



Taylor Made® Manual Bimini Installation and Owner's Manual (For Aftermarket Applications)

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Manual Pontoon Aluminum Frame Only

Part #	Description
88139	8' x 8' x 1.25" Aluminum Frame Only
88154	8' x 10' x 1.25" Aluminum Frame Only

8' x 8' Manual Pontoon Bimini Kits

Part #	Description
88125	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Black
88126	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Gray
88127	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Green
88128	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Navy
88129	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Burgundy
88130	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Beige
88131	8' x 8' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Pacific Blue

8' x 8' Manual Bimini Top and Boot - Fabric Only Kits

Part #	Description
88132	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Black
88133	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Gray
88134	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Green
88135	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Navy
88136	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Burgundy
88137	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Beige
88138	8' x 8' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Pacific Blue

8' x 10' Manual Pontoon Bimini Kits

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88140	8' x 10' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Black
88141	8' x 10' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Gray
88142	8' x 10' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Green
88143	8' x 10' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Navy
88144	8' x 10' x 1.25" Bimini Kit - Burgundy
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8' x 10' Manual Bimini Top and Boot - Fabric Only Kits

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88147	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Black
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88149	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Green
88150	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Navy
88151	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Burgundy
88152	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Beige
88153	8' x 10' x 1.25" Top & Boot - Fabric Only - Pacific Blue

Introduction

Taylor Made pontoon tops are:

- Warranted against fading for three years.
- Partially assembled to greatly simplify the complexity of setup and reduce the time required to erect.
- Easy to fold back, no tools required.

Additional information about this product and replacement parts can be obtained from taylormadeproducts.com.

NOTE: Images used in this document are for reference only when assembling, installing and/or operating this product. Actual appearance of provided and/or purchased parts and assemblies may differ.

Safety

Read and fully understand all instructions before installing or operating this product.

Adhere to all safety labels.

This manual provides general instructions. Many variables can change the circumstances of the instructions, i.e., the degree of difficulty, operation and ability of the individual performing the instructions. This manual cannot begin to plot out instructions for every possibility, but provides the general instructions, as necessary, for effectively interfacing with the device, product or system. Failure to correctly follow the provided instructions may result in death, serious personal injury, severe product and/or property damage, including voiding of the LCI limited warranty.

WARNING

THE "WARNING" SYMBOL ABOVE IS A SIGN THAT A PROCEDURE HAS A SAFETY RISK INVOLVED AND MAY CAUSE DEATH, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR SEVERE PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IF NOT PERFORMED SAFELY WITHIN PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THIS MANUAL.

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CAUTION

ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN PERFORMING SERVICE, MAINTENANCE OR INSTALLATION PROCEDURES. OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO CONSIDER WOULD BE HEARING PROTECTION, GLOVES AND POSSIBLY A FULL FACE SHIELD, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE TASK.

CAUTION

MOVING PARTS CAN PINCH, CRUSH OR CUT. KEEP CLEAR AND USE CAUTION.

Resources Required

- 1-2 people, depending on task
- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- #2 Phillips drive bit
- Flat blade screwdriver
- Cordless or electric drill or screw gun
- 5/16" drill bit
- 7/16" wrench
- Crimping tool
- Tape measure
- Pencil



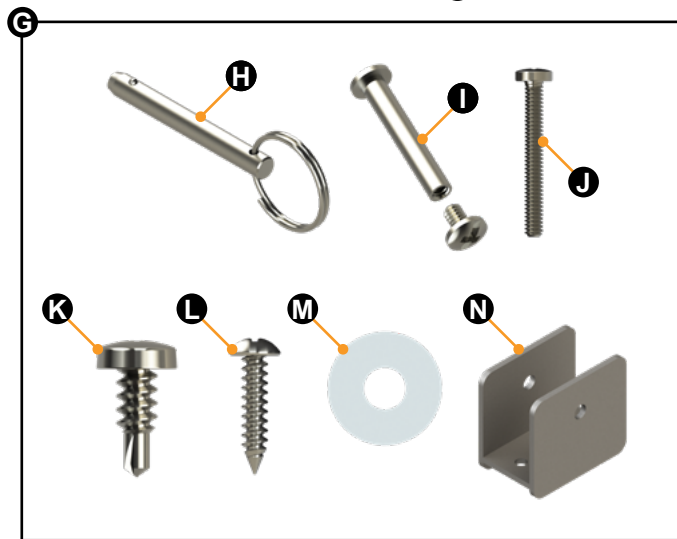
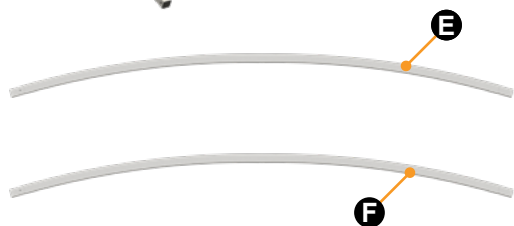
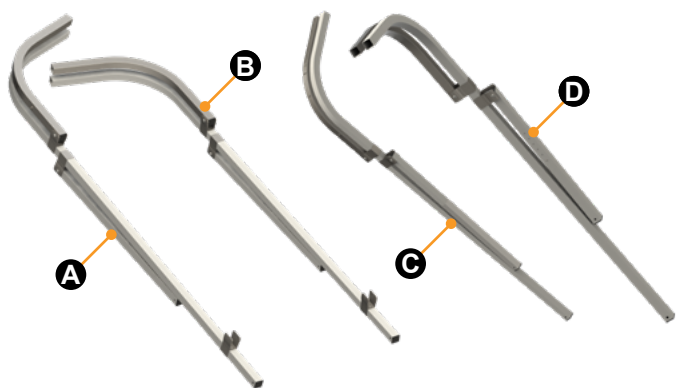
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Parts List



8' x 8' Manual Bimini Top Kit PN 2020329516		
Letter	Description	Qty
A	Primary Bow with Jaw, Left	1
B	Primary Bow with Jaw, Right	1
C	Secondary Bow, Left	1
D	Secondary Bow, Right	1
E	Bow Tube with Inner Connect Tube	3
F	Bow Tube with Inner Connect Tube and Wire Hole	1
G	Hardware Kit	1
H	Quick Release Pin (part of G)	4
I	Barrel Nut and Screw (part of G)	2
J	Secondary Stand Tube Screw (part of G)	2
K	H-bracket Mounting Screw (part of G)	12
L	Center Bow Screw (part of G)	6
M	Primary Stand Tube Pivot Washer (part of G)	4
N	H-bracket (part of G)	6
O	Bimini Canvas Top	1
P	Bimini Protective Boot	1

NOTE: Part numbers are shown for identification purposes only. Not all parts are available for individual sale. All parts with a link to the Lippert Store can be purchased.

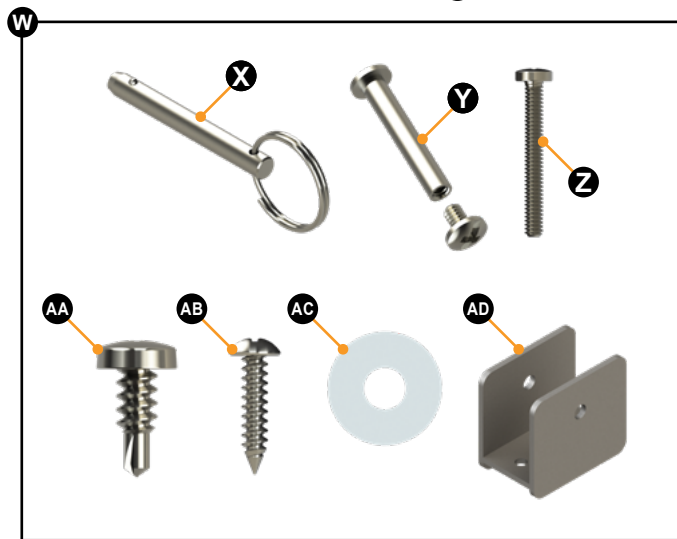
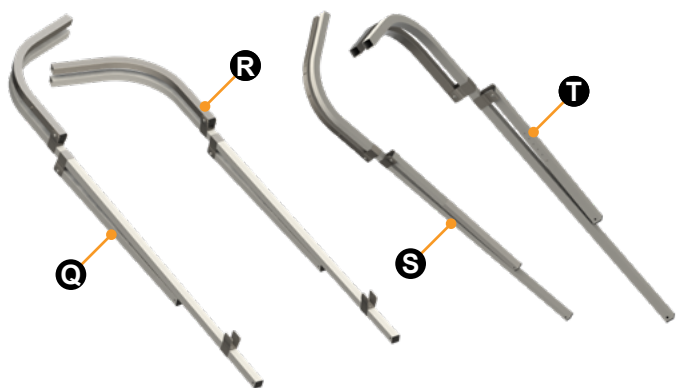


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8' x 10' Manual Bimini Top Kit PN 2020329866		
Letter	Description	Qty
Q	Primary Bow with Jaw, Left	1
R	Primary Bow with Jaw, Right	1
S	Secondary Bow, Left	1
T	Secondary Bow, Right	1
U	Bow Tube with Inner Connect Tube	3
V	Bow Tube with Inner Connect Tube and Wire Hole	1
W	Hardware Kit	1
X	Quick Release Pin (part of W)	4
Y	Barrel Nut and Screw (part of W)	2
Z	Secondary Stand Tube Screw (part of W)	2
AA	H-bracket Mounting Screw (part of W)	12
AB	Center Bow Screw (part of W)	6
AC	Primary Stand Tube Pivot Washer (part of W)	4
AD	H-bracket (part of W)	6
AE	Bimini Canvas Top	1
AF	Bimini Protective Boot	1

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Installation

NOTE: Refer to figure 1 for orientation of key manual bimini top frame components and location identification during the following assembly instruction sections.

NOTE: Assembly orientation is taken from facing towards the stern (rear) of the frame; starboard is “left”, port is “right.”

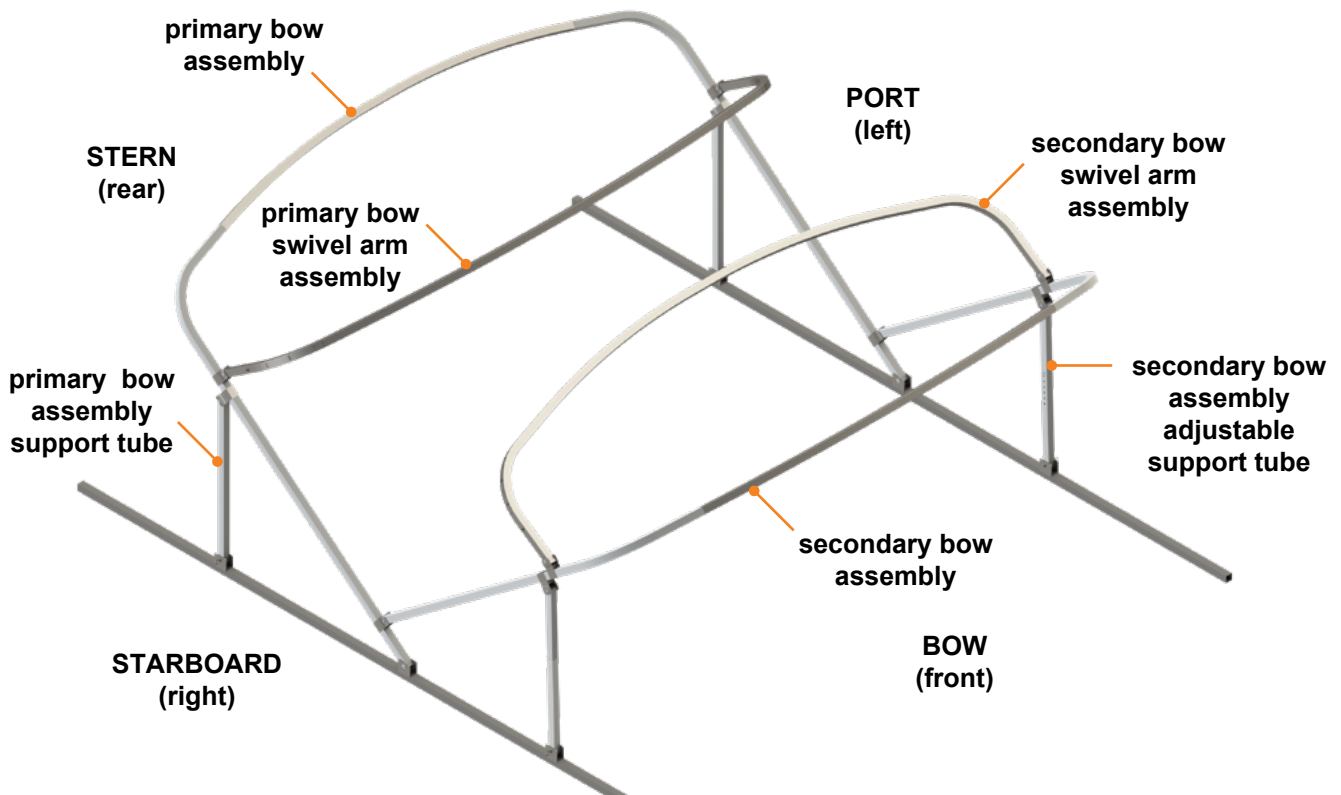


Fig.1

Attaching Secondary Frames to Primary Frames

1. Lay the two primary bow assemblies (Fig.2A) opposite of each other on a flat work surface with the jaw side facing up (Fig.2B).
2. Align the pivot holes of the left secondary bow (Fig.3A) with the pivot holes of the left primary bow jaw side (Fig.3B).
3. Using one of the supplied Phillips head machine screws (Fig.4A), attach the left secondary bow (Fig.4B) to the left primary bow assembly (Fig.4C).
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to attach the right secondary bow assembly to the right primary bow assembly.

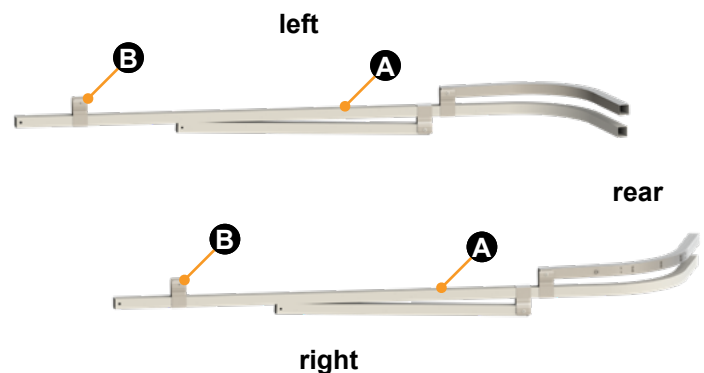


Fig.2



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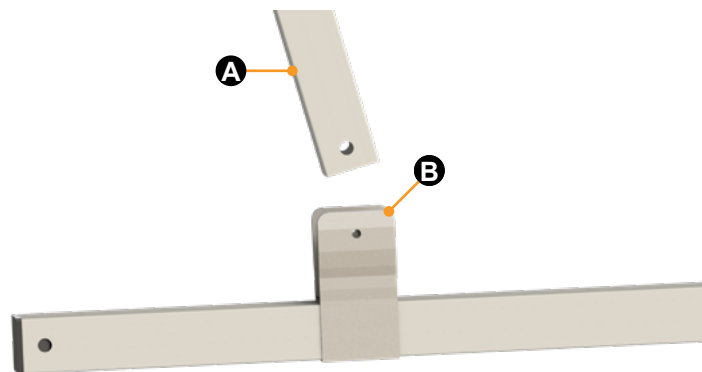


Fig.3

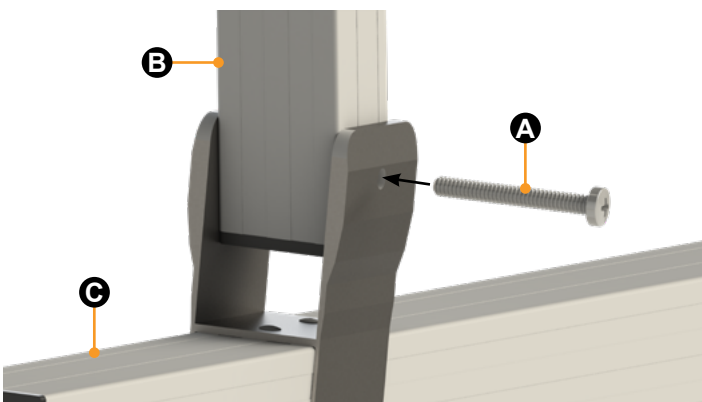


Fig.4

Assembling the Primary and Secondary Bow Tubes

1. Insert the center bow tube with the stern light wire hole and stern light mounting holes (Fig.5A) into the rear left primary bow (Fig.5B). Make sure the stern light holes are facing outward towards the outside rear of the pontoon.
2. Insert the other end of the stern light center bow tube into the right primary bow (Fig.5C).
3. Insert a center bow tube (Fig.6A) into the rear left primary bow's swivel arm (Fig.6B).
4. Insert the other end of the center bow (Fig.7A) into the right primary bow's swivel arm (Fig.7B).

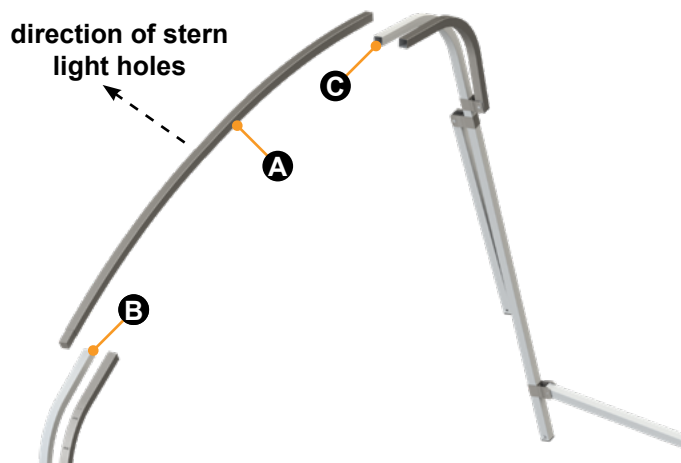


Fig.5

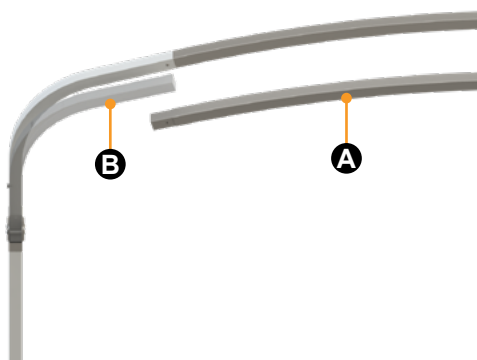


Fig.6

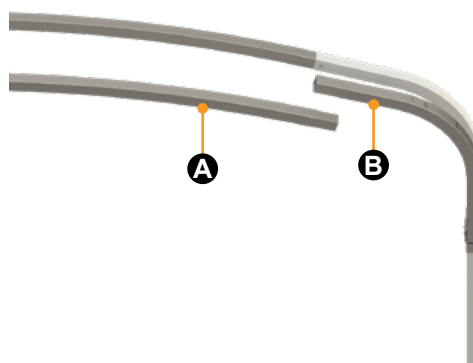


Fig.7



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5. Secure the rear stern light center bow and the swivel arm center bow (Fig.8A) to the left and right primary bow assemblies with two of the supplied Phillips pan head self-tapping screws (Fig.8B).

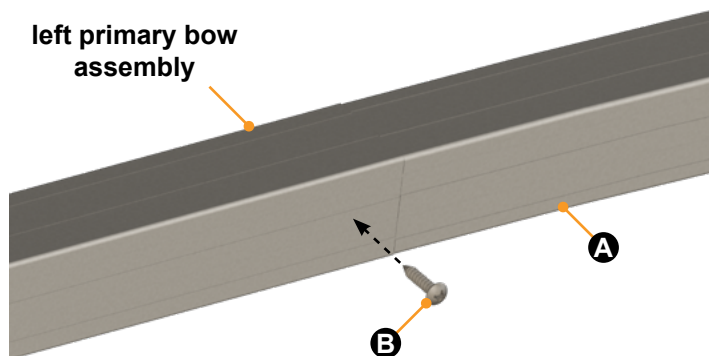


Fig.8

6. Insert a center bow tube (Fig.9A) into the front left secondary bow swivel arm (Fig.9B).

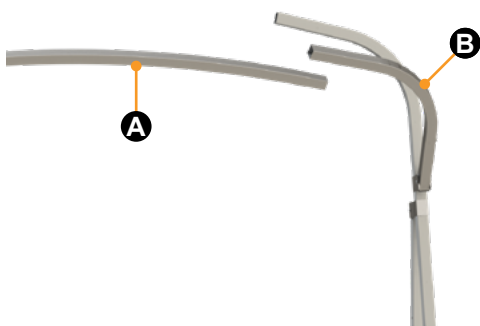


Fig.9

7. Insert the other end of the swivel arm tube's center bow (Fig.10A) into the right secondary bow swivel arm (Fig.10B).

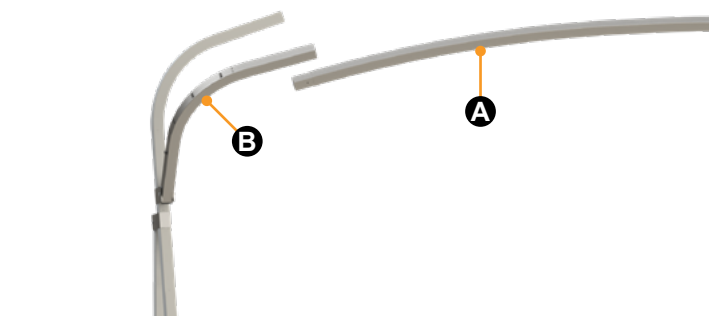


Fig.10

8. Insert a center bow tube (Fig.11A) into the front left secondary bow (Fig.11B).

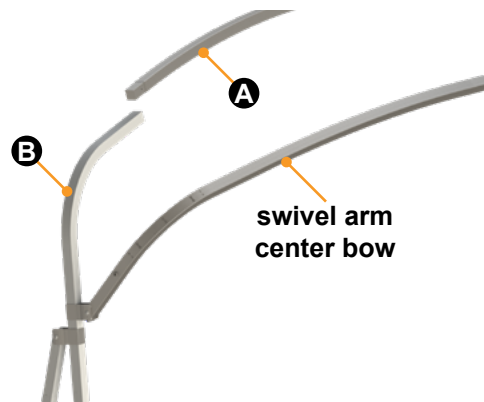


Fig.11

9. Insert the other end of the center bow (Fig.12A) into the right secondary bow (Fig.12B).

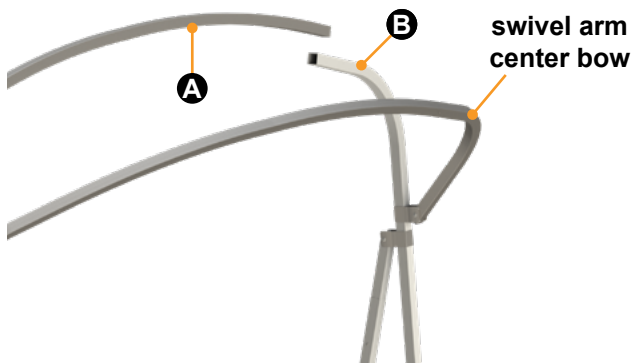


Fig.12

10. Secure the front center bow and the swivel arm center bow (Fig.13A) to the left and right secondary bow assemblies with two, supplied Phillips pan head self-tapping screws (Fig.13B).

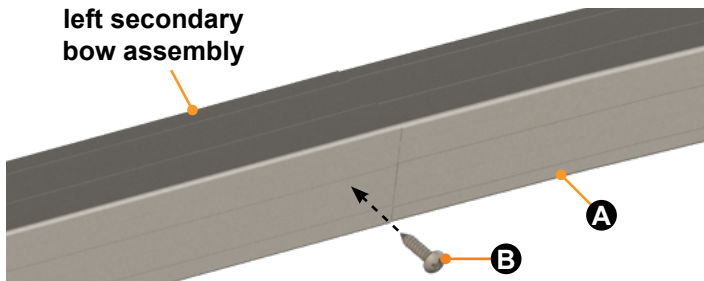


Fig.13



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11. Figure 14 shows the completed primary (Fig.14A) and secondary (Fig.14B) bow and swivel arm assemblies.

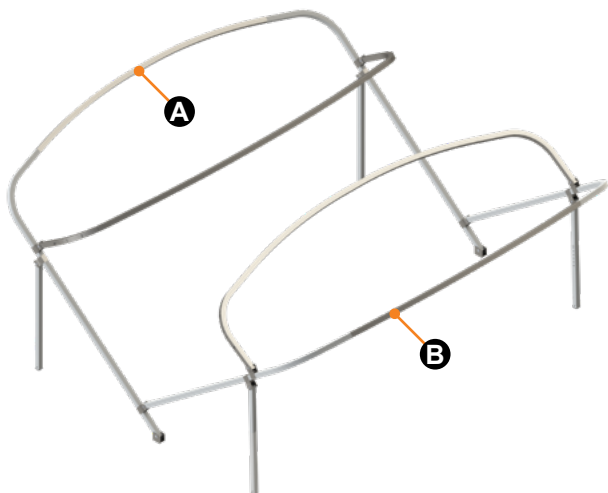


Fig.14

Mounting the Assembled Frame

Exact mounting specifications are not provided since different pontoons have different fence configurations. What is required is 72" for 8' long canopies and approximately 74" for 10' long canopies (Fig.15).

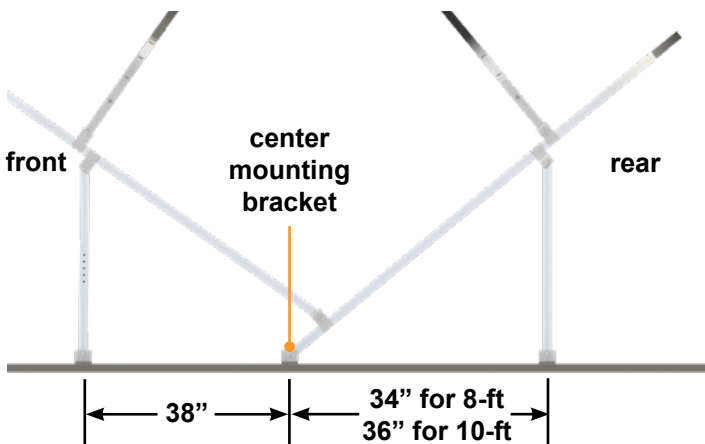


Fig.15

Mounting begins by positioning the completed frame assembly onto the pontoon to decide where the deck mounts should go.

NOTE: When replacing an old frame, consider temporarily reusing the center mounting bracket.

Decide what area the canopy will cover. For instance,

- Will the top cover the driver and the passenger?
- Does the top cover as far back on the deck as needed?
- Is the top shading a sundeck?
- Where will the top lay when folded flat?

1. Make preparations to the pontoon for installation of the completed frame assembly as follows:

- Remove existing deck mounts from the pontoon's fence railing.
- Align the pivot holes of two H-brackets (Fig.16A) with the mounting holes of each primary bow assembly (Fig.16B).
- Secure the H-brackets to the left and right primary bow assemblies with Phillips head threaded barrels (Fig.16C) and barrel-bolts (Fig.16D).
- Place a plastic washer (Fig.16E) on both sides of the primary bow—between the bow assembly and H-bracket.
- Insert the barrels and barrel-bolts through the H-brackets and primary bows.

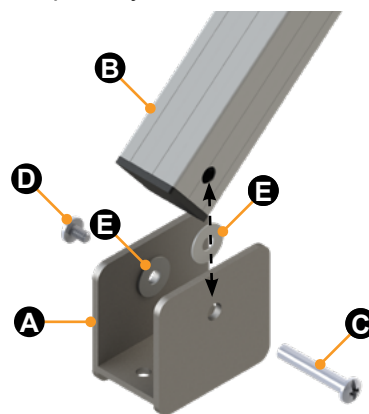


Fig.16



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III. Screw the barrel-bolt into the barrel. Use two Phillips screwdrivers to tighten the barrel and bolt (Fig.17).

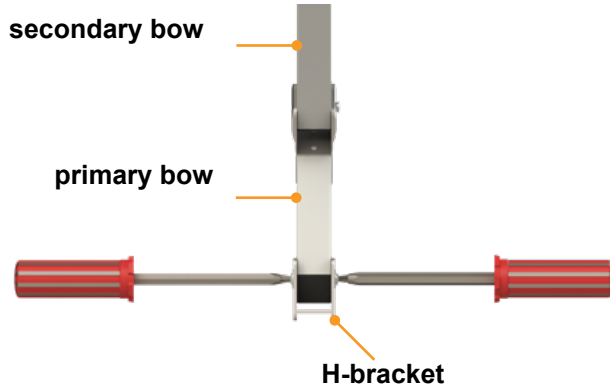


Fig.17

D. Align two H-bracket pivot holes (Fig.18A) with the mounting holes on each rear support tube (Fig.18B) bow assembly.

E. Secure each H-bracket to the left and right rear support tubes with a quick-release ring pin (Fig.18C).

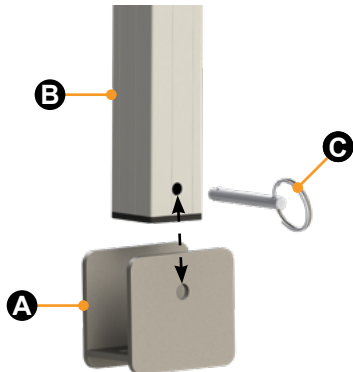


Fig.18

F. Align two H-bracket pivot holes (Fig.19A) with the mounting holes on each front adjustable support tube (Fig.19B) bow assemblies.

G. Secure each H-bracket to the left and right front adjustable support tubes with a quick-release ring pin (Fig.19C).

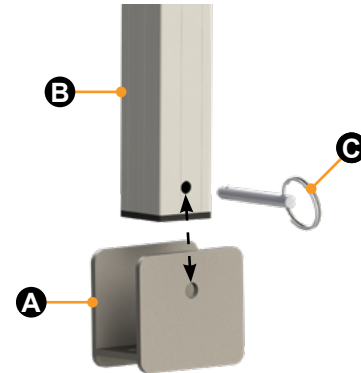


Fig.19

2. Locate the point on the pontoon where the center of the bimini top will be positioned. Typically, this is where the center H-brackets should be attached to the left and right fence rails.

A. With the help of another person, position the frame assembly onto the top of the left and right fence rails at the desired location, making sure the primary bow assembly faces rearward (Fig.20).

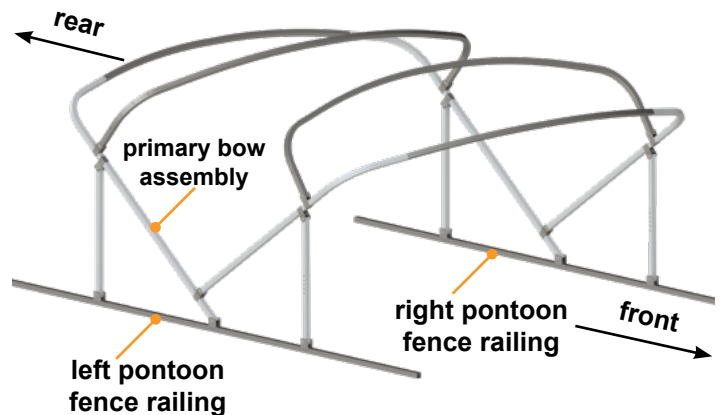


Fig.20

B. While the other person holds the frame assembly in its open position, use a tape measure and pencil to locate and mark (Fig.21A) where the center H-brackets will be installed. Make sure the center H-brackets are properly aligned and squared to one another—left-to-right (Fig.21B).

C. Remove the frame assembly from the pontoon and set aside for later installation.



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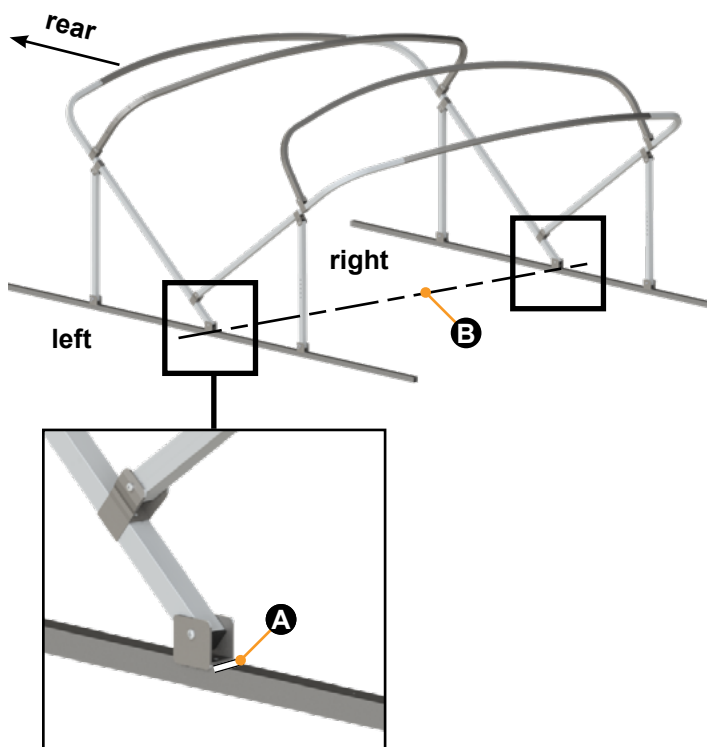


Fig.21

3. Remove the two center H-brackets from the two primary bow assemblies (Fig.14). Set the Phillips head barrels, bolts and plastic washers aside for later use.

4. Place the H-brackets onto the left and right fence rails at the previously marked (step 2.B.) locations.

5. Use an electric or cordless drill with a Phillips drive bit to install the two supplied Phillips head self-drilling screws (Fig.22A) into the mounting holes, securing the H-bracket (Fig.22B) to the fence railing (Fig.22C). Repeat procedure for the other H-bracket.

6. With the help of another person, lift the frame onto the pontoon and spring the legs of each rear strut assembly inward to fit them into the center H-brackets.

NOTE: The frame is designed to flex enough to accommodate the proper mounting width.

NOTE: The adjustable support tubes should be facing towards the front of the pontoon (Fig.20).

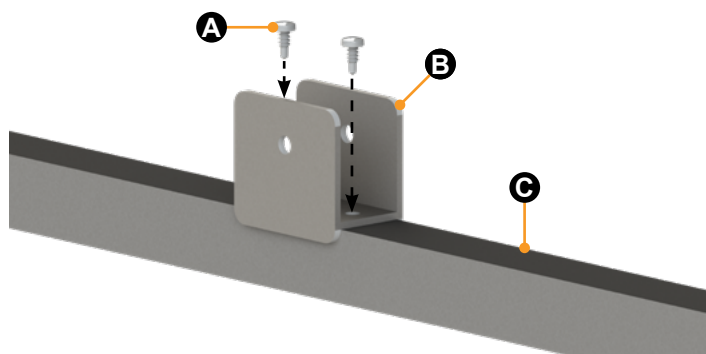


Fig.22

7. Reinsert the previously removed (step 3) Phillips head barrels, bolts and plastic washers into the two H-brackets (Figs.14-15). Refer to steps 1B and C.

Rear (Stern) Support Tubes

Eight-foot canopies require a 72-inch expanse between the rear and front support bow assemblies. Ten-foot canopies require a 74-inch expanse (Fig.15). The baseline rear measurement for either size canopy originates from the center of the pivot pin in the mounted primary bow assembly.

Install left and right rear support tubes:

NOTE: Rear support tubes come pre-assembled to the primary bows.

1. Use a tape measure and pencil to locate and mark along the left and right fence railings (Fig.23):

A. 34" from the pivot pin in the center mounting H-bracket for an 8-foot canopy or

B. 36" from the pivot pin in the center mounting H-bracket for a 10-foot canopy.

2. Install the rear support tube H-brackets:

A. Remove the quick-release ring pins (Fig.24A) from each rear support tube H-bracket (Fig.24B). Set the quick-release ring pins aside for later use.

B. Position the primary bow assembly towards the front so the attached rear support tubes are safely out of the way for the installation of the H-brackets.



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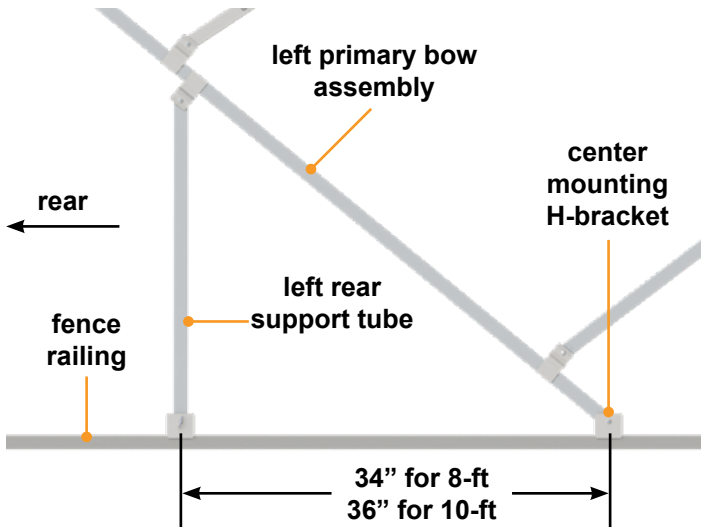


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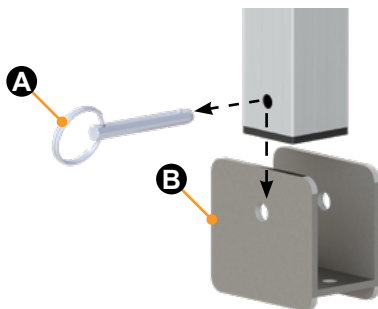


Fig.24

- C. Place the two rear support tube H-brackets (Fig.25A) at the previously marked locations (step 1.A or B), aligning the center of the pivot pin hole with the marked measurement (Fig.25).
- D. Secure each H-bracket to the fence railing with two Phillips head self-drilling screws (Fig.25B).
- E. Reposition the primary bow assembly towards the rear.
- F. Align each rear support tube's mounting pivot hole over its H-bracket's pivot hole (Fig.26).
- G. Secure the rear support tubes (Fig.26A) to the H-brackets (Fig.26B) with the previously removed (step A) quick-release ring pins (Fig.26C).

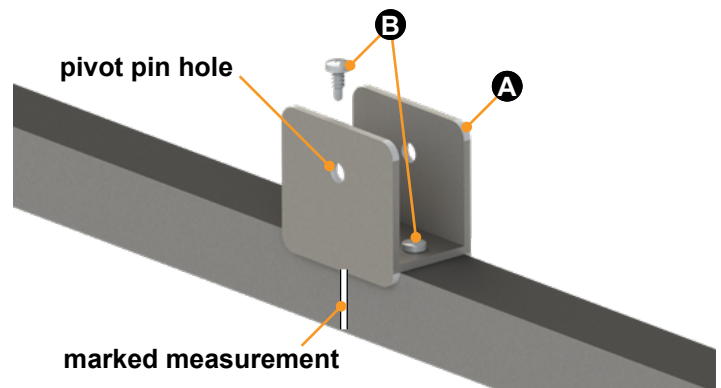


Fig.25

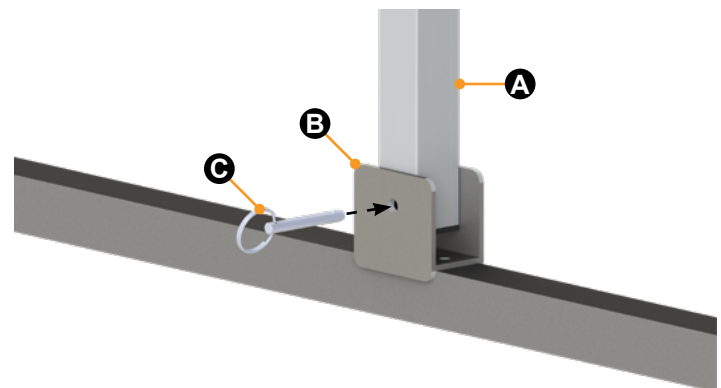


Fig.26

Adjustable Front Support Tubes

Eight-foot canopies require a 72-inch expanse between the rear and front support tubes. Ten-foot canopies require a 74-inch expanse (Fig.15). The baseline front measurement for either size canopy originates from the center of the pivot pin in the mounted primary bow assembly.

Install left and right adjustable front support tubes:

NOTE: Adjustable front support tubes come pre-assembled to the secondary bows.

1. Use a tape measure and pencil to locate and mark along the left and right fence railings 38" from the pivot pin in the center mounting H-bracket to each left and right adjustable front support tube (Fig.27).



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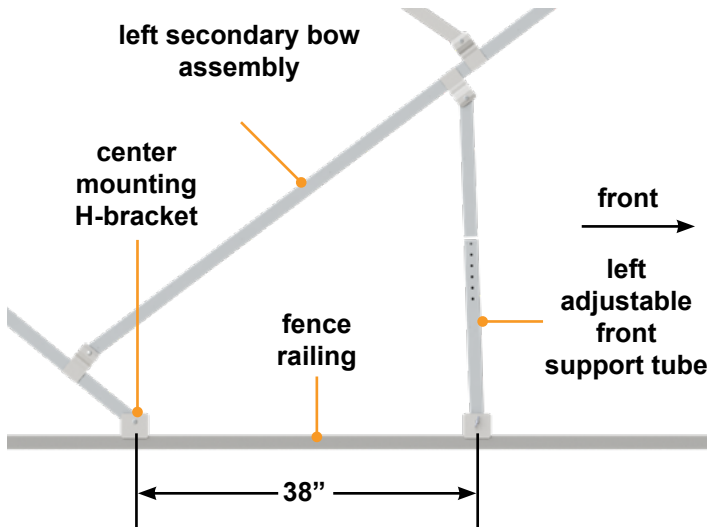


Fig.27

2. For each adjustable front support tube, press in on its adjusting snap button (Fig.28A) and extend the inner tube downward to the last height adjustment hole (Fig.28B). Make sure the adjusting snap button pops out of the last height adjustment hole to secure the full height of the adjustable front support tube.

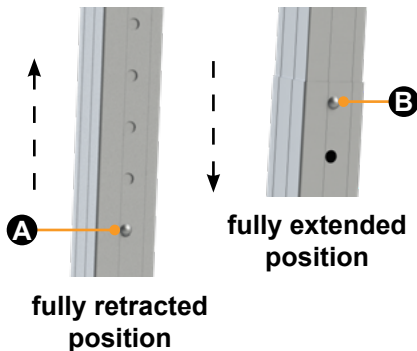


Fig.28

3. Install adjustable front support tube H-brackets:

A. Remove the quick-release ring pins (Fig.29A) from the H-brackets (Fig.29B). Set the quick-release ring pins aside for later use.

B. Position the secondary bow assemblies towards the rear so the attached adjustable front support tubes are safely out of the way for the installation of the H-brackets.

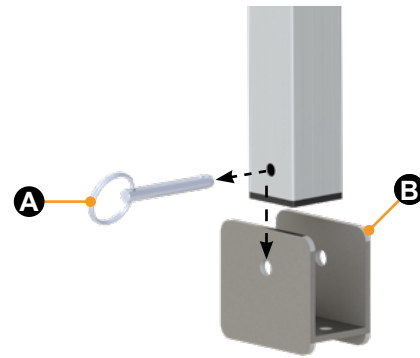


Fig.29

C. Place the two adjustable front support tube H-brackets (Fig.30A) at the previously marked locations (step 1), aligning the center of the pivot pin hole with the marked measurement (Fig.30).

D. Secure each H-bracket to the fence railing with two Phillips head self-drilling screws (Fig.30B).

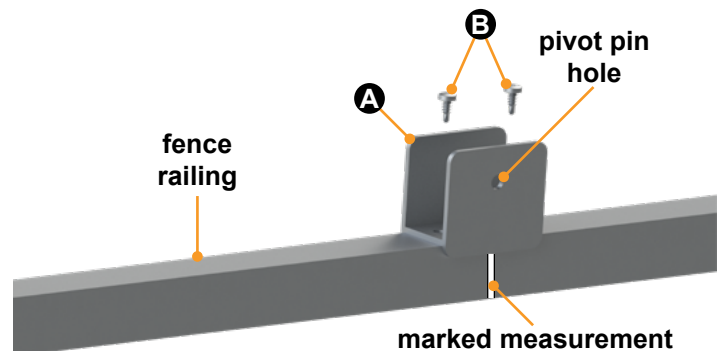


Fig.30

E. Reposition the secondary bow assembly towards the front until the attached adjustable front support tubes (Fig.31A) are over the H-brackets (Fig.31B). Secure the adjustable front support tubes to the H-brackets with the previously removed (step A) quick-release ring pins (Fig.31C).



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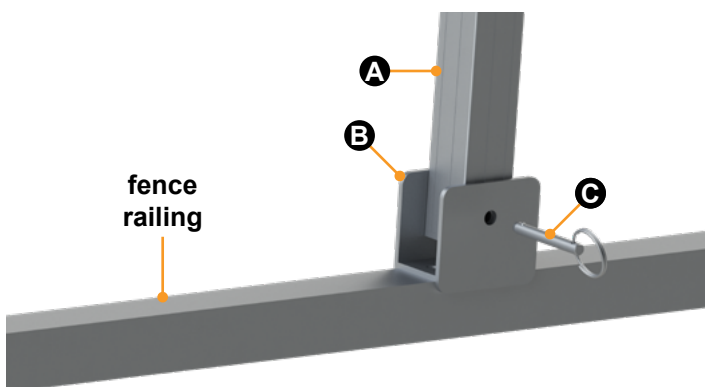


Fig.31

Canopy Installation

1. Unzip all bimini frame pockets (Fig.32).

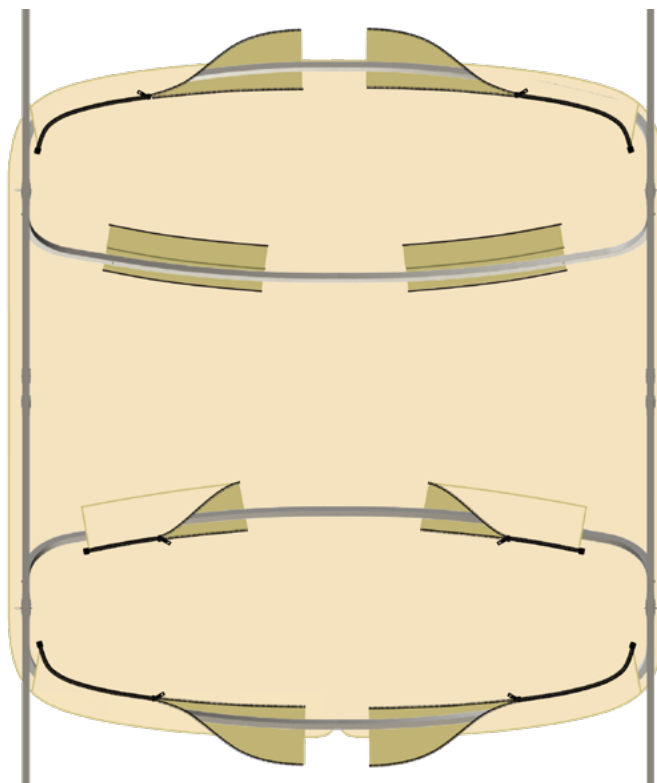


Fig.32

2. Spread the canopy fabric (Fig.33A) over the top of the frame assembly with the stern light (Fig.33B) opening positioned towards the rear.

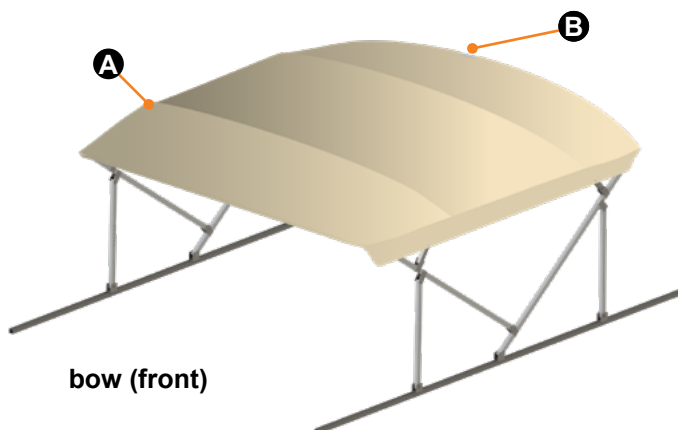


Fig.33

3. Starting at the rear of the pontoon:

A. Place the fabric's rear zipper pockets (Fig.34A) over the primary bow. Make sure the stern light canvas opening is positioned over the stern light mounting holes in the primary bow (Fig.34B), then zip the pocket closed (Fig.34C).

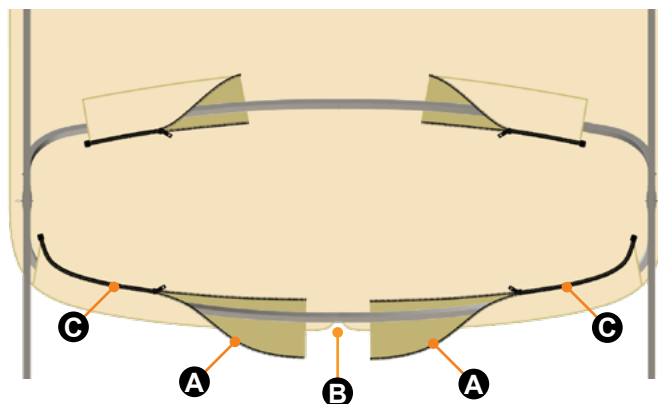


Fig.34



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B. Place the fabric's front zipper pockets over the secondary bow (Fig.35A). Zip the pockets closed (Fig.35B).

NOTE: If necessary, loosen the adjustable front support tubes to reposition the secondary bow assembly so the canopy's front zippered pockets will fit over the front bow.

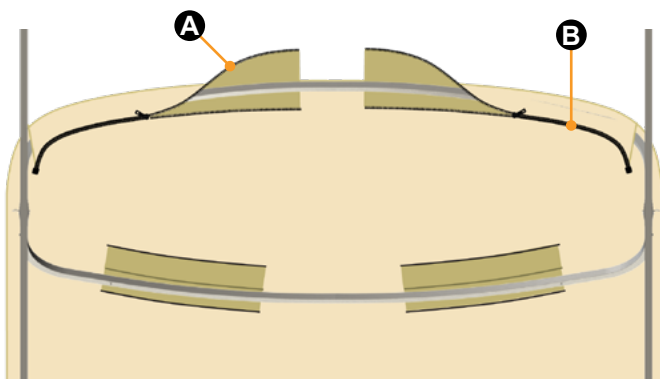


Fig.35

C. Place the two inner zippered pockets (Fig.36A) over each of the swivel arm bows. Zip the pockets closed (Fig.36B).

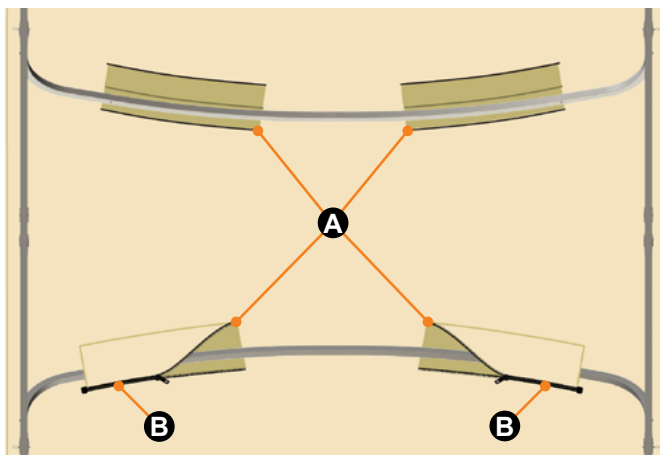


Fig.36

D. Locate the female snap caps on the left and right sides of the canopy fabric (Fig.37A).

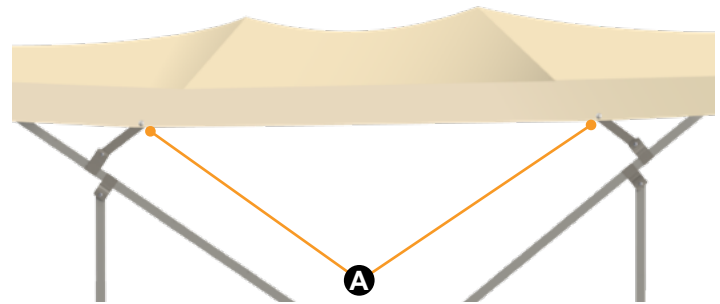


Fig.37

I. Pull down on the fabric until the snap caps align with the snap studs mounted on each of the primary and secondary swivel arms (Fig.38A).

II. Snap the female snap caps onto the male snap studs.

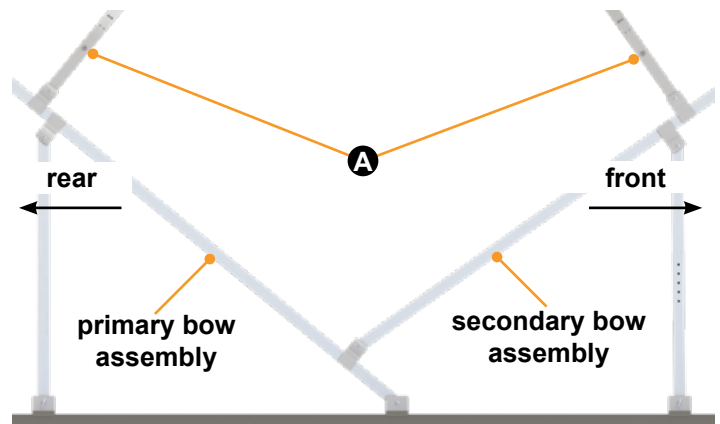


Fig.38

4. Make final adjustments to the canopy to remove any folds or sagging in the fabric.

A. Press in on the height adjustment snap button on each of the adjustable front support tubes while pulling down on the secondary bow assembly.

B. When the canopy fabric becomes taught, smooth and no sagging, make sure each adjustable front support tube's height adjustment snap button engages the closest adjustment hole that will keep the canopy fabric taught.

NOTE: The left and port right adjustable front support tubes' height adjustment position does **NOT** need to be the same for both supports.



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Operation

Bimini tops are not pontoon covers and should **NOT** be left up when the pontoon is unused. To prolong the life of the bimini top:

- Do **NOT** allow water to “puddle” on the top. If rain water does accumulate, push up from underneath to remove water. The material **MUST** be completely dry before folding up for storage.
- Do **NOT** operate the pontoon over 25 mph with the bimini top up.
- Do **NOT** transport the pontoon with the bimini top up.

Closing the Bimini Top

Close the bimini top into the radar position (Fig.39) when not in use or for storage:

NOTE: With the bimini top closed in the radar position, the stern light can still be used when the pontoon is under power.

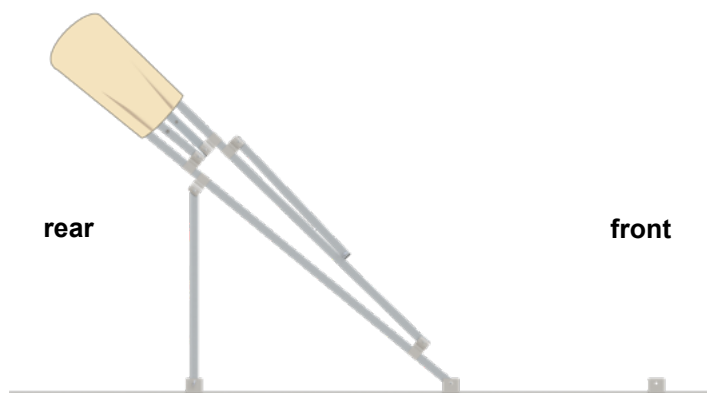


Fig.39

1. Remove the quick-release ring pins (Fig.40A) from each adjustable front support tube H-bracket (Fig.40B).

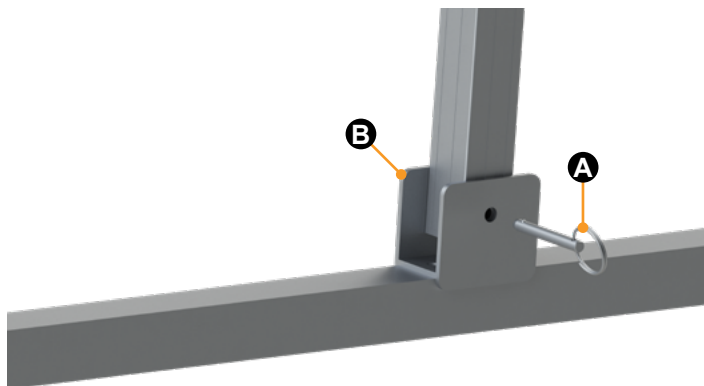


Fig.40

2. Lift the adjustable front support tubes (Fig.41A) out of the H-brackets (Fig.41B), then reinsert the quick-release ring pins (Fig.41C) into the support's inner tube (Fig.41D).

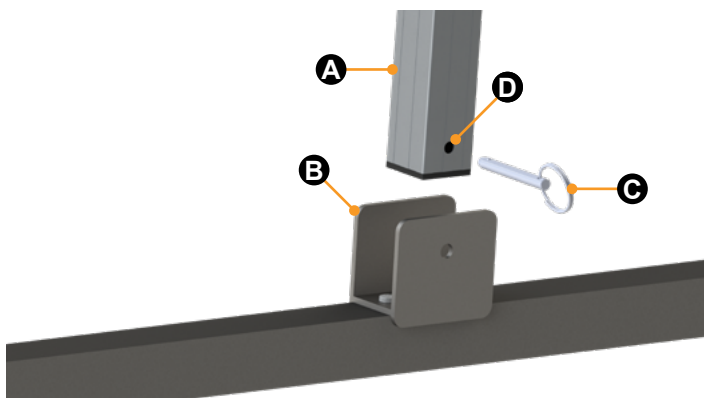


Fig.41



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3. Carefully guide the canopy and frame assembly towards the rear of the pontoon until all of the frames collapse together onto the primary bow assembly (Fig.42).

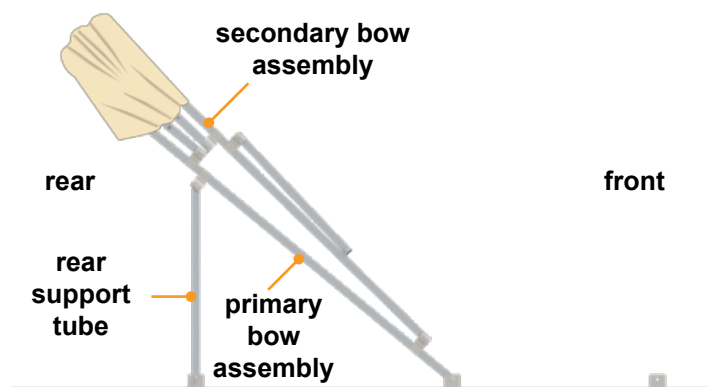


Fig.42

4. Install the protective boot (Fig.43A) over the collapsed frames and canopy with the boot's stern light opening centered over the stern light mounting holes, then zip the boot closed.

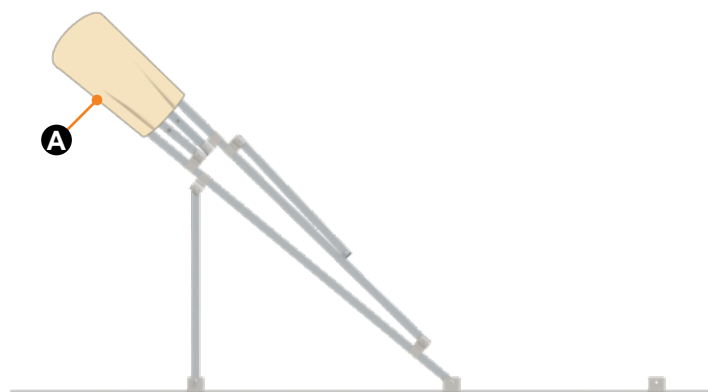


Fig.43

If a fully collapsed bimini top is desired, where the collapsed frame and canopy rests flat on the rear of the pontoon:

1. Make sure the bimini top is in the radar position and the protective boot is installed (Fig.43).
2. Remove the quick-release ring (Fig.44A) pins from each rear support tube H-bracket (Fig.44B).

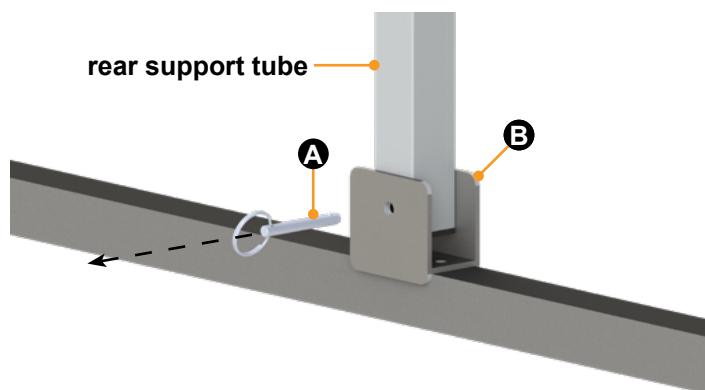


Fig.44

3. Lift the rear support tubes out of the H-brackets, then reinsert the quick-release ring pins (Fig.45A) into the tubes' pivot hole.

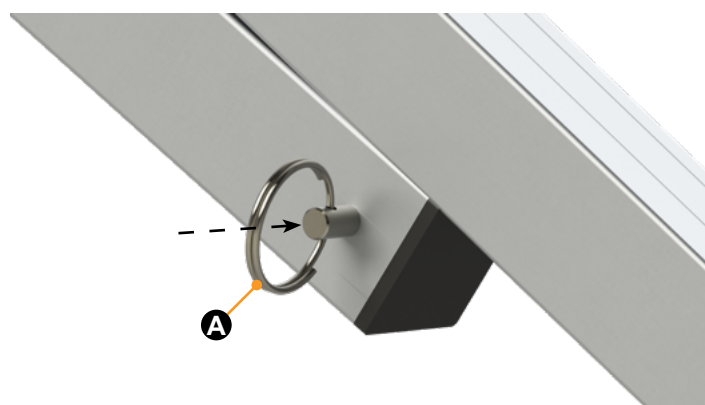


Fig.45



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4. Carefully lower the bimini top assembly down to rest on the rear pontoon fence railing (**Fig.46A**), then let the rear support tubes down to rest inside the H-brackets (**Fig.46B**).

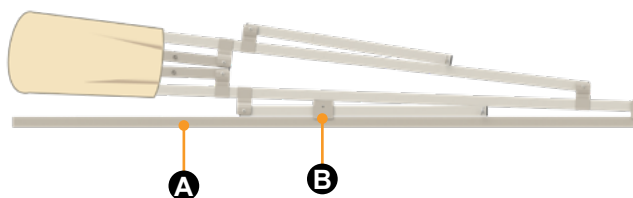


Fig.46

Opening the Bimini Top

Opening the bimini top from the radar position:

1. Unzip and remove the boot from the bimini top. Store the boot on board the pontoon for later use.
2. Pull the front frame forward until the bimini top is fully opened.
3. Remove the quick-release ring pins from the adjustable front supports, then lower the supports into their H-brackets.
4. Align the adjustable front inner support tubes' pivot holes with the H-bracket pivot holes, then reinsert the previously removed (step 3) quick-release ring pins.

Opening the bimini top from the fully collapsed position:

1. Remove the quick-release ring pins from the rear support tubes' pivot holes.
2. With the boot still installed, grasp the rear support tubes and carefully raise the bimini top until the rear support tubes reach their H-brackets.
3. Align the rear support tubes' pivot holes with the H-bracket pivot holes, then reinsert the previously removed (step 1) quick-release ring pins.
4. Unzip and remove the boot from the bimini top. Store the boot on board the pontoon for later use.
5. Pull the front frame forward until the bimini top is fully opened.
6. Remove the quick-release ring pins from the adjustable front supports, then lower the supports down into their H-brackets.
7. Align the adjustable front inner support tubes' pivot holes with the H-bracket pivot holes, then reinsert the previously removed (step 6) quick-release ring pins.



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Troubleshooting

What is happening?	Why?	What should be done?
Bimini top sags.	Bimini top not fully opened and secured.	Fully open bimini top. Pull front frame forward until fabric is tight. Change left and/or right adjustable front support tube height as necessary.
	Damaged adjustable front support tube.	Replace damaged adjustable front support tube. Contact Taylor Made for service.
	Wrong adjustable front support tube height.	Change left and/or right adjustable front support tube height as necessary.
	Missing male/female snap.	Contact Taylor Made for service.
Bimini top is loose.	Bimini top not secured.	Adjust height on left and right front support tubes until bimini top is tight.
	Unattached bimini top snap(s).	Attach bimini top snap(s).
	Unpinned rear support tube(s).	Insert quick-release ring pin(s) through H-bracket(s) and support tube(s).
	Loose adjustable front support tube(s).	Slide outer front support tube(s) up or down over the inner support tube(s) until the bimini top is tight and the snap button(s) lock in-place.
	Damaged adjustable front support tube.	Replace damaged adjustable front support tube. Contact Taylor Made for service.
	Partially unzipped bimini top frame pocket(s).	Completely zip pocket(s).
	Fully unzipped bimini top frame pocket(s).	Place zippered pocket(s) over the frame then completely zip the pocket(s).
	Missing male snap stud.	Contact Taylor Made for service.
	Damaged male snap stud	
	Missing male/female snap.	
Bimini top leaks.	Worn or torn fabric seam.	Apply a small amount of paraffin wax, such as ordinary white candle wax, to the troublesome area.
	Cut or punctured bimini fabric.	Contact Taylor Made for service.
Bimini top does not fully open.	Missing bimini frame mounting hardware.	Contact Taylor Made for service.
	Damaged bimini frame mounting hardware.	
	Damaged bimini frame component.	
Bimini top does not fully close.	Missing bimini frame mounting hardware.	Contact Taylor Made for service.
	Damaged bimini frame mounting hardware.	
	Damaged bimini frame component.	



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Troubleshooting (continued)

What is happening?	Why?	What should be done?
Bimini top zippered pockets do not open/close.	Foreign material in zipper chain (teeth).	Remove foreign material from zipper chain (teeth) then zip or unzip pocket as necessary.
	Missing pull tab.	Contact Taylor Made for service. To temporarily fix the zipper pull tab, insert a paperclip through the opening on the slider body.
	Misaligned zipper chain (teeth).	Fully unzip the pocket. Make sure the zipper's pin is fully seated into the bottom box before starting to zip the pocket closed. Similarly, make sure the bottom pin is completely removed from the box before separating the pocket from the frame.



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Maintenance

Taylor Made pontoon bimini tops are warranted against fading for three years and typically last over seven years in a northern climate.

The bimini tops are solution dyed, 7 ½ ounce woven polyester fabric with awning-grade polyester thread. However, heat and sun will deteriorate any fabric top.

In Florida, leaving the top open all of the time—not folded back in the storage position—the top might last 5-6 years. Folding the top back and covering it with the protective boot when the pontoon is not in use, the boot may deteriorate, but it will protect the top's fabric.

In northern climates, heat won't affect the fabric as harshly. Still, folding the top back and using the boot when not in use will dramatically increase the life of the top's fabric.

Storage or Storm Position

If not going pontooning for awhile, secure the fabric in the zippered storage boot. Folding the pontoon top back into the radar or fully collapsed position will increase the top's life.

Winter Storage

To prevent small animals from nesting in the top during the winter, unzip and remove the protective boot. Store the boot and pontoon in a clean dry place to increase the life of the top.

Fabric Care

Bimini tops are not pontoon covers and should not be left up when the pontoon is unused.

To clean the top:

1. Use clean water to consistently hose off the bimini top fabric during the pontooning season.
2. If necessary, do a deeper clean of the bimini top fabric:
 - A. If necessary, remove the boot and fully open the bimini top.
 - B. If the top was stored wet, allow the bimini top and boot to dry.

C. Remove any loose dirt and debris from the bimini top and boot.

D. Brush the underside of the top to remove loose dirt and to prevent any mildew build up.

E. Hose down the bimini top and boot fabric with fresh, clean water.

F. Prepare a mixture of ¼ cup of mild dish soap and five gallons of warm water. Do not use harsh detergents.

G. Use a soft bristle brush or sponge to apply the soapy water to the bimini top and boot fabric to remove stains and embedded dirt.

H. Allow the solution time to soak completely into the fabric.

I. Hose off the bimini top and boot fabric with fresh, clean water. Repeat as necessary.

3. Allow bimini top and boot to dry before closing the top and installing the protective boot.

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