

This is our
NEW! Tiki
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Built - a team of craftsmen offering ready-made craft for those who wish to own a Wharram but lack the time or skill needed to build for themselves. This has resulted in more sophisticated Wharram designs specifically created for the professional boatbuilder. The Tiki 30 has reversed that trend with a structure that has fewer and less complicated components and is far closer to the original Wharram philosophy.

At 30ft long with an waterline length of 25ft 5 inches, 16ft 4 inches beam, a hull beam of 4ft 2 inches and an empty weight of just over 2200lb, she is claimed by her designers to be trailable behind a large family car. If I hadn't seen how smoothly their Pahi 63 went together, I would have considered her perhaps too large for the average crew to assemble and launch. But, with careful planning I feel sure that it would not pose too many problems - provided you have a properly designed trailer with facilities for supporting the hulls before the beams are lashed in place. Certainly, the beautifully simple rig with its relatively short mast should pose on problems whatsoever.

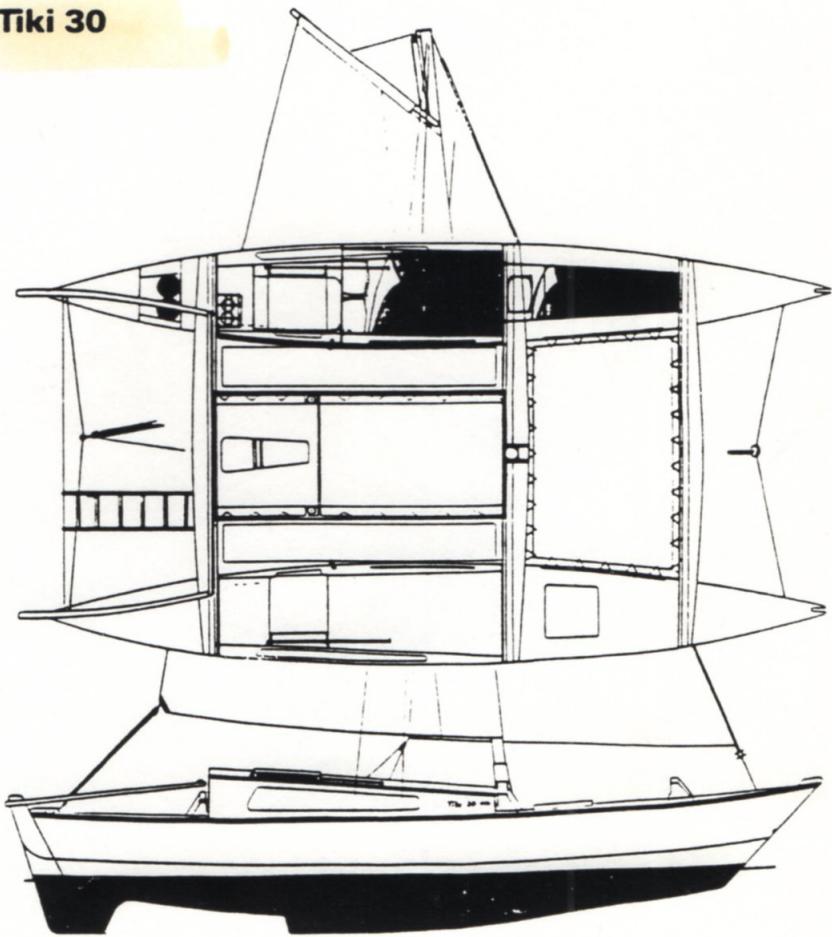
For many, however, the really attractive feature is her two double berths inside the hulls. In theory, she can sleep six in her hulls - the third berth in each hull being sited in a snug little cabin forward of the main accommodation - and a further two in a bridgedeck tent. In the true tradition of Wharram catamarans, she has an open

bridgedeck with a solid cockpit tray located between the mast and after beams and trampoline seats laced between the tray and the hulls. This creates an area with proper seats where the crew can sit comfortably with a good measure of protection from flying spray. Further weather protection can be provided by erecting a tunnel tent, enclosing the forward end of the cockpit tray. When at anchor, the whole bridge deck can be enclosed by a large tent, providing a large, central social area. Her galley is in the after end of the port hull whilst the same space in the starboard hull is occupied by a chart table. The heads is a chemical toilet which stows beneath the foot of the double berth.

To keep her light for trailing and to make her easy to build, everything has been kept simple. She is built in the same way as the Tiki 26 (PBO 272 to 293, *Building from Scratch*) using plywood stitch-and-glue, sheathed externally with epoxy and glass, but unlike her smaller sister features a shallow keel in the form of an extended skeg.

Certainly, she nicely fills the gap between the amateur-build Tiki 26 and the professionally built Tiki 36. Although she's primarily intended for private ownership, it's interesting to note that four Tiki 30s are currently in build in Zimbabwe, destined for charter. Further information from James Wharram Designs, Greenbank Road, Devoran, Truro, Cornwall TR3 6PJ Tel: (0872) 864792. ●

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When building the *Spirit of Gaia*, James Wharram saw that he was moving away from his original aim to design economical, simple-to-build Polynesian-style catamarans for ordinary people to build. One factor effecting this trend has been Wharram

