

# GANNET

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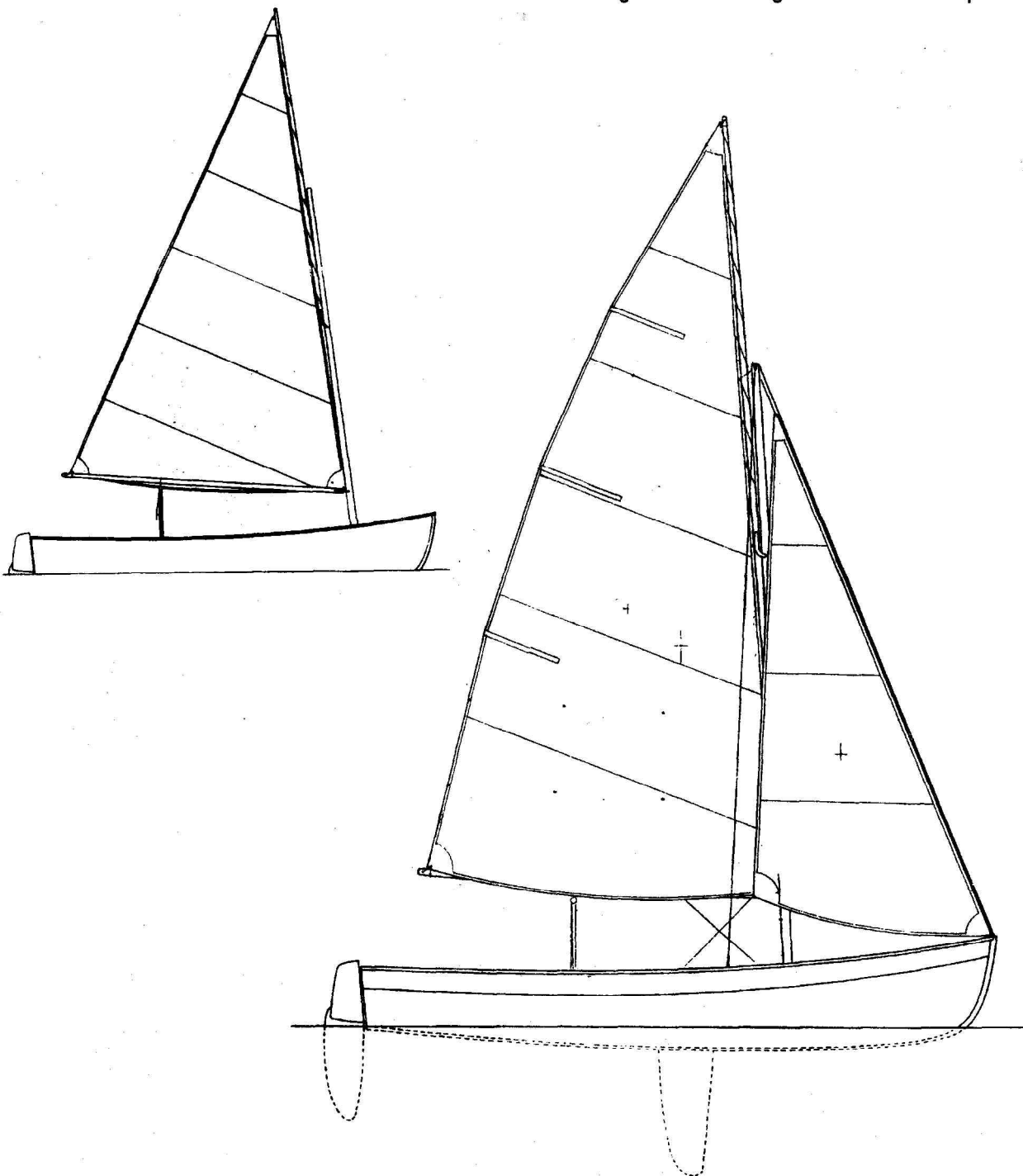
LOA: 14' - 5"  
4.40m

Beam: 5' - 8"  
1.73m

Weight: hull: 200lbs  
90kg

rigged: 260lbs  
118kg

Sail: 118sq ft  
10.96sqm



**Type:** centreboard sailing dinghy    **Sailing rig:** gunter sloop or balanced lug    **Capacity:** 1 to 3, sometimes 4 or 5

## BUILDING INFORMATION

**CONSTRUCTION:** glued lap clinker plywood

**OPTIONS:** traditional plank – cold-moulded – strip plank

**BUILDING TIME:** 280 hours    Rig + 100

**COST:**

Materials £900    Rig + 750

Plans: 6 sheets with instructions

The GANNET is similar in design and construction to SHEARWATER; same comments apply regarding the design, handling, fitting out, use and options. Performance and carrying capacity are of course improved with the longer hull. There is a little more influence here from current trends in racing dinghy design; the hull has a generous flare forward to keep her dry, and this flare is to an extent carried right through aft. This gets the crew weight a little further outboard, helps to keep the water out all round, and adds to the stability if she heels too far in a sudden gust. Plenty of flare forward adds very slightly to the wind resistance, but keeps the crew a lot drier and more comfortable, and makes the boat ultimately more seaworthy.

The gunter rig is used again, in a tall and windward - efficient form. The straight-luff mainsail could be set on a normal bermudan type mast; however for the varied uses which the boat is designed for, the gunter's short spars seem worth having for their advantages in handling, convenience and safety.

