

Fall 2003

Davit Modifications, Cradle & Cover

Compression struts needed to be added to the dingy davits. The first time we hoisted the dingy in the davits it became apparent why bond between the aft deck glass and teak had failed. The davits flexed the deck to an alarming degree. I couldn't imagine what was going on with the deck when the boat was in a seaway. Large knees were also installed on the underside of the deck, sort of a belt and suspenders approach. This has proved to be most adequate after five years of use.



The boat's cradle came in "kit" form. Salvaged wide flange beams were cut to length to be assembled later. We waited to weld them until on site otherwise the weight of the steel would have been too difficult to handle.



Welded on site.



A wooden framework needed to be built to support the cover.



The framework is designed to be easy to assemble as well as dis-assemble.



The finished framework. At this time, we still owned the 29' sailboat that is covered on the left.



The framework is required to be supported by the boat.



Laying out the cover.



Running the panels through the sewing machine. Years ago I was in the sail making business and my retirement plan gives me the use of the equipment. Every few years I make a boat cover or a sail just so I don't forget how.



Placing grommets in the edges.



Putting on the cover for the first time.



High and dry for the winter.



Waiting for spring

