

La Bohème Dry Boat

Dry boat

Old wooden boats are famous for smelly bilges.

La Bohème's bilge is normally bone dry, but in winter all air is damp.

A powerful air pump was installed in 2011 (Image 1),

with inlet pipes running both sides of the keelson (Image 2).

This results in a dry air hull with no 'old bilge' smell.

Exhaust air flows up onto the deck.

1. The pump is located in the chain locker and runs on 220 volt shore power.

2. Underfloor inlet pipes run both sides of the keelson, from forepeak to engine room.

