

Hunter's I recommended technique to remove windows is:

Remove all external sealant with knife, etc.

Underneath window, get in with putty knives, and try to slice sealant.

If possible, use a string from both sides to saw sealant out. (this really doesn't work)

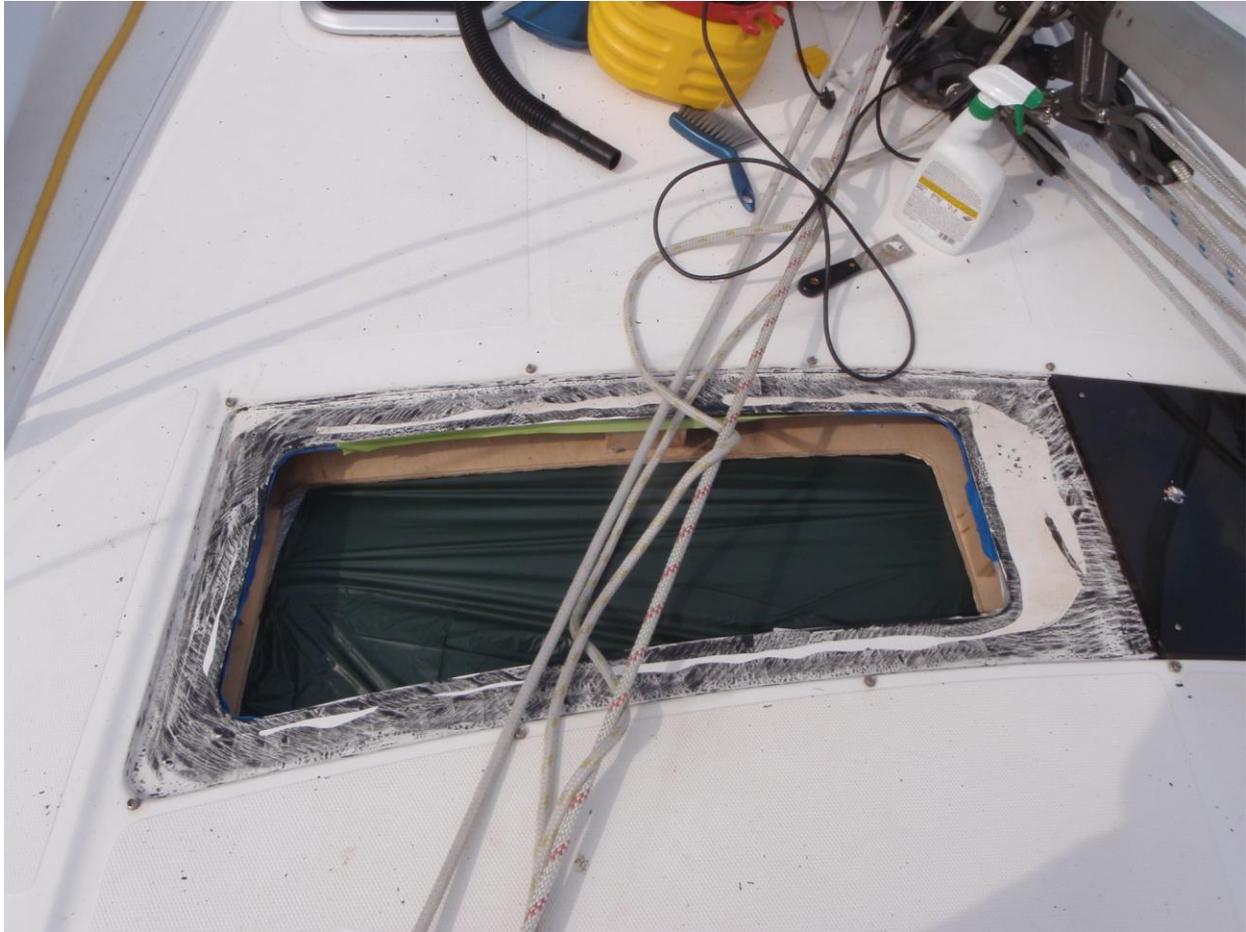
Start putting in wedges, as you are cutting internal sealant, in effort to pry the window out. You need lots of wedges, and they must be soft or they will scratch the plexiglas.

I really didn't like the wedge idea when I did it on my 40.5, as it puts a lot of localized stress on the perimeter of the window. There is a real risk of cracking the plexiglas, and/or inducing small stress cracks which will enlarge over time.

So I came up with a better way, which I suggest you use.

I procured 2 cheapo glazier's suction cups, (you know the kind with 2 flop down handles) You can buy these at Sears, harbor freight, etc. for \$15.

After removing all of the exterior sealant, I attached the suction cup units to one end of the window, and then attached my spin halyard to both handles with a loop.



Notice the plastic taped inside. This will keep your cabin free from sanded off material & 795.



I then carefully tensioned the halyard until it just had taught violin string pressure. Now went below, and cut away at the internal sealant with the putty knives.



As the sealant started to release, the window gently moved upwards. Went back to the cockpit and gave the winch 2 clicks only, just to take up the tension. Went back below, and removed more sealant, and the window kept lifting.

As you move to a new section with the putty knives, move the suction cups & re-tension.

The window cleanly popped out in less than 20 minutes without any risk or pressure to the fragile edges. It was actually pretty cool to see it just "pop" out.

The nice thing about this approach is that you are lifting the window; not prying it. Furthermore, if you have really stubborn sections, you can reposition the suction cups right over that area.

The trick of course is that you're using the halyard as a huge constant force spring, which you can very finely adjust with just 1 or 2 clicks on the winch.

Another use for the suction cups for future is to hold your dinghy to the hull when you want to scrub the waterline.

Once the window is out, remove all 795 sealant. Use a scraper knife, and sand gently afterwards.

Install window by laying down fresh 795, taping edges, and usual sealant installation guidelines.