

## **Pearson 323 Tips:**

### ***Aft Locker:***

While you have your locker peg board out and access to this area, take time to check all fittings for loose bolts & nuts, especially on the steering and the mounts. Check cable with a tissue for broken strands. I have replaced mine a few years ago. If okay, lube cable & grease. Check where rudder post comes in for leakage water marks. I replaced my packing a few years ago. Check winch bolt & nuts and traveler. This is done on Chance [Hull 10] pre spring launch every year. It's good seamanship & peace of mind.

### ***Ice Box:***

Another subject concerning ice box insulation. 39 years ago I insulated my 323 box by drilling  $\frac{3}{4}$  holes on outside of box and injected foam insulation between the hull and box, under box between the oven wall and box wall and all voids put in several containers. I put ice in the box and it last for 3 days or more during summer temperatures. Also take a thermal blanket and cover the ice, soda, water, beer in box; the ice keeps even longer!

### ***Asymmetrical Handicap Racing:***

If racing PHRF, centerline tacked asymmetrical spinnaker may be tacked up to 12 inches forward of J with no penalty provided the area of the spinnaker is no larger than that of the maximum area for which the boat is originally handicapped.

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