cut. Mark the lettering out the wrong way round ie mirrored to keep the letters looking clean.

Lay out the dodgers and position the lettering slightly toward the top and allowing approximately 18-25mm between each letter. Stick in place with glue and mark a few corners in pencil in case of the letter moving. Roll up and sew in place with a zig zag stitch.

VARIATIONS:

If there are any cut outs necessary sew the dodgers into the basic trapezoid shape and cut out the required area. Reinforce to the required shape with spare cloth, using the same seam allowance of 40mm.

Sew on any pockets after sewing on the lettering.

If windows are required in the dodgers for good visibility, mark the window shape onto the wrong side of the cloth and stick the window into position. Make a small nick in the centre of the window area in the dodger before sewing on. Turn the dodger right side up and mark on seam allowance of say 15mm. Cut the window to this line starting from the small nick made previously, and then turn the ends underneath and sew a second row of stitching around the window.

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