

## Sloppy Steering

My wheel steering on my 1977 Pearson 323 always had a little slop in it. In addition, it turned pretty well but there was some resistance, and a little clicking every once in a while. I checked the cables very carefully while I was sailing through the South Pacific and I never found any problems. I finally had a eureka moment and checked the pins that hold the turning sheaves. Sure enough they were very worn. Long story short, I called Edson and they wanted \$46.00 for a replacement pair. I offered to pay half that and they declined so I ordered a 12" length of 3/8 silicon bronze rod from Online Metals for \$6.00 plus shipping and made a couple of replacements.

I'm writing this because I couldn't believe the difference! The steering is now perfect. No slop at all, no resistance at all. Easy repair – just have to loosen one of the cable tighteners in order to remove the pins.

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