

Transmitter Cover/Hand Warmer - submitted by Allan Van Ness

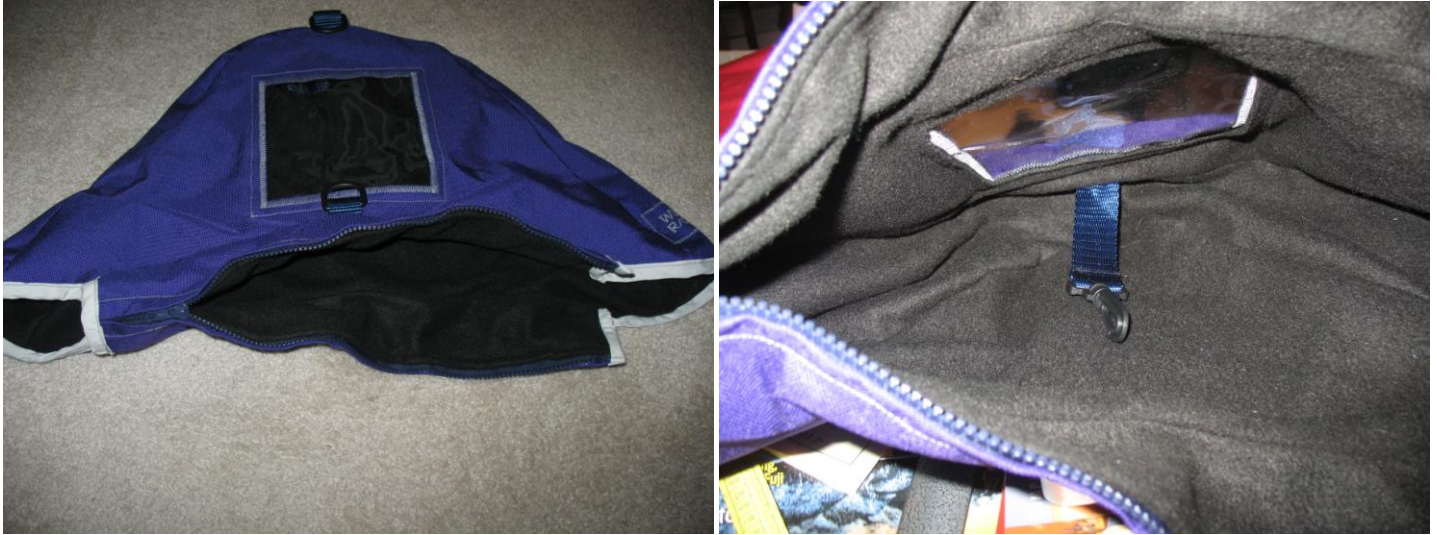
Available from www.windwardrc.com. ~\$50

Fleece lined, well made. My wife Barbara (a quilter) says it is a good value for \$50.

HobbyKing sells a Turnigy brand cover. \$12.99 plus shipping from Hong Kong.

http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/uh_viewItem.asp?idProduct=11738. Much lighter fabric and not insulated.

The Windward RC is custom made, any color, so count on at least a month for delivery. It takes at least that long to receive an item from Hobby King from Hong Kong, more if backordered. Plan ahead for Frostbite Season. Don't wait until December to order.



Dan Newland submitted the following during our Frostbite Series:

TRANSMITTER COVER/HAND WARMER

Hey guys,

After our first race Dec 8 and having gotten my transmitter wet and hands cold, I thought I might make a cover for the transmitter for improving the overall health of both of us. Allan Van Ness sent me some pictures of his cover (Thanks Allan) but in the end, I made the patterns a really simple way, I stuck my transmitter inside a kitchen garbage bag then used straight pins to stick both sides together to fix the size that seemed right. I did make patterns so if anyone is interested in making one for themselves, it isn't very hard. You can borrow my patterns or trace a set for yourselves. Note that the hand holes are seemingly large but I designed that for getting the arm of a coat through. This is a bit smaller than the one Allan has I think with no real sleeves for the arms like his does but it seems very comfortable. I still have to insert the webbing for the neck strap rings but that is pretty easy, I just need to open up a bit of seam on each side.

Materials:

1. 2 pieces Acrylan (sail cover material) 14" x 22" or some other weather proof fairly heavy fabric like Cordura Nylon or ???
2. 1 piece of vinyl sail window material, 9" x 8"
3. 9" of YKK #10 zipper and a zipper car
4. Hand stitching yarn (waxed sail repair yarn is great) and a heavy needle

Options:

5. 2 pieces of polypropylene pile insulation fabric material (optional) Joann's fabric in Silverdale sold me this for \$5 a yard
6. 3M #77 spray adhesive to attach the pile to the back of the Acrylan.
7. Double sided adhesive tape like "Seam Stick" or other

Items #1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 are commonly available at just about any sailmaker's loft. A decent home sewing machine should be able to handle this with only a little balking at times on the thickest seams. It is a fun project, doesn't take very long or cost much. Your hands and your transmitter will love it! Or you can order one complete for about \$50 from www.windwardrc.com. Each cover is custom made and takes 3 to 4 weeks and is beautifully made.

Dan Newland