

# Stem To Stern Boat Restoration

*Stem to Stern Restoration* is now located at Coeymans Landing Marina, Coeymans NY.

This beautiful marina with its huge indoor work area is ideal for any kind of fiberglass or wood restoration says Mel Perkins owner of stem to stern Restoration. The company operates as an independent contractor it has 20 years experience and has been in business for 7 years.

Mel has done just about anything and everything that needs to be repaired on fiberglass or wood boats. One of the repairs that most boaters do not think about until it is to late is

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replacing the transom in a fiberglass boat. I asked, "why the transom replacement?" Mel went on to explain that when a manufacturer sells a new boat to a customer the boat is completely sealed, especially the transom. However as years pass and different owners, use the boat, additional features or components are added to the stern or transom. this could be a fish finder transducer, larger or small engines, etc. These require holes to be drilled through the transom. Usually the bolt holes are sealed however certainly not to the extent that the original manufacturer had sealed them and that is where water seeps into the wood core of the transom.

That is where Mel and Stem to Stern Restorations come in. He will remove the entire transom, leaving the outer fiberglass and replacing the inner wood with new wood, fiberglassing over it and making sure that it is completely sealed.

Over the years Mel estimates he has done at least 25 transoms in this manner.

For any questions regarding your boat call Mel Perkins at 518-928-1548.

Transom replacement is a common repair necessity.

