



# Southwind SF20 Cuddy Cab Renovation

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We've all thought about it, talked about it, dreamed about it. And with hard work and no little resolve (especially when the going gets rotten) it can work out well: a bigger, better boat - yours, for a lot less cost.

**A**right, so, the decision to undertake a major reno had been made and several quotes and opinions had been obtained in relation to the floor repairs.

What we learned out of this process was that fibreglass repairers can be a fickle bunch and nearly all of them have opinions on others in the industry. Some opinions include a variety of derogatory words as well. Quite interesting.

One of the most recommended businesses in Cairns to take on the job

was unfortunately also the most expensive by a long way. At the end of the day I think we got good value for what we did pay. In choosing who you are going to use to do this sort of major work, I think it pays to not only spend some time with them and to really have a look at some of their finished work, but to hopefully get a feel for them personally to gauge how things will go.

Another good way of finding out who is who in the industry is to ask the fibreglass supplies wholesaler as they know all

and sundry and are well aware of who should be avoided and who does a proper job.

Not saying I'm right, but in my humble opinion, word of mouth and not the Yellow Pages are the way to go when looking to get major fibreglass work done. One bloke we went to for a quote hadn't rung back the following day like he said he would so I called him, only to be told they were still working it out and would call me. That never happened, so needless to say, I wasn't going to be chasing him up to give him any business.

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