

C. EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE - Continued

5. WINCHES, BLOCKS, TACKLES, ETC.

Winches should have a teardown and regreasing at least every six months. Follow the manufacturer's instructions, and only use a high-density winch grease. Check all winch bolts for tightness at least once a month. Hose off the winch with fresh water after each sail.

Blocks and tackles should be rinsed weekly with fresh water and have a LIGHT spray with a silicone lubricant twice a year. Be sure to check bolt tightness on all blocks, ESPECIALLY turning blocks.

6. LIFELINES, STANCHIONS, BOW AND STERN PULPITS

Do not neglect the turnbuckles, clevis pins, cotter pins, and pelican hooks on the lifelines - check them weekly. Be sure the turnbuckles and pelican hooks have enough thread and that the pelican hooks are secure. Tape or seize the pelican hooks to prevent accidental opening. It is not recommended that one hang fenders from the lifelines. A roll under a dock could put a severe enough strain on the fender to bend the stanchion.

Clean the stanchions and pulpits with soap and water periodically, and polish with a good stainless polish. Occasionally, stainless hardware will show some rusting. A couple of polishings should eliminate all problems. Never use steel wool on stainless, as it will leave small pieces of steel, which may cause rusting.

Clean the lifelines with a good soap and water solution to maintain a white look. Be sure to tape any cotter pins at the bow pulpit of the lifelines to prevent tearing of sails.

Check all pulpits and stanchions for security. Tighten bolts, as necessary, for security and to prevent leaks.

7. TEAK

We do not recommend letting your teak "go natural," as this may lead to cracking of the wood. When your teak starts to get gray and dirty, it is the time to clean and re-oil. Be sure to wipe up any spilled or excess oil, as it may stain your gelcoat. BE SURE TO HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION, WHEN USING ANY CLEANERS, OILS, PAINTS, VARNISHES, ETC.