

With the bull right side, the deck battens and miscellaneous fittings, are added. Ordering the cowling and engine cover in fiberglass will eliminate installing the dash. It is molded into one piece.

must be water-cooled in that it will not be in the water while the boat is underway.

Now that the drive assembly, for the most part, is complete, it would be a good time to install the driver's seat. It is attached between the motor stringers. After the seat is installed the gas tank should be secured. It is usually mounted forward of the engine between the motor stringers and to the right side of the hull. The distribution in a limited hydroplane should favor the right side of the hull, in that engine torque tends to lift the right sponson while power is on. Engine mounts can be installed before or after the decking is secured. It is easier however before. The engine must be aligned true to the angle of the shaft. A battery box is installed to the motor stringer and frame, usually to the right side. All water lines, outlets, inlets, etc. can be installed at this time. Now we put on the decking in the same fashion as the bottom planking, covering both the top deck of the hull and the top of each sponson.

After faring and shaping, we are ready for sanding and finishing. Varnish, paint, epoxy, or other finishing is left to the discretion of the builder. In this particular case the hull was lightly stained and several coats of clear automotive enamel was applied, sanding lightly between coats. The final coat being sprayed on in a body shop to insure a high gloss, rich lustre finish.

Roostertail's Roster

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