

BIKA IN PHOTOS



A 1976 Contessa 26 (J. Rogers 279) for sale in August 2003. The interior when we bought the boat.



BIKA after we had spent a winter fixing her up.



To avoid dampness, we made snug fleece bedclothes.



The smallest Techimpex oven fitted nicely. Henrik made a sunken shelf behind it, a heavy tools locker under it, and a plate to use as an extra table when not cooking. The VHF is placed behind the oven, as well as a locker with plastic sliding doors, for sweets and treats.



We removed the head and replaced it with the smallest Portapotti. The Wallas heater is convenient in cold weather, and we also found space for the first aid kit.



Starboard and port side of cabin after outfit. The electrical panel next to the fire extinguisher is 1976 original, and looks neat. 100 paperback books fit nicely into the shelves. The black spot is the cockpit compass.

We made an insulated icebox where the sink once were. We cool it with frozen water cans, and drink the water afterwards. In the tropics it'll be an insect-proof locker.



The cabin after the outfit, and some time cruising. New, thick mattresses to save our backs, and a curtain to seal off the messy front storage.

The life raft is strapped to two aluminium profiles, fixed through the deck with six bolts.



Fastening the windvane was a challenge, but a local handyman had smart solutions and was a great help.

The windvane fastened to BIKAs transom.



Our handyman, Håkon Evjent, also helped us make an outboard bracket. The 4HP outboard stores on the old inboard engine sole when not in use.

Our 13 kg windvane "Windpilot Pacific Light" in work.