

This is what a hole looks like after the rotten bit has been cut away. The patch on the transom was done in a similar fashion. The thick piece of wood against the plywood is not original, but “invented” by me in order to keep the plywood flat when clamped in place waiting for the epoxy glue to set. Same applies to the “keel” bit. I intended to bend a single sheet of ply over the hole shown here.



The next picture shows how the plywood was peeled away at the edges in two layers to get a smoother fit. Unfortunately, good marine plywood was not available in the thickness of the original rot-prone stuff and the material I used to fix the holes is thinner than the original, so I did not get a perfectly smooth finish. I glued the patch in place with epoxy resin glue (West system), placing weights assisted by a web strap around the boat, on the patch to bend it into shape and hold it while the glue set. *Gernot Hirsinger - Gernot@technomedia-translations.de*

