

Post by Mark Hardesty on the Official Seawind Owners Club, Facebook group June 30, 2019

Seawind has tried several solutions to the water tank over the years. Some problems have resulted from knot heads over pressurizing the water tank by filling more rapidly than the air vents can handle, basically blowing the tanks up. Some problems have occurred by (in theory) having the tanks quite full and pounding into seas, either oil canning the tank or perhaps by inadequate baffling. In any case, Seawind for a while offered a roto-molded tank insert, but abandoned that approach around 18 months ago for a multi-part composite tank assembly that fits in the cavity formed by the lower hull mold section and the above structure.

Mike Reese (Seawind):

For the 1160L, 1190 and 1260 we now install a composite tank that is completely independent of the hull structure. This moulded tank is tested away from the boat and then installed/bonded to the wingdeck in the same location as previous boats. Feel free to give me call if you wanted to talk about the repairs that you are currently doing as obviously the goal is to only do this the once.

Mark Hardesty:

JollyDogs is proceeding with the factory repair procedure, modified by the method the saloon floor was cut and ultimately reinstalled. Structural work on the tank is per or superior to the factory method, and extra stringers / ribs installed to accommodate the floor cutout required to deal with an uncooperative table. We never got the table loose, and had to cut a ring all way around the trim ring at the base of the table, as even that seemed bonded in.

Demolition began and completed today. Floor cut with 1mm blades to minimize repair line. Tank filled with water, first leak spotted at about 350 liters, at around 600 liters a second location at the same level simply went off like a fountain. Seriously weak structure. Will begin repair process tomorrow; with luck will be done by COB Wednesday. Taking pix and will post soon. Expensive bugger to attack.

Note: In the photos - the cut open tank is NOT from Jolly Dogs, that photo was posted by Talisker Seawind









































