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**ADDITION OF STIFFENER AND GUSSET FOR HULL BOTTOM**  
**AT STATION 30**

Due to reports of rivets popping out and channel reinforcements being damaged on the hull bottom at station 30, two stiffening members have been designed to strengthen the hull bottom at this point. One member is a gusset which ties the two existing channels together at the bottom and the other member is a hat section which ties the existing channels together near the top. Both the gusset and hat section are easily installed with bolts and nuts.

The addition of these two stiffening members is strongly recommended on any Seabee, which is used extensively for water operation as insurance against hull damage due to rough water operations. These parts may be purchased in kit form complete with hardware and installation instructions as spares item 1566 at a list price of \$5.14.

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