

REMOVING FRAMED WINDOWS

Removing the window from the boat.

Remove the screws, these may be self tapping or bolted through. If they are the latter it is a two person job as someone needs to be on the inside to stop the nuts or interscrews from turning. Do not use an electric screwdriver, they have a tendency to slip off the head of the screw and will damage the frame before they stop turning. Also, if the window is fixed with interscrews the pressure you apply will unseat them.

Do not lever the frame outward to remove it, if you bend the aluminium you also stretch it making it impossible to get flat again. Break the seal using a putty knife or paint scraper and a mallet, work round the frame along the line of the joint. Once you have gone all round the window you can pry it out gently without bending the frame. Round off the corners of the putty knife with a file before you start to prevent them from digging in and damaging either the boat or the frame.

