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## centerboard removal

Submitted by Dennis of North Kingstown, R.I. on 12/02 at 07:13PM  
regarding General\_interest.

I have a 1984 O'day 26 and would like to remove, inspect, clean and paint the centerboard but cannot locate the pivot pin. Anyone have pictures or a good discription about this job.

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### How to remove centerboard - O'Day 25 Part 1

Submitted by muised of Halifax, Nova Scotia on 12/03 at 02:07PM  
regarding General\_interest

Removed mine today. Step one - get directly under the bow end of the keel slot and remove the four bolts holding two metal plates (one port and one starboard). I had to clean lots of barnacles and a bad fiberglass repair. This photo shows one removed and one in place.

*Photo #1*

### How to remove centerboard - O'Day 25 Part 2

Submitted by muised of Halifax, Nova Scotia on 12/03 at 02:11PM  
regarding General\_interest

Once the bolts are out, pry off the two plates and you will see the ends of two plastic wedges. If they don't fall out, work them loose with a flat screwdriver.

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### How to remove centerboard - O'Day 25 Part 3

Submitted by muised of Halifax, Nova Scotia on 12/03 at 02:13PM  
regarding General\_interest

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Once the wedges are out, you should be able to rotate the forward end of the centerboard down and out of the slot. I had to rip a piece of wood off my cradle to make room. There is a plastic pivot pin and a plastic washer on each side. I had one bolt missing, and one broke when trying to remove

it, so that will be another adventure trying to reassemble. Good luck

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### Question

Submitted by Russ of Melbourne,FL on 12/07 at 04:34AM regarding  
General\_interest

Most excellent pictures and narrative!! I'm facing this very process in a few weeks and was wondering how to do it. My Christmas present is a new Raymarine Bi-Data and I have to install thru-hulls and will be dropping the swing keel while I'm on the hard as it's getting somewhat crunchy (if that makes sense).

Question though, what do the screws bed into? Is it raw fiberglass, wood, plastic?? I'm concerned that one or more of the bolts will break off and want to be prepared for it.

The other question I have is, how much does the keel weigh? Is this a winch in/out deal or can it be handled by one or two people??

Thanks,  
Russ

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