Subj: Boat Frame Comments

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For years I have stored my boat with some kind of Rube Goldberg-like wooden frame. The Maine winter is hard: pieces broke, tarps tore. Last spring the latest version was good for nothing but firewood. I decided to look for something better.

A web search produced Kover Klamps as an option. After watching the instructive videos on the web site, I became convinced a Kover Klamp frame was the way to go. The initial cost would be considerably higher than another wood frame, but it would last for many years.

Shortly after I placed my order, Mr. LaScala called. He was concerned that the standard kit might not have enough Klamps for my boat, so he suggested buying some additional Klamps. Just a sales pitch, you might think? He was right! We used every Klamp. He offered other helpful advice as well.

When "cover day" arrived, I was blessed to have help from two friends, both carpenters who have worked for my former business. While I'm sure my usual crew and I could have built the frame, these friends are both about 35 years younger and thus much more nimble.

After watching the instructional video, it took them five seconds to figure out how the KKs worked. In about four hours the frame was complete. (My role consisted primarily of assembling KKs and once in a while holding a rib or a brace while they measured.) The frame looks really good and feels very strong. The good looks attracted attention from other owners who were installing their old wooden frames.

The KK Kit contained items one might not ordinarily think about: for example, easy-to-install pads where the cover might chafe (beats duct tape), and my favorite, stickers that identify each piece for easy re-assembly next year.

I have only one complaint: why didn't you tell me about this 32 years ago? As it is, the next owners of the boat (whenever that may be) will likely get more uses than I will. Lucky them!

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