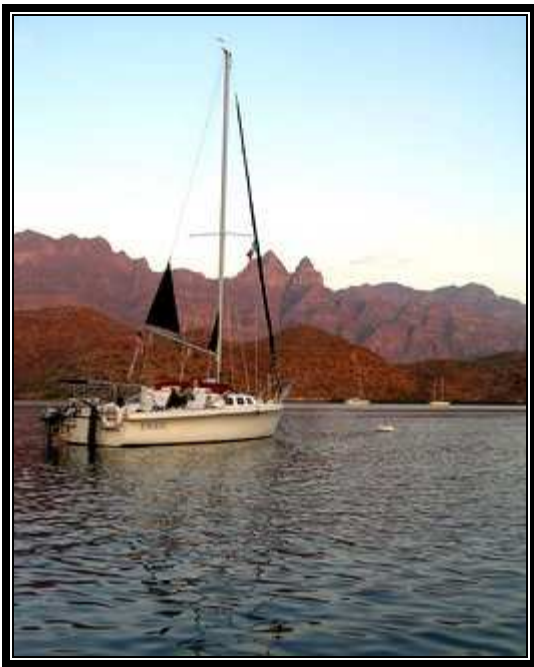


**Riding Sail:** This was a very useful piece of equipment. It was a small triangular sail with a 52 inch foot and appropriate leech and luff that was secured at three points; one on the outhaul of the boom, the head was on a loop on the topping lift and the foot was attached to one of the cleats mid-boom. We did not swing and “hunt” as a Rhodes sometimes does in a windy anchorage. This small sail kept the boat very steady at anchor and when required, could be made to point the boat into the swells using a preventer.



**Riding sail in action.**



**Bimini and solar panel in “action”.**

**Bimini:** An absolute must in this kind of sailing environment! The sun is so intense it actually *hurts* when it shines directly on your skin. To be able to motor & sail on most points in the shade really made the trip enjoyable. When anchored we often used side panels. I won't be leaving home without my Bimini!

**Fishing Gear:** This was used effectively to repel fish from near the boat. We had two trolling rods, lots of strange lures along with a gaff and dip net.

**Abandon Ship Bag:** Due to the remote location we decided to carry one of these. For details see the attached list. Water in separate containers was also located for quick access and retrieval in several locations.

**First Aid Kit:** Again, since we were going to be in some pretty remote places, I wanted an expanded kit but cost was a limiting factor. With some advice from some medical friends I put one together for not too much money. (See the attached list for our first aid kit).