

BANDIT 19

Any boat that looks like a cruising boat should be able to "put to sea" and cruise comfortably. What features describe a cruising boat?

1. Fail safe positive righting moment---can only be provided by a permanent keel. Swing keels in the raised position, however heavy they may be, do not assure a boat being unable to capsize.
2. Narrow, deep keels (commonly called fin keels) may well make a boat faster. However, more broad keels make a boat directionally stable, not requiring constant attention on the helm to prevent broaching or simply to easily keep the boat on course.
3. A range of sail area to cope easily with heavy and light winds by the use of reefing mainsails and larger headsails.
4. High freeboard (topsides) coupled with a hull form that contributes to form stability---a keel boat shape rather than a centerboard boat with a heavy centerboard.

This is what the BANDIT 19 set out to be, she satisfies this criteria admirably well.

The BANDIT 19 packs a lot of cruising accommodation in nineteen feet. Four 6½ footers can sleep aboard, stowage under the berths and cockpit seats accommodate cruising supplies. A portable head stows under the cockpit floor. An optional "pull out" galley unit stows aft of a quarter berth. The cabin width eliminates side decks providing spacious "sitting headroom".

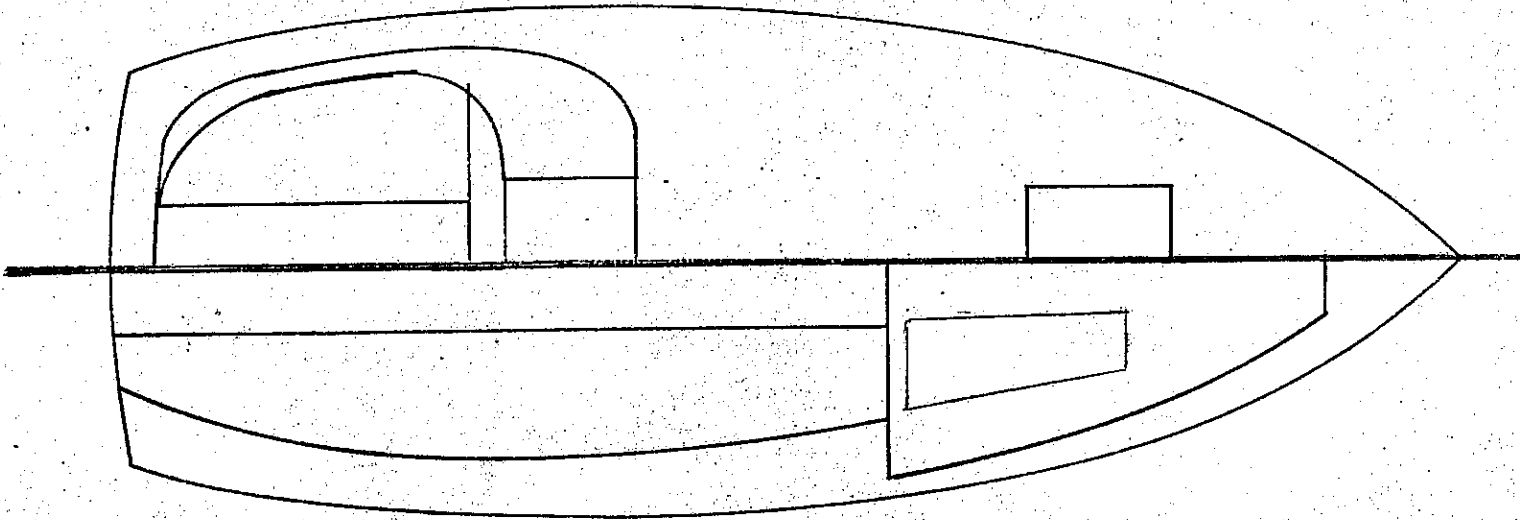
The interior of the BANDIT 19 is like a second hull---a fully molded maintenance free glass part making the interior smooth, attractive and easy to keep tidy. The only seam in the boat is at the deck level where all three parts - (hull, interior and deck) are bonded. The keel is molded as part of the hull with ballast placed inside after molding making the keel itself as maintenance free as the fiberglass hull.---No centerboard trunk to obstruct the interior, potentially leak or maintain.

The BANDIT 19 will sail in 2 feet of water. The short low aspect ratio keel makes loading and trailing a snap with the hull weight resting on her keel.

You'll like the BANDIT 19. She provides cruising accommodations for more than two people at a modest price. She is designed and is, a boat that can genuinely "put to sea", cope with cruising conditions etc. a most convenient size for trailability.

This plan now shows the deck style above and the interior below the centerline.

The deck features a translucent forward hatch. A six foot long aft cockpit leaves nearly 13' of interior accommodation.



The interior plan view illustrates two quarter berth for 6 footers plus room aft for a "pull out" galley unit. 6 1/2 forepeak berths have stowage, accessible from both the quarter berth and through the forepeak berth. A portable head stows under the self bailing cockpit floor. Ample sitting headroom plus standing headroom at the forward standing companion way hatch maximizes the interior accommodation.

