

# NEPTUNE 16

The Neptune 16, a creation of Capital Yachts, is an all-purpose boat built to please the young family. Small enough to be relatively inexpensive, it trailers well with most small to mid-sized cars, and because it's small (15 feet 9 inches L.O.A.) there's never a problem of where you'll keep it in the off season.

Yet, it is large enough to accommodate a three- or four-member family for daysailing, and there are two berths below where a couple may nap or even sleep on board. This adds the feature of possible overnight camping aboard. Each berth is over eight feet long and, since that boat's beam is six feet two inches, there's a fair amount of width to each. A head, although somewhat basic, is also standard equipment. It consists of a fitted bucket with a seat.

The standard boat is available in two different models: one, a fixed keel, the other, a swing keel. Both boats have 125 square feet of sail area. On the swing-keel hull the draft is four feet, keel down, and a remarkable 10 inches with it up; however, this boat has only 200 pounds of ballast compared with the 275 pounds on the fixed-keel hull. The shoal draft of the fixed-keel boat extends three feet. Both boats displace 900 pounds, which indicates a fairly heavy small boat.

Rigging the Neptune is easy and selections may be made from the long list of optional items ranging from a backstay, beaching rudder, and teak handrails on the cabin top, to a custom trailer which features its own mast carrier, tie-down winch, and Bearing Buddies. The trailer can also be galvanized at additional cost. Two trailer models are available: one for the swing-keel boat and one for the fixed-keel.

Beneath the seven-foot cockpit seat, on the port side, is a locker suitable for storing a small outboard auxiliary. Standard on the Neptune is a motor mount at the stern to support the auxiliary pushing power in case Mother Nature fails.

The Neptune 16 is an interesting boat that will tickle the fancy of most neophyte sailors and, after an

old salt outfits the little gem to please his own standards and finds the price tag well within reason, he too is bound to be pleased.

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