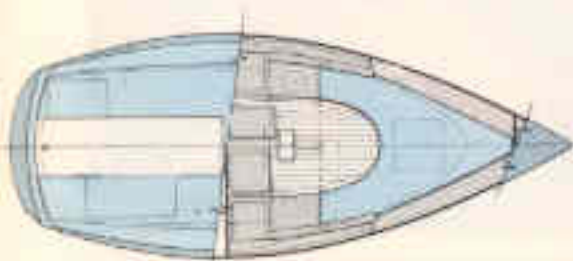


New Boats

The O'Day 19

A runny 19-footer for overnights and club racing



HUNT ASSOCIATES designed this trailable 19-footer for O'Day as a large family daycruiser or two-person overnighter to supplement their popular Mariner. While it is one of the largest 19-footers anyone will see for some time, the new 19 has had little sacrificed in the way of performance. Evidence to this effect is its selection for use in the Prince of Wales series earlier this summer.

This most recent addition to the O'Day family of small boats is an even 19' l.o.a., and 16'8" l.w.l. Beam is a wide 7'6", which explains the roominess of the cockpit and cabin areas. Sail area is 175 sq. ft. with standard working jib, and draft is 4' with board down.

Board up, the 1' draft will allow for squeezing into many unexplored cruising pockets.

I sailed an early production model off Long Island's south shore early this season, and found it a fairly quick-handling boat that can fit four adults side-by-side in the cockpit with plenty of elbow room to spare. There is molded-in nonskid surface throughout above-decks, and the thru-hulls are located at cabin side.

Belowdecks, a good-sized V-berth provides a relatively large area for a well-acquainted couple. There are space provisions for installing a portable stove, water container, basin and head, and, thankfully, the headroom is sufficient for anyone up to about 6'3". I know, because my scalp seems to be a magnet for exposed bolts and other items that brood on cabin sailings of boats, and this trip I returned podested.

There are no ports in the cabin, but a forward hatch over the V-berth serves as skylight and ventilator, when open. This is no high-performance boat, but for one with such creature comforts in so compact an area, it does quite respectably. The price, at this writing, is about \$5,000, without the frills; race-equipped, the tab settles around \$5,400.

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