



Etchells Fleet 27

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RUST STAINS FROM WATER LEAKING AROUND CHAINPLATES

Do you get rust stains inside the hull in the area where the chain plates attach? It is likely due to water entering through the joint where the chain plates pass through the deck.

I use white marine silicone seal to seal the joint. I think resin is too stiff, and not nearly strong enough, to seal that joint.



Marine Silicone Sealant applied around Chainplates – this one is ready to be resealed.

Clean out the joint with a small tool. Just clean out the loose stuff; don't go very deep. Then clean the surfaces with acetone.

Then tape around the chainplate and the deck. Maybe 1/4 inch from joint. That way you can build up a nice neat fillet of sealant without getting it all over the place. Use your finger or a popsicle stick to shape the fillet. Pull off the tape before the sealant sets up. The tape will leave a little “edge” around the perimeter of the sealant. That is good.

You will probably need to redo this every couple years. #