

Custom Peepery — Respectfully submitted by Ed Kesgen (Peep Hen "Ah-So")



The telltale is fashioned from a piece of flexible plumbing tubing. It screws on and off a piece of threaded pvc.

I wanted the tube to be flexible in case anyone were to fall on the telltale, such as when climbing in or out of the boat from the bow. The telltale is quite visible from the stern while handling the tiller.



Threaded mount for the telltale.



Decking in anchor well has recesses cut out of its underside to hold in place the small Danforth anchor, rode and chain. The decking has a nylon cord wrapped around the base of the mast. To remove the decking, simply pull up on the cord and cast the decking aside, revealing the anchor.



Anchor rope is cleated and further secured to bow ring by a carabiner. To deploy the anchor, simply toss it over the side.

This arrangement makes it easy to leave the helm, walk forward, and drop anchor single-handedly in less than a minute.



Painted patterns in anchor well make it easy to store anchor, rode and chain within cutouts on underside of decking.



Underside of decking.



I wouldn't think of running downwind without a boom vang. I broke the gooseneck coupling once when I unintentionally jibed in a 15 – 20 knot gust. That was the last time I will let that happen.

The white pvc tube on the mast is part of my flashlight navigation system.



Another view of the boom vang.



I replaced the mast lacing with home made (pvc again) mast hoops. Five are all I need. The sail goes up and down much smoother than it did previously with the lacing.



A little better shot of the mast hoops.

The second mate's name is Sandi.

Note the reinforced boom gallows. I dropped the mast once and cracked the mount right in the center. It is now reinforced by red oak and "ain't goin' nowhere."



Reinforced rudder mount. I managed to crack the fiberglass once when horsing the rudder around, trying to come about in a high wind (before hitting an overhanging tree). I avoided the tree, but damaged the rudder.

. . . another "never again."



Cabin bulkhead has bow running light (pull out ventilator and replace), stern running light, thermometer, clock, fire extinguisher, flare kit, USS Bon Homme Richard ashtray (my ship when I was in the Navy) and mast running light.



One of two small battery-powered overhead fluorescent lights.



Tiller extender lying on the dock.



Tiller extender deployed.



The Texas Aggie windsail is an option.

Front view of gallows reinforced by red oak.



First Mate, Annette, and Second Mate, Sandi.

There are quite a few other customizations on my boat, but I thought I would stop here. Hell, I don't even know if this file will load on the Hensnest.

Happy Sailing!