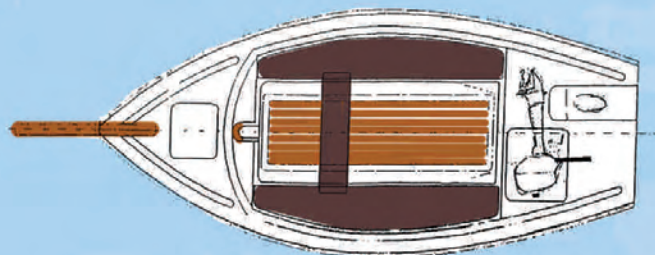


# 14FT 6IN POST BOAT



*With Gaff Sloop Rig*



*Approx Dimensions*

Length Rigged	- 18ft 0in	5.490m	Sail Area	- 140sq ft	13sq m
LOA (Hull)	- 14ft 6in	4.400m	Choice of traditional Rigs		
Load Waterline	- 12ft 6in	3.730m	Boat, rig & equipment - weight approx.	480kg	
Beam Waterline	- 5ft 3in	2.030m	All up towing weight boat on trailer approx.	630kg	
Beam Max	- 6ft 8in	1.607m	depending on choice of optional extra equipment		
Draft	- 1ft 9in	0.53m	Easily towed with medium size family car		
RCD Category C	- 5 Adult persons				

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## 14ft.6in. Post Boat -Day Sailing Craft

The current version of this popular craft has a foredeck with hatch, narrow side deck and a full coaming around the cockpit which has deep and comfortable seating and a vast amount of locker space. The craft has full built in rigid buoyancy and derives stability from the hull form and ballast encapsulated in the keel giving exceptional stability afloat. The craft is rated as design Category 'C' under the recreational craft directive for 5 adults. Category 'C' = suitable for use where mean wave heights of 2 metre and wind force 6 on the Beaufort scale may be experienced.

## History

The Post Boat is so named as in the early 1900's the original craft was used by 'Duncan The Post' McLelland to deliver the post around the shores of the sea Loch working out of Ullapool in the Scottish Highland.

## Safe Enclosed Cockpit

The Post Boat has a deep secure cockpit. The seating height is comfortable with a deep backrests. The slatted hardwood cockpit sole boards give good grip under foot even when wet and allow any water to drain into the keel sump keeping the cockpit dry.

The central hardwood rowing thwart is removable allowing a clear cockpit sole which at two metres length is suitable for occasional camp cruising afloat under the boom up style cover.

The engine well is housed within the cockpit where it is convenient and easy to operate.

## Storage Lockers

The aft deck locker will accommodate the recommended choice of engines along with a fuel tank plus space for fenders and lines. The foredeck locker is accessed through the hinged deck hatch and is large enough to take rucksacks and camping gear etc.

In the cockpit there are two long lockers under the side benches these are easily accessed through the hinged hatch closures and are very convenient for personal gear that may be required while sailing. It is noticeable that because of the good locker space, the cockpit on a Post Boat remains tidy and uncluttered when sailing.

## Sturdy Construction

The craft is sturdily built with hand laid fibreglass. There is rigid buoyancy material between the hull and deck/cockpit mouldings giving the craft full built in buoyancy. The lockers compartments are full lined out and separate to the buoyancy chambers. The hull is fitted with sturdy protective metal banding to the keel and bilge runners so there is no harm in beaching the craft. All craft are equipped with four mooring cleats around the deck as standard with the option of a sturdy anchoring bollard and stemhead chain guide for anchoring and mooring if required. Substantial hardwood gunwales are fitted. The substantial hardwood rudder has a protective metal strip to the lower edge. The curved tiller is designed to clear the hood of the recommended engines and slots into the rudder head.

## Simple to step mast single - handed

The mast is light and being keel shaped with an opening mast gate at deck level it is simple and easy to pivot it at the base and for one person to raise it without the need for any assistance. The mast will free stand within the mast gate while fitting the stays - no hassle or drama! For travelling, the bowspit can be removed in seconds and the mast runs from the transom, over the cockpit and sits in a chock positioned on the foredeck where it is secured to the deck cleats.

## Towing & Launching

Easily towed by a medium sized family car. Simple to launch and retrieve single handed with our purpose designed trailers.

The boat can be launched with the rudder and engine in place ready to go as they are protected by the keel. The boat will sail to windward as soon as afloat in shallow water, no need to move into deep water to fit rudder and lower a centre plate before being able to sail- a real bonus! Our craft are proven sturdy working craft that were designed to be landed and sailed off the beach.

The Post Boat can be recovered to trailer from the grounded or semi-floating position using the purpose designed trailer and powerful winch. No assistance is necessary to hold the boat as the guide rollers align the craft just turn the winch handle which has high and low gear ratios making it easy light work.



## Trim and equipment - choice of two models

The craft are offered with a choice of trim and equipment level to suit the owners requirements. These are termed the 'Leisure', 'Traditional' models. The sailing performance of the craft is identical irrespective of the fit out style chosen.

The standard rig is Gaff Sloop- Tan Gaff mainsail plus a jib fitted with a furling drum for ease of setting and rolling away when the need arises. Other sailing rigs and roller reefing spars are options available if required. There is a choice of an 'overall cover' with skirt around gunwale for craft kept ashore or a 'cockpit cover' that fits around the coaming for craft kept afloat. Both are mast up/over boom Semi-tent style covers with a marine quality zip and velcro over flap on the opening. Covers come supplied with quick release straps and a stump mast for use when travelling over land with the mast down.

## 'Leisure' model -

ready to sail and suits the owner who wants to spend leisure time sailing with minimal upkeep. **Specification includes:**

- Hardwood gunwales. Hardwood rudder and curved tiller.
- Sturdy galvanised hull, deck and mast fittings.
- Moulded fibreglass cockpit seating with removable hardwood rowing thwart. Hardwood grating to cockpit sole.
- Well within cockpit for an outboard engine where it is safe and easy to operate suitable for 2hp. to 4hp. standard shaft length engines.
- Foredeck with hatch to large locker below, two stowage compartments under cockpit side benches plus a stern locker with hatch for stowage of small outboard engine (Standard shaft 2.5hp. - 4 stroke) and fenders.
- Varnished wooden spars, stainless steel rigging, synthetic ropes, tufnol blocks, cam cleats to job sheets, galvanised mainsheets horse.
- Gaff sloop rig with furling drum and U.V. protective strips to foresail.
- Quality suit of tan polyester sails - Mainsail equipped with slab reefing a real benefit if sailing single handed. Topping lift to boom.
- Stainless steel standing rigging. Stainless steel shackles.

## 'Traditional' deluxe model -

as Leisure model above with upgraded/additional features. This is a popular choice where aesthetic considerations are equally important to sailing performance. **Additional Features include:**

- Hardwood seating throughout the cockpit.
- Polished Stainless steel deck and rig fittings.
- Stainless steel halyard cleats are mounted on hardwood plinths.
- Braided Hemp style polyester running rigging. Tufnol blocks, etc.
- Swivel mounted ball bearing cam cleats to jib sheets.
- Boom equipped with 'lazy jacks' for easy sail stowage and reefing.
- Sail boom cover included.

## Hull Colours

- Choice of Cream, Dark Green, Dark Blue or White.
- Deck/Cockpit mouldings are Pale Cream as standard.

We are always pleased to offer advice and discuss the craft and options available. We can provide terms of business and a written firm price quotation upon request once we know your choice regarding version, rig and optional equipment required.

Trial sails are available in the Lake District for prospective purchasers by prior appointment with Character Boats.

We have a policy of continual product development and reserve the right to amend and upgrade specification without further notice. Latest specification is confirmed at quotation stage. E&O.E.

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