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Bimini Enclosure

Would you like protection from the rain, or the sun?.., is one of the most frequent questions we have asked yacht owners over the past 20 years. The dilemma is; whether a waterproof Cockpit Enclosure is necessary and preferred rather than a Bimini sun shade; or vice versa. As most yacht owners know; all kinds of weather conditions are experienced when out enjoying your sailing, sometimes all in the same day in the uk! Therefore, wouldn't it be nice to experience the benefits of both a Bimini to protect you from the sun, as well as a Cockpit Enclosure to make the cockpit space more useful and enjoyable when it's raining.

The C&J Bimini Enclosure is the conclusion of combining a separate Bimini sun shade and a separate Cockpit Enclosure into one stylish, functional and practical unit. Using only one set of framework, the versatile Bimini Enclosure is carefully designed to offer the helm protection from the heat of the sun, and when needed, your crew and your cockpit can be sheltered from all types of weather. All this generally at a cost less than purchasing a separate Bimini and separate Cockpit Enclosure with two sets of frames!



Bimini



Cockpit Enclosure



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The C&J Bimini Enclosure is designed to attach, using heavy duty zips, to your existing or new C&J Sprayhood. When in use in the sailing Bimini 'mode', with panels removed, the 'roof' section is secured to the framework by means of heavy duty nylon zips incorporated in to a canvas pockets. Sturdy, quick release stainless steel support bars secure the Bimini aft and strong adjustable webbing straps tension the Bimini forward. When the Bimini roof is not required, the webbing straps can be quickly released enabling the roof canvas and frame to fold aft against the support bars and/or the backstays. Once stowed in this position, a separate acrylic canvas pouch is zipped on to protect the roof section and contain it neatly.

With all side, aft and forward infill panels zipped in place your Bimini is now transformed into a fully functional Enclosure that provides protection to the cockpit from bad weather conditions. The extra space now gained by adding the zipped panels can now be maximized in other ways. For example, it will provide space to hang your wet weather clothing, or even a room in which to socialize with your friends or family. You could even say that the Bimini Enclosure is the marine equivalent to adding a conservatory to your home!

The C&J Bimini Enclosure comes complete with ample vision windows in the port side, the starboard side and aft panel as standard; each incorporated in to a zipped access panel. These panels can be rolled up and secured in place with webbing tie up straps. As with the Bimini Enclosure itself, the access panels, once zipped closed, attach to the outside of the cockpit coaming. This is performed by using top quality, simple to use, fasteners. This method of fastening provides a water resistant seal between the enclosure and the coaming.

The manufacturing and design processes of the C&J Bimini Enclosure are continually being updated and the materials and equipment used are of the best quality available. These materials, in conjunction with our eye for detail and manufacturing techniques enable us to provide a product of a consistently high quality.

Further details of the design and specification of the C&J Bimini Enclosure are provided overleaf along with optional extras that are available with this product.

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The C&J Bimini Enclosure is manufactured using a UV stable and shower resistant acrylic canvas. This acrylic canvas is available in a wide range of colours and should therefore make your choice to match existing canvas work, or co-ordinate with your yacht's colour scheme, an easy one! Optional upgrade options are available on the acrylic canvas. A heavier weight 'Panama' weave is ideal for 50 foot plus yachts, and a 'breathable' coated version has been developed to reduce condensation, yet still stay waterproof.



The marine grade stainless steel frame is split and jointed, using spring loaded pins, at the top centre of each bar and just below the radius corners as standard. If confined storage is required extra splits and joints, can be offered as an optional extra. C&J provide an innovative colour coding system that assists with the storing and, when required, erecting of the framework, therefore making handling easier.



As an optional extra the C&J Bimini Enclosure frame storage bag enables the frame to be kept together, protected and easily found when placed in a locker. The bag will also protect other equipment within the locker.

An acrylic canvas Bimini Enclosure cover storage bag is also available and comes complete with strong webbing handles. This bag too will keep your C&J Bimini Enclosure protected and compact when stored away.



If more light and/or vision is required in the cockpit, extra windows in the side and aft panels of your Bimini Enclosure are available as a further optional extra.



Another clever optional feature is the insertion of a window, complete with a roll-back blind, in to the canvas top panel of the Bimini roof. This option enables the helmsman to see the mainsail and top of the mast when sailing.

Window blinds can also be added to the interior of the windows providing more privacy. Furthermore, exterior covers will provide protection to the windows from UV light and other abrasives. These are also available for a further minor cost.

On aft cockpit yachts C&J endeavour to design the Bimini Enclosure to extend aft behind the backstays(s) and this extra coverage offers the helm position further protection from the sun. In some situations this can influence the shape of the aft panel to be of a vertical appearance. In addition, when extending the roof section behind the backstay(s) a little water may encroach through the roof panel via the backstay access points.

The **C&J Bimini Enclosure** is supplied complete with all necessary fastenings, step-by-step installation guide and a 12 month warranty against defective workmanship and/or materials.