

Ceilidh V-Berth Storage

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Since we live on board and need all the storage space we can get, I added two extra shelves in the V Berth underneath the berth. I made a duplicate of the one provided and put one in both locations Pearson designed. Then I built yet another and located it on cleats below the lower one. We made a sunbrella cover that hangs over the front, attached at the top with Velcro. To add other storage forward, I took out the drawers and the small door on the Port side. I painted the fiberglass inside with a polyurethane paint, mounted cleats on each side and installed three shelves. This approach more than doubles the usable space in this locker. I fitted a new door of 1/2" teak plywood, cut slots to match the hanging locker in the Head and installed a teak circle for the opening finger hole. I painted the inside of all the lockers, Lazarette and the underside of the companionway hatch cover with polyurethane. Polyurethane Deck Enamel is a fine, inexpensive product for this purpose since it lacks a Marine label. It can be custom colored however you choose.

