

## FLYING SCOT DACRON CENTERBOARD GASKET INSTALLATION

With the boat on its side or upside down, remove the old gasket and mouldings. Make sure not to get the mouldings switched or turned end for end! Save the screws for use with the new gasket.

Clean the slot under where the old gasket was to be sure the new gasket will lie flat. Some 220 wet sand paper works well.

If the old gasket was the rubber type, it may be necessary to drill the holes a little deeper. Take a small bit and measure the depth of the holes. Add 1/8 inch to this and mark this on a 7/64" bit with a piece of tape.

CAUTION: In any case, these holes should not be deeper than 3/4". Holes deeper than 3/4" may allow water to enter wood sections of the trunk.

The new gasket should be installed with the sewn end forward. The stitching where the gasket halves are sewn together should be at least 6" forward of the forward end of the centerboard slot. This will keep the centerboard from tearing the forward part of the gasket when it is lowered. The forward corners may be trimmed so that it comes to a point (see diagram).

Place the forward short moulding over the center of the gasket and tap the forward most screw through with a hammer. Pull on the gasket a little to remove any wrinkles and tap the other three screws through and drive them in tight. NOTE: Scots built by Customflex may have a different moulding arrangement.

Smooth the gasket so that it is flat and tap the forward screw on each of the long mouldings through and tighten. Rig a bridle between the mooring rings on the transom that is just long enough to turn over the bottom. Attach a block and tackle system to the bridle (a self-cleating vang works well for this). Pinch the aft end of the gasket between two small blocks of wood with a C-clamp or large Vise-Grip. Attach the block and tackle arrangement to the clamp and pull the gasket until the wrinkles disappear. Be sure it has plenty of tension.

Tap the screws through the long mouldings and the gasket and tighten. Be sure to keep the gasket straight with approx. 1/8" of the gasket showing outside the edge of the moulding. When one or two holes are all that is left at the end of each long moulding, ease the block and tackle and trim the ends of the gasket halves even with the ends of the long mouldings. Install the remaining short moulding.

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