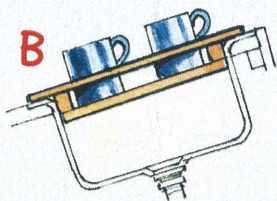
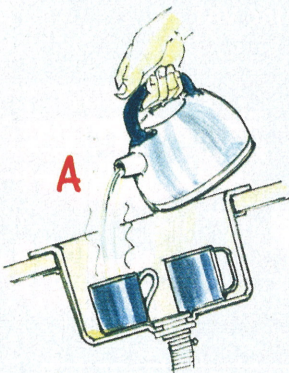
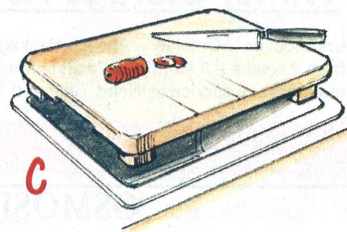


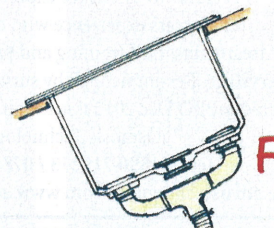
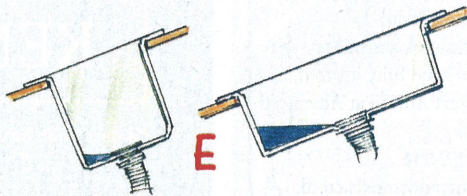
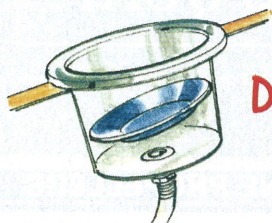
## Dick Everitt has ideas to improve your galley sink

**A.** The galley sink is an ideal place to pour out hot drinks at sea. The mugs are secure and any spills go down the drain.

**B.** Some skippers improve on this idea by making a tray that fits into the sink top. It holds all the mugs in place, drains, and the whole lot can be handed out to the crew in the cockpit.



**C.** A chopping board that sits in the top of the sink gives more work surface and does not slide about.



**D.** Round sinks look good, but be careful that round plates don't get jammed in.

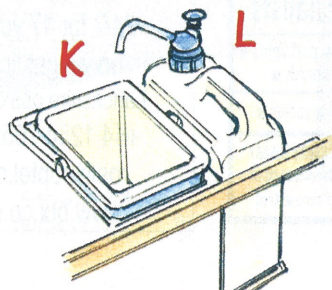
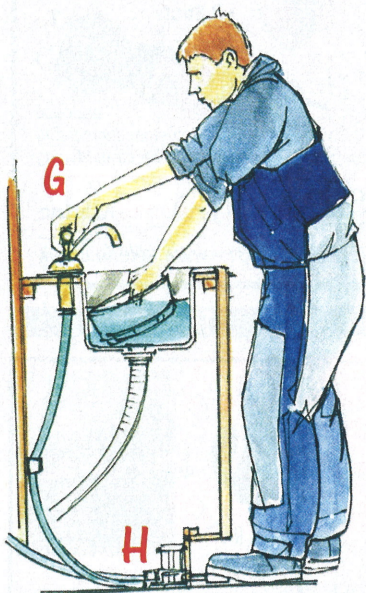
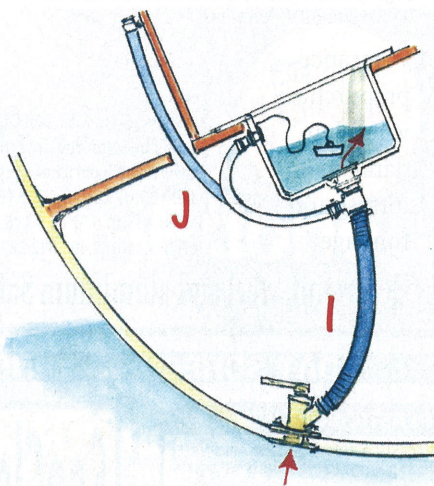
**E.** When heeled a narrow, deep sink tends to drain better than a wide, shallow one.

**F.** Twin drains, that work on both tacks, are worth having if you will be heeled for days on end.

Pressurised water systems are fine, but they can't tell the difference between an open tap and a leak - so they could pump all your fresh water through a split pipe into the bilge. To conserve water on long passages it might be safer to use a hand pump (**G**) or, better still, a foot-operated pump (**H**).

**I.** Some sinks have the annoying habit of popping the plug out when you have just filled a sink with fresh water. It seems to happen when the boat rolls over a wave and the increasing pressure in the drain pops the plug out.

**J.** Fitting an overflow or a breather pipe to the sink will stop it happening.



**K.** To save unnecessary plumbing on a small boat, a plastic 'bucket and chuck it' sink works well.

**L.** Ideally a plastic jerrycan should be fitted alongside and the water transferred by a hand pump fitted into the can's lid. Several cans could be carried for longer trips.