

# Sage 17:

A pocket cruiser designed  
by Jerry Montgomery



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Thank you for your interest in the Sage 17 Pocket Cruiser. This modern design has been created by Mr. Jerry Montgomery, known for his sailboat designs of the 1970s and 1980s. A lapstrake hull provides rigidity, tracking, wave deflection, and is a style trademark of Jerry's designs. Sage 17 is designed to be safe and seaworthy. A fractional 7/8 sailing rig provides performance and versatility. The cabin is sized for two adults to enjoy overnight and extending pocket cruising. An overall light boat weight makes for easy trailering. Sage 17 is sophisticated enough for experienced sailors that might be downsizing, but simple enough for a beginner.

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## Cruising Comfort

### Cabin:

Finished with wood accents the cabin is open and has no compression post. Two adults sleep in an obstruction free forward v-berth. Port and starboard seats provide sitting headroom just inside the companionway. A variety of cabin cushion fabrics and colors are available. Natural light comes from four cabin and two companionway hatch windows. A forward hatch allows for ventilation. The head is under the forward berth for easy access. Ample storage exists under the v-berth, cabin seats, and cockpit.

The optional DC electrical system includes a LED cabin light, 4-circuit electrical panel, 12-V power ports, running lights and a battery charger.

### Cockpit:

The cockpit is long enough for an adult to sleep, or seat four comfortably. Three cockpit lockers allow for storage of sails, ground tackle and much more. Water that may enter the cockpit is self draining through the centerboard trunk. To assist in raising and lowering the centerboard, a winch is mounted in the cockpit below the companionway hatches.

## Sailing Performance

Sage 17 is sophisticated enough for experienced sailors that might be downsizing, but simple enough for a beginner. A fractional 7/8 sailing rig provides performance and versatility. The mast has single spreaders with lower and upper shrouds. A backstay adjuster is standard equipment. The mast assembly weighs approximately 35 pounds and can be raised and lowered by one person. The jib sheets run inside the shrouds improving Sage 17's ability to point into the wind. A genoa is sheeted outside the shrouds on optional jib car tracks located on the toe rails. Sheet and halyard winches are mounted at the rear of the cabin top.

The 400 pound keel and 120 pound centerboard are weighted with lead to provide an exceptional righting moment. Sage 17 is designed to sail quickly in light air and carry her sails with confidence as the wind increases. The efficient keel design allows her to tack within 90 degrees.

Sage 17's rudder is designed to kick-up to avoid damage to the blade or transom. A quick up-and-down movement of the tiller will raise and lower the blade when gunkholing.





## Sailing Safety

Sage 17 is designed to be safe and seaworthy. The hull deck joint is an outward flange that is bonded and then through bolted on six inch centers. All horizontal deck surfaces are non-skid. The cockpit is self draining with a high bridgedeck. A boarding ladder and bow pulpit are standard. Ballasted by total of 520 pounds of lead in both the keel and centerboard the boat has a reassuring stability.

Sage 17 can be ordered with positive flotation and a bilge pump.

## Construction

Sage 17 is constructed of a mix of fiberglass mat and cloth, vinylester resin, carbon fiber and end grain balsa core. The lapstrake styled hull is for rigidity, tracking and wave deflection and is a style trademark of Jerry's designs.

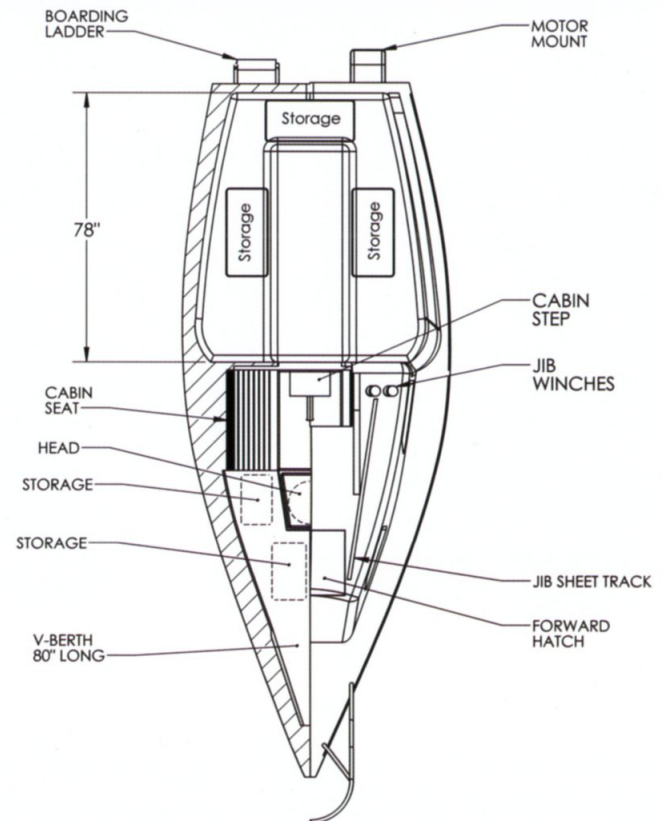
The deck, cabin roof and cockpit are made of carbon fiber, end grain balsa and vinylester resin. This creates a rigid and light-weight structure so strong a compression post is not required.

Jerry Montgomery explains the advantage of using carbon fiber for the deck -

*"Since the deck is well above the waterline, it's anti-ballast. Saving 100 pounds in the deck (and we've saved more than that) eliminates the need for about 200 lbs of ballast to arrive at the same righting moment. Combined this saves at least 300 lbs of weight. It's obvious what this does for performance and for trailering."*

The transom is also carbon fiber to reduce weight aft and keep Sage 17 on her lines with crew in the cockpit. A fixed height motor mount is standard.

Sage Marine builds 'boats to order' so your personal fitting out preferences will be accommodated. You can modify the standard boat package to create a Sage 17 to fit your style of sailing and cruising.



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## Standard Sage 17

- Hand laid carbon fiber, balsa and vinylester deck (many colors available)
- Hand laid fiberglass and carbon fiber lapstrake hull (many colors available)
- Mast and standing rigging
- Single Reef Main and Working Jib
- Bow pulpit
- Running rigging for main and working jib
- Fixed height carbon fiber, fiberglass and teak outboard motor bracket
- Jib downhaul lead to cockpit
- Pigtail snap shackle to hold boom at backstay
- Cabin cushions for v-berth (many colors and fabrics available)
- Backstay adjuster
- System to secure port and starboard cockpit lockers from cabin
- Locking forward cabin hatch
- Teak companionway drop-in hatches with dark tinted windows
- Hardware to lock companionway hatch
- Weatherstripping for cockpit lockers and forward cabin hatch
- Oversized mooring cleats: port, starboard and bow
- Mast carrier
- Internal halyards (external halyards a no-cost option)
- Cabin top winches for jib sheets
- Jib halyard winch on cabin top
- Jib cars and tracks on cabin top
- Custom mast plate with nine attachment points
- Transom boarding ladder
- Boom vang/preventer
- Tiller extension
- Roller bearing cockpit floor mainsheet traveler with upwind sheeting hardware
- Halyards with spliced-on shackles
- Galvanized Pacific Trailer.

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Sage Marine will build a boat to fit your sailing and cruising preferences. Please contact us to discuss your pocket cruiser needs.

## Just some of the available options for your Sage 17

- Sage Marine will work with your preferred sail loft to create a set of sails that matches your cruising grounds and sailing style.
- Cove stripe
- Boot top stripe
- Adjustable height outboard bracket
- Positive flotation
- Bilge pump
- Genoa tracks and cars on toe rails
- Self tending jib hardware
- Cabin seat cushions
- Cockpit cushions
- Single handed mast raising system
- Cabintop handrails
- DC electrical system
- Registration numbers on hull
- Boat name on transom or hull amidships
- Tiller Clutch
- Custom trailer options: spare tire, boarding ladder, motor mount and tongue extension.

## Specifications

- Overall length: 16' 10"
- Length at waterline: 15' 7"
- Beam: 6' 9"
- Draft:
  - centerboard up – 1' 9"
  - centerboard down – 3' 6"
  - rudder depth – 4'
- Ballast:
  - keel - 400 pounds
  - centerboard – 120 pounds
- Approximate boat weight: 1300 pounds
- Approximate trailer weight: 550 pounds