

Custom canvas is designed to protect you and your boat from the elements. Our materials are chosen for their longevity in the Caribbean sun and sewn with Gore Tenara Sewing Thread which is guaranteed for the life of the fabric. Our goal has always been to build products that will look good and maintain their structural integrity for as long as possible.

All **SUNBRELLA® fabrics** are engineered to combine the highest level of design and performance. For easy day-to-day maintenance of your Sunbrella fabric brush off loose dirt, spray on a cleaning solution of water and mild soap, use a soft bristle brush to clean, allow cleaning solution to soak into the fabric, rinse thoroughly until all soap residue is removed and air dry. For stubborn stains, [check the chart available on the Sunbrella site.](#)

SHELTER-RITE® AND OTHER COATED VINYLs are water proof. These fabrics can be welded, which is our preferred method for seaming. Where stitching is necessary, if a leak should develop, apply seam seal or silicon seal directly to the vinyl.

The protective coatings on these fabrics will be damaged with harsh cleaners, especially bleach. Avoid harsh cleaners and abrasives. Clean with mild soap, water and a soft brush.

ZIPPERs (and *Velcro®*) are the most maintenance prone feature of custom canvas. With time, the sun will break down the plastic and the teeth will crack. Make sure the zippers are thoroughly rinsed with fresh water every time you use the boat and lubricate the zippers and sliders once a month with a non-petroleum based lubricant or wax. Never force a jammed zipper head as you may make the problem worse. When you do need to replace a zip, consider doing them all as when one goes, the others are not usually far behind. Be careful when cleaning the stainless fixtures close to zippers. The stainless cleaners may destroy the teeth of plastic zippers.

FASTENERS: While stainless steel is corrosion resistant, it is not corrosion proof. When exposed to harsh air and moisture conditions, especially in tropical climates and around saltwater, stainless steel corrodes or rusts. Make sure to flush with fresh water every time the boat is used. Use a soft cloth, like chamois, or a non-abrasive sponge together with fresh water and a mild cleaner, like dish detergent, to clean stainless steel fixtures. Steel wire brushes, sandpaper, or steel wool should never be used.

CRYSTAL CLEAR 20/20® is touted to be the clearest, most consistent press polished composite vinyl ever produced. **COOL2SEA®** and **CLEAR2SEA®** are the only marine acrylics with 98% broad spectrum UV protection. Window panels made from either of these products are less sensitive to scratching and outgassing of the plasticizers which lead to hazing, fogging, yellowing and embrittlement. Our window panels will retain their clarity for many years with proper care.

Each time you use the boat, flush the clear windows thoroughly with clear water to rinse away any salt or environmental abrasives. Air dry or use a high quality chamois or microfiber towel. Use no strong chemicals and nothing abrasive.

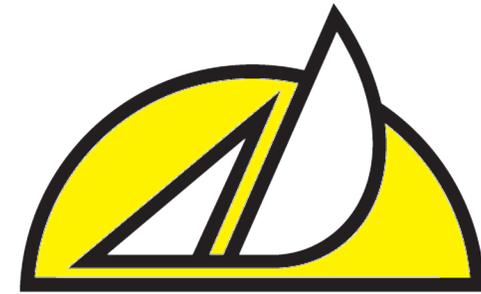
As recommended by the manufacturers, clean the clear panels every 1 - 2 weeks. Gently wipe the surface to clean. If necessary, buff dry with another dry clean cloth. Polish the window panels every 1 -2 months to extend their life. Make sure the windows, facing, zippers and hardware are clean and dry before you start to polish.

Products recommended by the manufacturer of **CRYSTAL CLEAR 20/20®** are [Strataglass Protective Cleaner and Strataglass Protective Polish.](#) For **COOL2SEA®** and **CLEAR2SEA®** [4U2Clean and 4U2Polish](#) are recommended.

There are links to the care guides through the products' websites.

A few words about storage: When storing window panels, make sure to zip the windows into place on their panels. Place soft, clean fabric like an old sheet, between each panel. The panels can be scratched and coated vinyls may imprint on the windows if not stored properly. Lie flat and try not to crease the windows.

VINYL MESH is easily cleaned with mild soap, water and a brush. Flush with clean water, rinse thoroughly and air dry.



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