

Cockpit Table For A Tiller-Steered Boat

The pedestal on a boat with wheel-steering provides an appropriate location to which a variety of cockpit tables can be fixed but what if your boat has a tiller? On *Aragorn*, we have a tiller so I designed a cockpit table which is mounted, extending forward, from the aft end of the cockpit. The table is made of 1/2" teak plywood edged with 1" X 1 1/2" teak (the plywood needed is 2' X 3' and about 8 1/2 feet of teak edging is required).

The front end of this table is supported on a single 7/8" S.S. leg to allow easy seating access. The upper end of this leg slips into a deckplate screwed to the underside of the table and the other end has a rubber foot so it doesn't scratch the cockpit sole. The two rear corners of our table are secured to the aft end of the cockpit by a pair of brackets normally used to mount a removable swim-ladder. Once the table is engaged, a hardwood toggle locks each bracket into place so the table isn't disengaged from the brackets if someone leans on a front corner.

The table is 25" wide, to suit the gap between the port and starboard cockpit seats. The table is 36" long, the maximum length which will fit through the opening into the starboard cockpit locker. We store it on edge inside a discarded sail bag which protects the table from being scratched.

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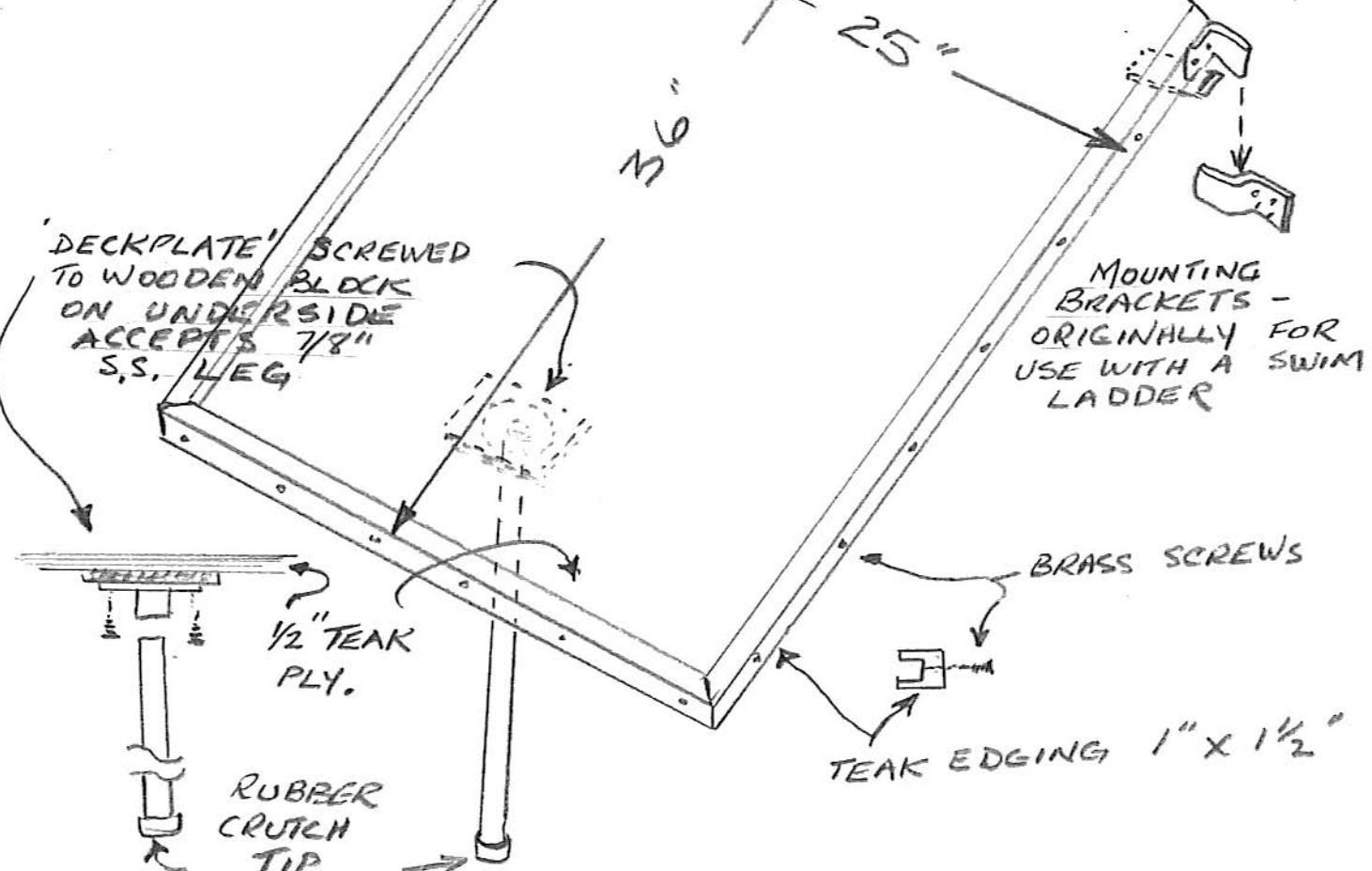
COCKPIT TABLE

FOR TILLER-STEERED C & C 27'

END IS CURVED TO MATCH CURVATURE OF TRANSOM.
EDGE IS BEVELLED TO MATCH VERTICAL SLOPE OF TRANSOM.

NOTCH FOR TILLER
(MINE IS OFF-CENTRE BECAUSE OF A SINGLE BACKSTAY)

HARDWOOD "TOGGLE"
(ROTATES TO LOCK THE REAR CORNERS INTO THE BRACKETS)



'DECKPLATE' SCREWED TO WOODEN BLOCK ON UNDERSIDE ACCEPTS 7/8" S.S. LEG

MOUNTING BRACKETS - ORIGINALLY FOR USE WITH A SWIM LADDER

1/2" TEAK PLY.

RUBBER CRUTCH TIP

BRASS SCREWS

TEAK EDGING 1" X 1 1/2"