

PROPANE TANK LOCATION

The propane tanks can be stored either in the aft end of the cockpit, with a box over them, or on the cabin top ahead of the sliding hatch inside a box. I have a drawing available of the construction of the cabin top box. Another place I have seen them stored is in PVC tubes mounted on the caprails inside the boom gallows frame legs. If you can find large diameter PVC sewer pipe, you can make a nice holder for the vertical tanks.

The later Westsail 32 deck mold had a seat locker on the port side, with a sealed fiberglass compartment, that was often used as a propane storage locker. There was no molded fiberglass propane locker for the W-42. There was one for the W-43 lazarette locker.

The propane tanks can be stored either on the aft end of the deck with a box over them, or inside the lazarette compartment if you seal off a portion of it. One method to provide a sealed compartment is to use a large diameter PVC sewer pipe to make a nice holder for the vertical tanks. Many owners are now using the smaller sized vertical aluminum propane tanks, of about 8" in diameter. If you can find PVC sewer pipe with end caps of 9" in diameter, they can be used as sealed containers. A drain hole in the bottom, with plastic thruhull fitting, and a hose lead overboard will properly safeguard the tanks in the event of leakage. Using two or three of these tanks should provide sufficient reserve capacity.



Propane tanks on boomkin frame

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