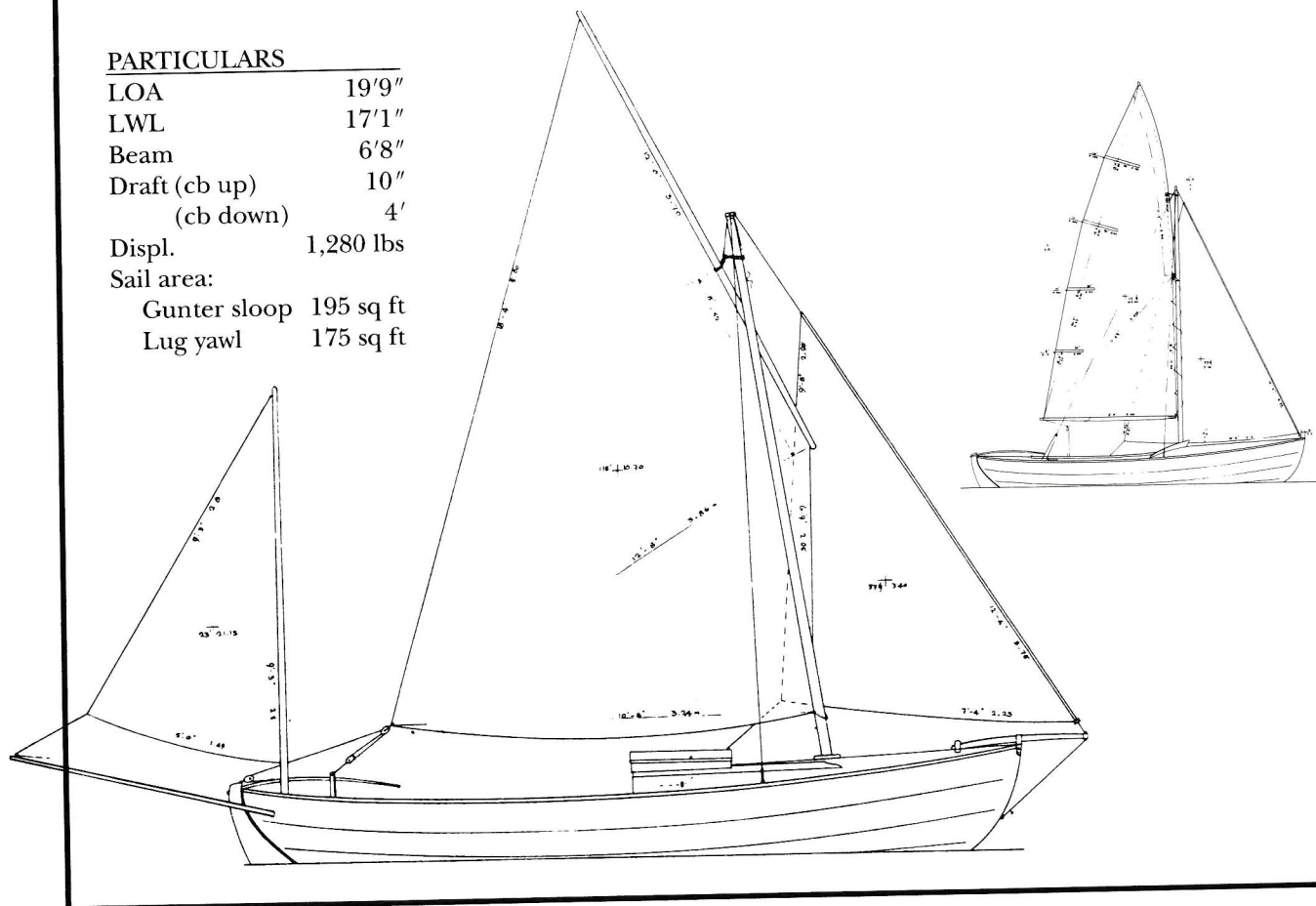


19'9" Drascombe Peter Boat

by John Watkinson

PARTICULARS

LOA	19'9"
LWL	17'1"
Beam	6'8"
Draft (cb up)	10"
(cb down)	4'
Displ.	1,280 lbs
Sail area:	
Gunter sloop	195 sq ft
Lug yawl	175 sq ft



A quarter-century has passed since British designer John Watkinson introduced the Lugger, his first Drascombe—an 18'6" gunter yawl, versions of which soon logged several remarkable open-boat voyages (one of these was a singlehanded passage from England to Australia in 1969–70). The long-distance achievements of these craft over the years have proven their cruising abilities and generated a demand for Drascombes in a variety of different sizes and configurations.

The Peter Boat presented here is the latest addition to an expanding fleet. At 19'9" she is a bit larger than the original Lugger, and incorporates various elements drawn from the full line of Drascombe designs. She is the first Drascombe model to be made generally available as a set of plans, for which WoodenBoat arranged to combine Watkinson's design work with Iain Oughtred's detailing and draftsmanship. The result is a complete folio of drawings directed at the skilled amateur builder.

This vessel is evocative of the inshore working craft of Britain. But she is not a replica sailboat or a derivative modified for modern construction. The design is thoroughly original and shaped for glued-seam lapstrake plywood planking over sawn frames and bulkheads—a building system Watkinson helped develop. His Peter

Boat has the rounded, knuckled sides and wide strakes of our North Shore dories; she is a double-ender with a North Sea stern and a moderate V-bottom.

Bulkheads and sawn framing add further stiffness to a tough hull. Steel plate is specified for both the centerboard and the pivoted rudder blade, thus adding material strength to chronically vulnerable parts, while enabling the boat to be easily beached or trailered. An outboard motorwell is a discreet and integral feature in this as in all the Drascombes.

Both sail and interior arrangements are flexible, which broadens both the possibilities and the appeal of this practical and attractive design. The Peter Boat can be built as a daysailer, with or without decking; or as a camper-cruiser, with a short cuddy or a long cabin, and alternative cockpit layouts. She can be set up as a gunter sloop, with a gracefully curved "bird's-wing" yard and an all-inboard rig; or as a standing-lug yawl, with a demountable bowsprit and boomkin. All options are fully detailed.

Five sheets of plans contain this Drascombe's lines, construction plan and details, two sail plans, and optional layouts. Three pages of specifications are included. (See ‡ below.)