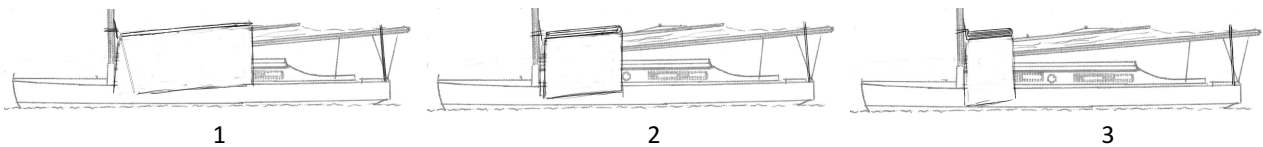


The Awning

Some tips for taking off and putting on the awning:

Removing the Awning:

Undo the tail and all the cabin side fastenings. Undo the back. Undo the front and fold the flaps back. Leave the collar attached to the mast - this will prevent the awning from blowing away if it is very windy! Then pull the back of the awning up to the mast - this is easier with one person on each side of the boat. Do this twice more (or three times more for a 4-berth boat) so the awning is now folded neatly near the mast.



Shake out the folds down each side so the awning folds neatly. Roll up each side putting the first on top of the boom and the second on top of that. Now undo the collar.

Take a sail tie and tie the awning up tightly and stow in the forepeak. Not only does this mean the awning is neat and takes up less room in the forepeak but you will also have a handle to lift it out at the end of the day.

Stow the awning rails under the combing.

Putting on the Awning:

Put the awning rails in position

Lift the awning out of the forepeak (Now you see why it is easier if it is tied up tightly) and put it on the boom by the mast. Ensure it is the right way round - the collar should be close to the mast. Undo the sail tie, let the rolls drop to the sides and tie the collar to the mast.

Take hold of the back of the awning and pull it to the back of the well. [By folding the awning this way it is quicker to undo it should you be in a hurry when the rain starts.] Secure the tail, front and tie the cabin side fastenings. Unless it is very windy, only the elasticated ties need be used.

A tip for the 4-berth boats - so that you will be able to open the companion way hatch without it fouling on the awning, go to the mast and pull the awning forward so that the collar is not stretched backwards. The flap in the awning should then correspond to the hatch opening.