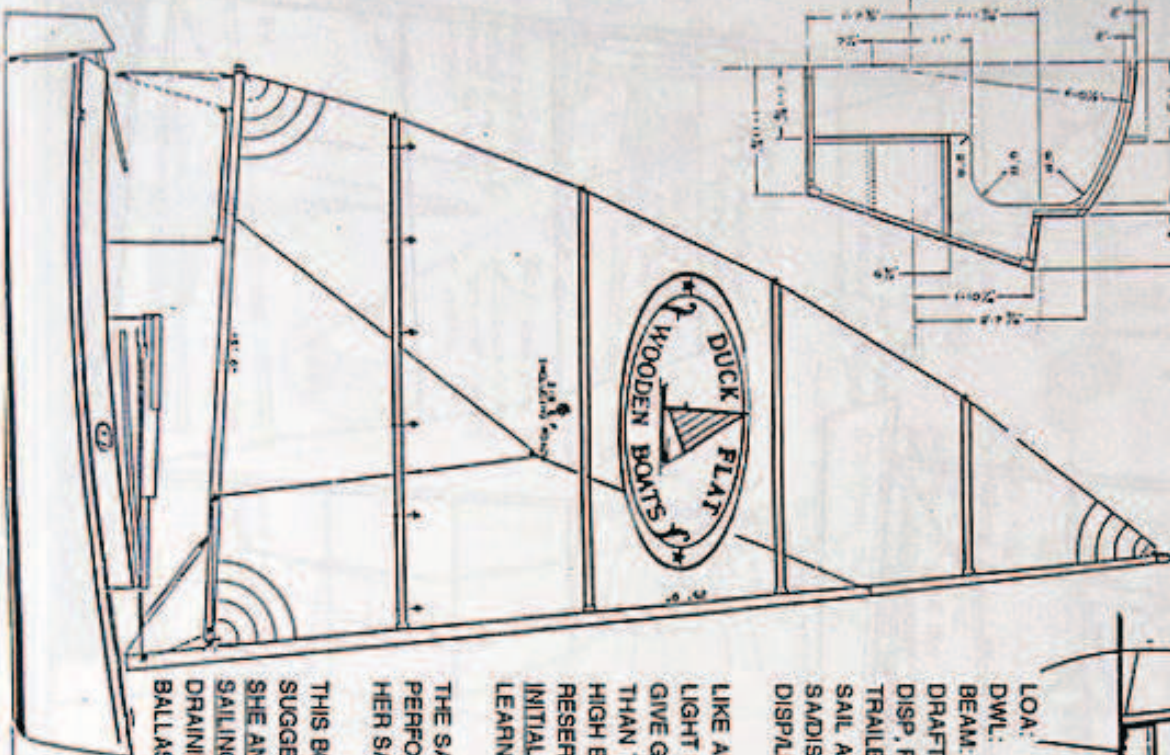
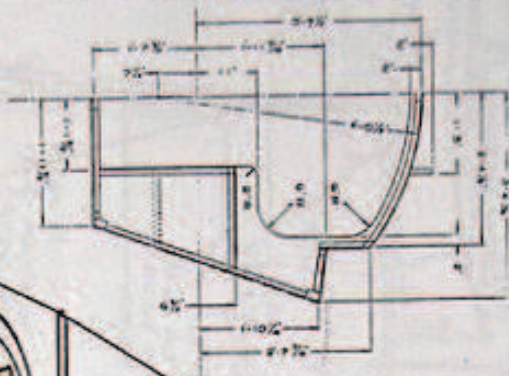


N.I.S. SHARPIE... 18'ER

MIKE STORER WROTE A PIECE ON MAKING MORE ACCOMODATION IN THE 18 IN 'AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR BOAT BUILDER' RECENTLY.

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION SECTION

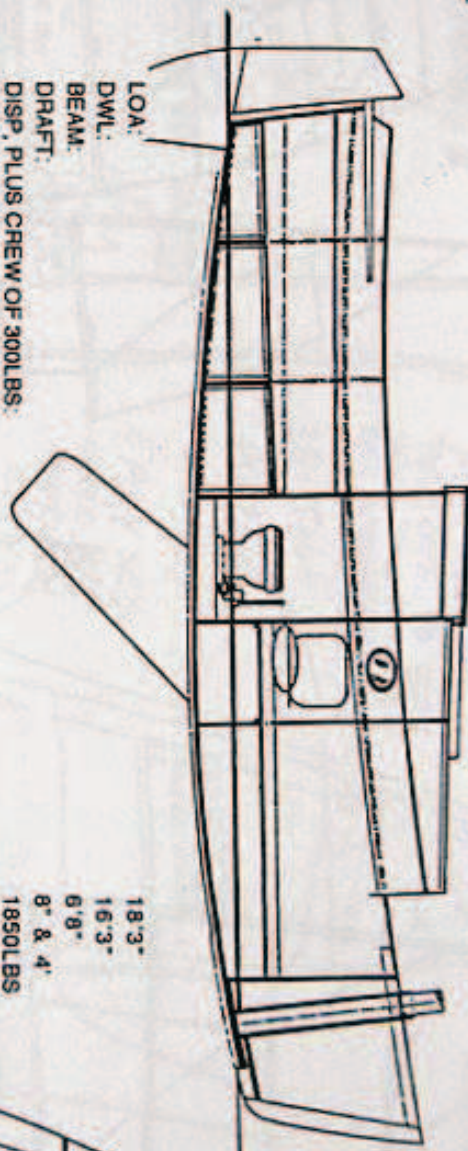


LOA: 18.3'-
DWL: 16.3'-
BEAM: 6'8"-
DRAFT: 8" & 4'-
DISP, PLUS CREW OF 300LBS: 1850LBS
TRAILER WEIGHT APPROX: 1450LBS
SAIL AREA: 202 SQ. FT.
SADISP: 21.4
DISPL/LENGTH: 192

LIKE ALL THE NORWALK ISLANDS SHARPIES, THE 18'ER IS A BOAT WHICH IS LIGHT FOR ITS LENGTH, BUT IS NOT IN THE 'ULTRALIGHT' CATEGORY. IN ORDER TO GIVE GOOD STEERING CHARACTERISTICS SHE IS NARROWER FOR HER LENGTH THAN THE TRADITIONAL CATBOATS. (BUT NOT TRADITIONAL SHARPIES.) HER HIGH BALLAST RATIO, COMBINED WITH HER HARD CHINES WILL GIVE HER GOOD RESERVES OF STABILITY. (LIKE ALL SHARPIE HULL FORMS, THOUGH SHE WILL INITIALLY FEEL A BIT TENDER. YOU WILL NOT ONLY GET USED TO IT, YOU'LL LEARN TO LOVE IT!)

THE SAIL/DISPLACEMENT RATIO OF 21.4 MEANS SPARKLING LIGHT AIR PERFORMANCE. WHILE THE BENDY RIG, AND EFFICIENT SLAB REEF SYSTEM MAKES HER SAFE TO SAIL IN QUITE WINDY CONDITIONS.

THIS BOAT IS CHIEFLY A DAY SAILER, THOUGH AS MIKE STORER (STORER DESIGN) SUGGESTS, SHE COULD BE MADE INTO A NICE LITTLE POCKET CRUISER. WHILE SHE AND HER SISTERS WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR OFFSHORE OR OVERNIGHT SAILING SHE COULD, WITH COMPETENT HANDLING, HER GENEROUS SHEER, SELF DRAINING COCKPIT, BULKHEADED CONSTRUCTION AND CORRECTLY INSTALLED BALLAST BE EXPECTED TO RIDE OUT A BLOW QUITE SAFELY.



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