



coat the stem, keelson, and plank with glue and install the stem with 1-in ringed nails driven at 1½-in intervals through the plywood on each side of the slit.

Deck Framing. When the glue is dry, fit the fore end of the deck batten (Fig. 5C) into the stem notch, clamping it temporarily while you cut the deck strut to fit 14 in. forward of the frame. Start with a 12-in. length of 1x2 stock for the strut and cut it down until the deck batten makes a smooth curve when bent over it and fitted in a notch in the frame. The actual length will vary with the stiffness of the batten stock.

When the strut fits, install the batten with glue and #8 x 1³/₄-in. FH screws driven into the stem, frame, and strut. Then attach plywood tabs where the strut meets the batten and keelson. Next rip a 48-in. length of stock along its centerline to make carlins to support the side decks (Fig. 5A).

When finished, lay a 6-ft. length of 3/4-in. sq. stock over the framework in several positions to check for high spots and trim with rasp or plane so the deck

