

Ceilidh Interior Colors

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We selected black and red as colors for the interior of Ceilidh, complimenting the warm brown of the teak and the cream colored fiberglass Pearson provided. We used Sunbrella fabric for it's durability and its clean look. It wears very well....for 20 years. Black cushions with red piping in the main cabin with red throw pillows are reversed in the V Berth with a red comforter and black covers for the bed pillows. Curtains for the fixed ports were made of upholstery grade Sunbrella, lined with white and with a black decorative stripe. We added red polartec throws for cool evenings. Red towels, wash cloths and mat serve the Head area. We found all sorts of red and black items for the Galley. Color coordination in a small space is vital to make it attractive and livable.

Changes in the Main Salon

We expanded the book shelf just forward of the galley for a 13" TV and located a Radio/CD player nearby. We added rails to keep the books in check in boisterous seas....and a shelf on top of the existing book shelf on the port to house our Cassette tapes and other small items. A brass clock and barometer grace the main bulkhead along with three book racks and a rack for wine bottles. We put in new light fixtures to reduce the amperage draw of the Pearson originals. A Hella fan is mounted above each settee. I wired a florescent light on the ceiling immediately aft of the pole for the table. I also wired a 110 volt receptacle forward of the half bulkhead by the galley and another on the Starboard in a similar place. I'm careful not to add lots of 110 volt appliances, but to control the length of wires and from the messy look. We converted the space behind the Nav seat to storage for small electronics by adding a shelf, and by covering the cut-outs for wine bottles with a sheet of Formica simply laid in place. An added shelf above the Nav seat back allows us to use this odd shaped space for storage.....never too much storage for small things. I also extended the kitchen utensil space...using the existing smoked plastic and moving it straight inboard by adding teak spacers between it and the cabin side. It is now a workable space that will hold a reasonable set of spoons, spatulas, tongs etc. I cut slots in a teak block mounted on the wall for the paring knives that keeps them in place and ready to use.



