

# UKWA BOAT TENT

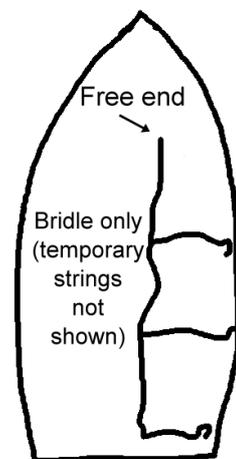
N.B. - There's only a door on the port side, so bear this in mind when mooring on pontoons etc.

## 1 – THE SHOCK CORD BRIDLE

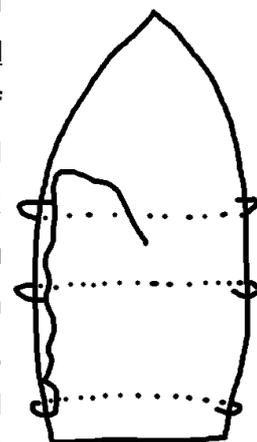
The tent is held down by three shock-cord lines which need to be led under the boat each time you pitch the tent (and recovered each morning). Start by setting up this bridle.

You'll probably find it helpful to tie a separate length of string loosely along each side deck from the transom to the bottom of each shroud. (Two strings are supplied). The shock-cords can then, in due course, be hooked onto these strings.

To get the three shock-cords into position underneath the boat, first tidy the bridle, laying the attached rope in a straight line with its free end nearest the bow. Lay the lengths of shock-cord at right-angles off to one side of the boat (see sketch). Hook the loose end of the shortest length of shock cord (marked with 1 knot) onto the temporary string somewhere near the stern of the boat. Hook the second shock-cord's loose end (marked with 2 knots) to the string about halfway along the side deck, and finally hook the loose end of the last length (3 knots) onto the string somewhere near the shroud.



The boat should be afloat, with the centreboard raised. Keeping hold of the free end of the bridle rope, take it forward outside the shroud on the same side that you've hooked the shock-cords. Let the rest of the bridle rope and the shock-cords drop into the water. Lead the end of the rope outside the forestay, under the bow of the boat and back along the other side, outside the shroud. Pull the rope in as you return, so recovering the shock-cords. Then temporarily attach each shock-cord in turn to the string along the second side of the boat. The three shock-cords should now be more or less in their final position, stretched under the boat, as shown. (The bridle rope itself plays no further part).



*The mainsail should be rolled up, but can be left on the boom. It's best to roll it from the peak down, parallel with the battens, and sling it under the boom with three or four sail ties. Rest the boom between the gooseneck and the supplied scissor crutch. You may want to protect your decks where the boom crutch rests. Detach kicker and/or mainsheet only if necessary. It's sensible to tie the boom to the mast).*

## **2 - THE FRAME**

Set up the tent poles by first strapping the short (3-length) set of poles squarely across the top of the boom about two-thirds of the way back, using the shock-cord around the boom (and sail), fastening with the Tyga cleat.

Next, assemble the longer poles and rest one end-ring in each shroud adjuster (optionally holding the ring in place with a short 5mm bolt and wing nut from the spares box).

The aft end of the side pole is then put into the hole in the boom crutch, first removing the pin/ring from the end. Repeat this on the other side.

Adjust the position of the short (3-length) cross-pole along the boom to align with a joint near the middle of each long pole, where you will find a small hole drilled in the metal joining sleeve. (There are actually two holes – use the one nearest the back of the boat). Set the hook of the cross-piece pole to face downwards to avoid damaging the tent, then pass the thin elastic loop over the side pole and hook it into place.

## **3 – THE TENT**

Drape the tent over the frame and boom just behind the mast. Attach the collar around the mast. (The tent should always be folded away starting from the stern, so that it is automatically ready to attach to the mast next time). Unroll the tent over the boom and frame, taking each shock-cord guyline off its temporary string (but leaving it attached to the bridle rope) and hook each guy onto its corresponding tent tape (use both rings in the case of the ones nearest the shrouds). Fit the yellow strap around the outer end of the boom to tighten the tent roof, then fix the velcro band around the boom. There is a shock-cord to clip across the face of the transom. Hopefully everything else will be self-evident.

## **4 - NOTES**

**SHRINKAGE** - The tent tends to shrink; the crutch can be moved inboard a bit to compensate. An extra triangle of fabric is supplied in case the tent is too tight at the stern.

**SPARES** – There are a few assorted spares in a plastic box. Please notify any loss or breakage so that replacements can be obtained.

**SHROUD OPENINGS** – These don't seal particularly well, so it's a good idea to be prepared with a couple of old towels or cloths in wet weather.

**MAST COLLAR** – In really wet weather it may help to tie a cloth just above the mast collar to 'wick' the rainwater onto the tent, instead of letting it run down the mast into the boat.