

Builder's Comments



The Cygnet 20 came about by my new found appreciation of small, classic style cruising yachts. These classic style craft evoke feelings of admiration in their simplicity, their beautiful hull and rig shape, their graceful lines and all important character which modern designs do not seem to possess. Quite often timber built boats have this authenticity, character, a soul even which makes each one a special piece of maritime history. No doubt classic timber boats have a beauty, a nostalgia but lack being low maintenance and cost effective to build in this day and age.

To my thoughts they are albeit beautiful, however, not as strong, durable and user friendly as modern GRP craft. The Cygnet 20 is firstly designed reminiscent of these beautiful classic designs incorporating modern features such as being lightweight, strong, durable, cost effective to build with modern touches such as carbon spars, water ballast, easy to clean and maintain, GRP, swing keel, etc.

The Cygnet 20 is designed for enclosed waters for a couple or family of four to use over a weekend or a week for that matter to cruise and/or club race. Easy to rig with light weight carbon fibre spars. Water ballasted for safety and performance but light to tow, launch and recover when unballasted with a towing weight of about 1200kg, including trailer, to your favourite cruising destination or somewhere further afield with a standard family sized car. A large 4-6 person cockpit, comfortable accommodation and surroundings so you'll never want to leave, indoor/outdoor living with poptop, excellent ventilation and most important fun and exciting to sail.

Exploring is made easier with swing keel allowing 30cm draft when up. Don't put off sailing and the boating lifestyle until you can afford a bigger boat. Maybe the perfect size for many is the classically styled Cygnet 20.

Bluewater Cruising Yachts in collaboration with Hardcastle/Lowe Yacht Design have created a yacht that is classically attractive and will evoking pride of ownership as well as being very practical. Its size makes it relatively affordable and easy to maintain in comparison to larger craft.

Sailing is such a wonderful fulfilling pastime yet most boats lie idle, maybe because owners fall out of love with their craft for whatever reason. Their boat is too big, too much maintenance, too expensive to run, no one to go out with, the sea is too confronting, or too difficult to organise crew.

A big boat is not fully utilised sailing in enclosed waters. A big boat needs time, commitment, expense and desire to challenge yourself against the elements. This is not for everyone and current circumstances may preclude this from happening now or in the future.

Peter Lowe, a former design associate of Peter Cole and Ben Lexcen, and Will Hardcastle have for over 29 years, been involved with the design of some of the best known sailing yachts and superyachts in Australia. Working for such companies as Warren Yachts, Buizen Yachts, Northshore Yachts, Comprador Marine, Mustang Marine, Southwind and Evolution Yachts and now the Bluewater Cruising Yachts with the Cygnet 20.

Both cut their teeth offshore and inshore racing dinghies and yachts in their formative years all the while dreaming of a design in later years that would suit their own aspirations and circumstances. A beautiful yacht they could use as a day sailer or weekender, test their skills club racing or having a relaxing sail on Pittwater, which due to being trailerable can be cruised in faraway destinations without the expense, commitment and time it takes in a larger, non trailerable vessel.

Also, having the central lifting point makes the Cygnet 20 ideal for storing at your local yacht club if you don't have the storage space available near home. The Cygnet 20 can be fully rigged and lifted in and out on a standard yacht club crane used for vessels such as J-24 and Etchells.

Another design feature is the ability to fit in a 20' shipping container so the Cygnet 20 can be transported cost effectively worldwide.



Cygnet₂₀



LOA	5.85m	19'3"
LWL	5.40m	17'8 1/2"
Beam	2.23m	7' 3 3/4"
Draft Hull	0.34m	1' 1 3/8"
Draft	1.57m	5' 1 3/4"
Displacement (Loaded)	1250kg	2,755lbs
Towing Weight (Not including trailer)	800kg	1,763lbs
Sail Area – Jib	7.15m ²	76.9sq.ft.
Mainsail	16.4m ²	176.5sq.ft.
Fuel	12lt	2.65gal
Fresh Water	20lt	4.4gal
Engine	3kw	4hp

There's so much to love about the New Cygnet 20!

It's Versatile!

Discover the sheer joy of sailing again – or – for the first time! The easy, safe and forgiving Cygnet 20 is equally perfect for the weekend family sailor or the experienced sailor looking for hands on action once again. This light and fast modern gaffer is an ideal inshore cruiser or club racer. The Cygnet 20 can be put on a trailer and towed behind the family car giving you freedom to explore inshore bays, pull up to beaches or enjoy quiet anchorages with family or friends. The lifting keel is operated from the cockpit meaning it's simple to arrive in shallow bays or near the beach. The rigging is quick and easily done on the trailer or in the water. Water ballast, pumped in or out through the large capacity bilge pump, ensures safety and performance while sailing. Off the water it's light to tow, launch and recover when un-ballasted.

It's Seaworthy and Quick!

The Cygnet 20 has a sail wardrobe of high peaked gaff mainsail plus roller furling jib and features a deck stepped rig with light easily handled carbon fibre spars. The modern design hull will deliver good performance under sail or motor. All sheets lead back to the cockpit ensuring safe and quick handling in most sea conditions. The recommended 4HP outboard motor fits neatly in the self-draining motor well and is easily stowed for maximum sailing performance.

It's Comfortable!

The Cygnet 20 has a generous cockpit for excellent day sailing combined with weekend accommodation below for a couple or a family of 4. The cabin is cosy with a pop-up top for headroom when anchored, a double forward V-berth and an on-board porta potti. In the galley, you'll find a single burner butane stove, a cupboard for dinnerware, cutlery drawer, storage and sink.

It's a Trailer Boat you will be Proud to Own!

Designed and built in Australia with the appealing lines and unmistakable character of a traditional gaffer, the Cygnet 20 is truly a modern adaptation of a classic beauty. From the varnished "Oregon" timber bowsprit with headsail roller furler to the vintage shape of the hull and deck the Cygnet 20 will stand out from the other small yachts on the water. The hull and deck are classic white GRP with varnished tiller and gunwale.

It's Affordable!

The Cygnet 20 is a perfect boat to begin a lifetime of sailing enjoyment. If getting out on the water has always been a dream put off until the endless "tomorrow" this is the boat to make that dream a reality. There's nothing like the fun of learning new skills and introducing the family to the fun of sailing. With a price comparable to a mid-size 4-wheel drive the Cygnet is the attractive yacht you can afford and enjoy today. And, just like the larger yachts in the Bluewater family, you can expect the Cygnet 20 to retain its appeal and resale value for years to come.

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