

Some owners encounter problems with water collecting in the pan that is under the head floor where the mast is mounted. This becomes a big nuisance when water starts pouring into the main cabin as it moves around during tacks. This is caused by either a clogged drain or the drain may have been glassed over when the boat was made.

The other end of the drain is accessible by lifting the forward floor board in the main cabin. It is the piece of tubing on the forward-starboard side of the sump. A stiff piece of wire will clean out any obstructions.

If the wire does not pass cleanly the drain hole has been glassed over at the factory. To fix this get a long shaft drill bit and a flexible shaft. Flexible shafts can be purchased at places like Sears. This will enable you to drill through from the bilge sump side.

The other alternative is to reach through the inspection hatch in the head floor, and find the recess where the hole should be. You can then (very carefully) drill from that side into the sump. You need to be very attentive the angle of the drill while doing this. The forward section of the keel trunk is directly beneath so it is unlikely that you can cause a new through hull but it is not good to pierce this cavity, which is hollow.

It is a good idea to keep a clean out tool handy to clean this drain out. If you get on the boat and find water has collected under the head floor it is time for a clean out.