



out in several earlier boats. The cuddy is watertight; it can't be flooded in any kind of sudden knockdown, and for ordinary coastwise sailing suitable to her size, it makes her self-righting, without any ballast apart from her bottom structure. One reason this is so is that she doesn't have any buoyancy low down, such as under a self-draining well, to float her in a stable bottom-up position. Her cockpit and the small area ahead of the cuddy are open and can flood over the side or from rain or spray; they must then be bailed with bucket and sponge. But water in those bays can't get into the cuddy.

The stem and stern bays are free-flooding. They have holes in the bottom to let the water out. These ends aren't properly part of the hull at all; they are more in the nature of a bowsprit and a motor bracket, also serving as fairing to improve the flow of water around what's really a square-ended punt 14½ feet long, of which 6½ feet is reliably decked and bulkheaded. This may sound complicated, and it may be in conception (it took me long enough to think of it), but study of the plans and specs will show that it simplifies construction a lot and upkeep