

How to Recanvas a Sponson Canoe

1. To recanvas the sponson canoe the sponsons should be removed and the canvas stripped from the canoe and the sponsons.
2. The new canvas should be put on and stretched tight over the canoe and tacked in place as though the canoe was going to be done without sponsons added.
3. After this is completed, the canvas should be added to the sponsons, stretched tight and tacked down.
4. Next the canvas filler will be used to seal the canvas on the canoe and the sponsons.
5. With the canvas filler freshly applied and still wet, put the sponsons in place and screw it back onto the canoe. (This step should be done as soon as the canvas filler is applied. Do not wait until the following day. This step (#5) will take most of one day.)
6. Filler should be rubbed into the seam or joint where the sponsons and the canoe meet to completely fill in the groove. Once this is completed, check the rest of the canvas to be sure it is completely filled. Once the canvas filler has cured for 24 hours, you will not be able to add more filler. If you “touch up” the canvas after that time, it will not bond. Although sometimes it appears to have bonded, it will separate, flake and peel later on. Once the canvas and filler are applied, the rest of the process is the same for canoes with or without sponsons.