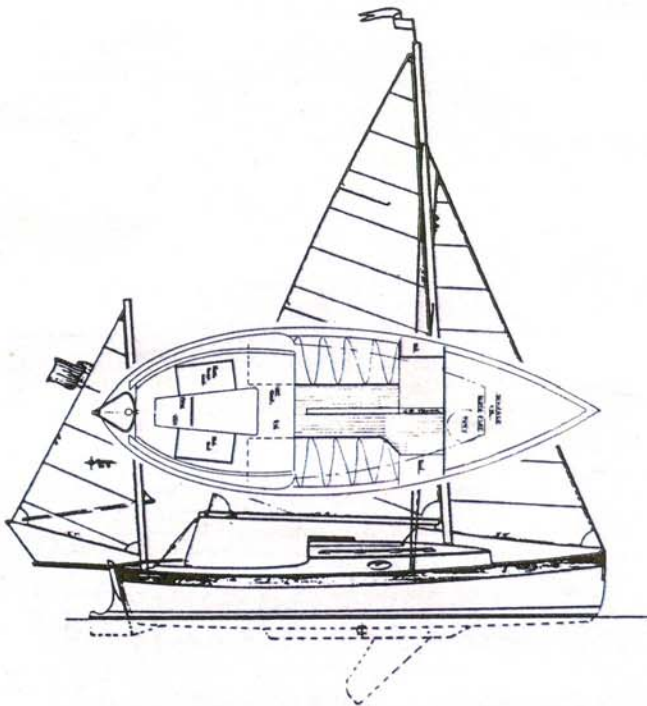


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Nimble 20

LOA	20'10" (6.4 m.)
LWL	19'9" (6.0 m.)
Beam	7'9" (2.4 m.)
Draft	0'11" (board up) (0.3 m.) 4'1" (board down) (1.2 m.)
Sail area	207 sq. ft. (19.2 sq. m.)
Ballast	400 lbs. (181 kg.)
Displacement	1,650 lbs. (748 kg.)
Spars	Aluminum
Hull	Fiberglass
Auxiliary	5-hp. outboard
Designer	Ted Brewer
Standard boat	\$11,600



Devotees of gunkholing and small boat cruising are seldom equaled in their passion for their sport. Ted Brewer designed this weekend cruiser for folks who like to "get close to nature."

Brewer writes: "The Nimble 20 is styled after the British canoe yawls of the 1890s. She is a trailerable cruiser in which a couple or a small family can have a lot of sailing pleasure at minimum expense. The hull form is an arc bottom with radiused bilges, not unlike Herreshoff's Meadow Lark in some respects. The yawl rig is unusual on such a small yacht but is typical of the type, and not without its advantages. Sail area is generous so the Nimble 20 moves out well in light air, yet the yawl rig is easily snugged down in a blow."

The boat is essentially set up for two people and perhaps a child or dog companion. There are two settee berths, galley-flat and forepeak separated by removable privacy bulkheads. Space for a portable toilet is located there. The cockpit is deep with comfortable coamings. A five-horsepower outboard motor mounts in a motor well.

The Nimble 20 is offered in three versions: Standard, with two bronze opening ports, one bronze port facing forward, yawl rig, anodized spars, white sails, green or cream hull and full flotation; Tropical, with four opening ports, solar vent and brass rub rail; and the Offshore, with lead shoe and sea hood in addition to the aforementioned.

The Nimble 20 is a handsome little cruiser that, as her name implies, moves deftly in shoal and deep waters alike. She joins the Nimble 30 and the soon-to-be Nimble 24, all striking, all eminently sensible.

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