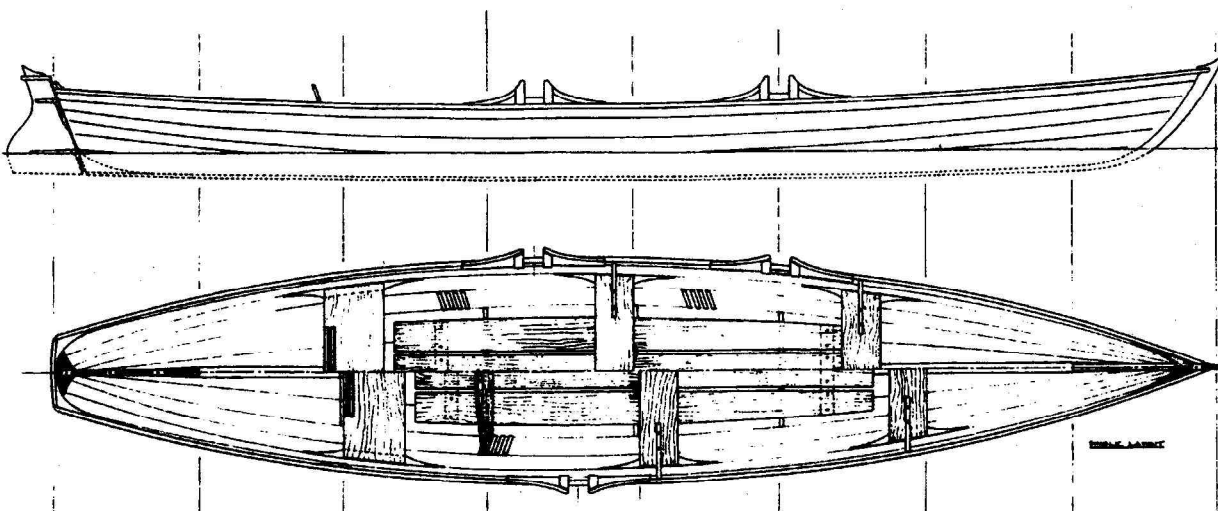


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no. 58

LOA 19'-0" Beam 44½" Depth 15" Weight 150 lbs
5.80m 1.13m 380mm 68 kg



Type: Lightweight Thames Skiff

Capacity: 1 to 4

BUILDING INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION: glued lap clinker plywood

OPTIONS: none

BUILDING TIME: 220 hours

COST:

Materials £850

Plans: 6 sheets with instructions

A longer version of the MOLE, this one is nearer to the proportions of the traditional skiffs - though still a bit smaller than most, and lighter. The extra length makes it possible to fit her out with a second rowing station if required, or she can be built as a single. With two rowers she is a very fast boat.

The idea with these light skiffs is to offer an alternative to the serious racing shells and sculls, which are good for racing and training but no use for anything else, and not much fun at all in places where room is restricted - i.e. most sheltered waters.

On the other hand, most folk who enjoy rowing on the river seem to have no alternative but dumpy little badly-shaped plastic boats. It is strange that there is almost nothing in between these two extremes, in Britain at least. Except on the River Thames, and one or two similarly enlightened areas. In America, Germany and some other countries there is a greater awareness of the pleasures and benefits of recreational rowing, and there are many suitable boats available, with varying degrees of traditional style.

So these skiffs offer excellent performance, and are easily stored, transported, launched and maintained. They are great for getting a bit of exercise, while at the same time having enough stability for a pleasant and relaxed drift down the river, with a friend or two and a picnic hamper.