

“Mondays Dream”—Yacht Canvas, Inc.

Main Fabric: Sunbrella Marine Blue, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Secondary Fabric: SeaQuest Midnight by Nassimi Fabrics

Window: Tuffak Polycarbonate by Plaskolite

Hardware/Findings: YKK Zippers by YKK

Sailboat Dodgers & Biminis



WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

The customer's request was to transform his tired-looking Beneteau into a modern, more updated vessel. Our first recommendation was to use Tuffak Polycarbonate glass for the dodger and eliminate the small triangle windows often found in these dodger tops for a cleaner, more streamlined appearance. Each zipper on the dodger panels is skillfully stitched to be hidden from sight, leaving only canvas and glass visible from the inside and the outside.

The Horizon fabric used as bimini chafe is a perfect match for the main Sunbrella fabric, and we enhanced sail viewing through larger-than-normal vision windows. To address the customer's concern about forward straps always being in the way, we added aft struts and adjustable spreader bars to the underside of the bimini.

To complete this package, we included a connector, windshield cover, and bimini boot, ensuring a cohesive and upgraded look for the entire vessel. The customer was quite satisfied with the final set up and enjoyed the easy access to the cockpit once the forward straps were removed.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

Cleaning up the look of this Beneteau which has been around for a while was an exciting project to undertake. This project showcases the hidden zipper concept for the dodger we have developed for use at our shop which provides a sleek look both inside and out.



Woody Wants a New Dodger—Chicago Marine Canvas

Main Fabric: Sunbrella Marine Blue, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Window: Aqua Lite Polycarbonate, Manart-Hirsch Co. Inc.

SolarFix PTFE Thread

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WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

A client with a sailing charter company contacted us to fabricate a new dodger and bimini top. The biggest reason the customer was upgrading his canvas was because the current bimini frame was too constricting while he sailed with clients. He also needed a safer space for his first mate, Woody (his dog), and would also be moving the traveler from in front of the companionway to just in front of the helm.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

The customer had very specific requirements for the framing which would support the bimini and dodger. To facilitate this process, we first took digital measurements of the entire hull with a Prodim Proliner. This allowed us to create a rendering of what the framing and canvas will look like in relation to rigging that was not yet installed on the sailboat. This process allowed the client to visualize the new layout of the cockpit area. Once finalized, we bent the frame and installed it onto the sailboat at the same time the rigger moved the traveler to just in front of the helm. With the foundation in place, we then measured the new frame and fittings on the boat for the canvas portion of the project. The customer was looking for excellent visibility and we decided to use a polycarbonate window material. The front center window was fabricated in a manner allowing it to flip up and be fastened to the top of the dodger for a completely unrestricted view while at the helm. Custom size grab rails were also installed on the dodger and bimini, and on the dodger we also swapped out the fasteners from snaps to a track system for a cleaner look. The client was ecstatic with the outcome, and it exceeded his expectations! By fabricating a larger dodger frame and pushing the fastening track out further, it allowed for more space for not only for his charter clients, but it also created a great spot for first mate Woody. The customer is expanding his charter fleet we are already in discussions about the next project.



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Synergie—Hayden Island Canvas

Main Fabric: Sunbrella Sky Blue, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Additional Fabric: Top Gun, Marlen Textiles

Window: Tuffak Marine 5

Solarfix Thread

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WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

The client wanted a modern style dodger to update their older Beneteau. They wanted it with removal hard panels and a design that could hold up to the rigors of novice guest sailors on the boat. As always we fabricated the panels with triply ply premium construction and no raw window edges. We designed it with overlapping front panel, pockets in the dodger and curved stanchions at the aft which also had to support the aft pull down tension of the panel itself as we could not fasten to the cockpit combing where lines and cleats had been rigged in a different manner than most sailboats. The window covers got quilted window covers also.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

The fit and finish along with the clean lines of this dodger and boat led us to enter this project.



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Aruba dodger—Charlton's Marine Canvas

Main Fabric: Sunbrella

Secondary Fabric: 18oz VCP

Window: 60 UV Polycarbonate

Solarfix thread

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WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

Sailboat Dodger. The customer wanted a dodger that had more clearance and visibility than their original dodger.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

We did several modifications to this dodger to solve issues for this customer. first we raised this dodger 6" to give more headroom as they were always hitting their heads when entering the companion way. this also helps for more visibility. this dodger was originally was a 5 piece California style and we changed it to 3 panels to get rid of the zippers in the corners. this results in a much cleaner look and better visibility. Overall we were very happy with the end result.



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Bavaria 39 Cruiser—Bespoke Boat Covers

Main Fabric: Sunbrella plus Dark Navy, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Window: Vinyl, Achilles USA Inc.

Hardware/Findings: Stainless steel tubes

Sailboat Dodgers & Biminis



WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

As a existed canvas was only 5ft 3 in high I had been asked to make new one up to 6ft 3 in. Customer is quite tall guy so he would like to be able to stand up under the tent and have great look canvas at the same time. Therefore, the shape of the stainless steel frame had to be completely redesigned compare to the old one. This took a time but customer has been very happy of new look and comfort inside the tent. Following the customer requested I had to redesign the canvas as well to offer customer bimini top while warm days with possibility to zip on sides while cold and raining days. I have sewn zippers in the front window to have possibility to open it and get more fresh air under the sprayhood during warm sunny days. All components had to line up perfectly to work out and fit correctly together.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

We are the company which makes bespoke covers. Creating unique covers is my every day job. Each cover made by me is different and never the same. I love to crate unique covers and I love to make my customers happy. And I love new unique challenges as well!



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