

maple runners atop each bench. Each runner was scored on one narrow side to accommodate a swivel seat. I ordered four swivel seats, two for the forward bench and one for the aft bench (the fourth swivel seat is discussed below). Next, three Angler Low-back seats were procured from Cabela's, one for the forward swivel and one for the aft swivel. The third seat was stowed under the deck in case another guest came aboard. The fourth swivel seat is not dedicated at the moment, but envisioned as a possible stripping basket for fly line, perhaps a deep tray for munchies, maybe a tacklebox for lures, or *et cetera*.

Figure 12: Swivel seat, rails, and seat lock.



11) The engine, battery, and fuel tank, generally are housed near the transom. In the Wolverine, there was not enough room for all three items So, I again asked Brandon to design and build a cradle that would fit under the deck and support/secure support the fuel tank. He agreed and installed the cradle in short order (see Figures 6 and 8). I "anchored" the fuel tank to the cradle by crisscrossing three, 1-inch wide nylon straps under and over the tank, and under the cradle. Each strap (approximately 3-foot long and fitted with a steel clamp) was pulled tight.

(12) The next task was drilling two 1.25-inch holes through the deck and individually cover each with a chromed Clamshell Vent to preclude gasoline fumes from filling the space under the deck (Dead Air Spaces are *verboten* by the U. S. Coast Guard!). The tank and ordinary marine luggage were stowed under the deck to assist balancing the boat fore and aft.



Figure 9. Twin vents in deck.