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Skiffs and Sharpies

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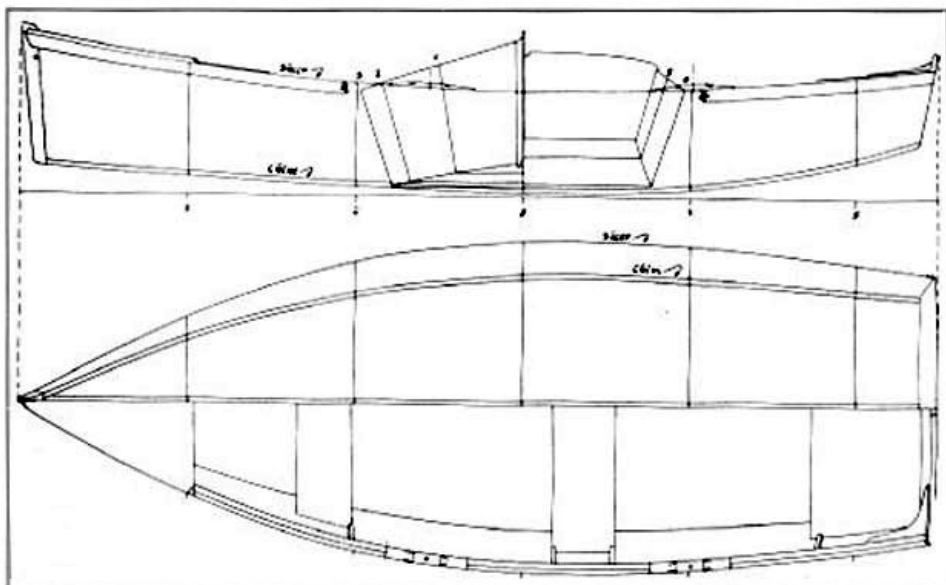
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SKIFF — Plan No. 71

LOA: 11'0"

BEAM: 3'11½"

Designer/Builder: Fred Tripp, circa 1942

Lines Taken by: R.H. BAKER, 1979

PLANS INCLUDE: Lines, Offsets, Construction

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy

These skiffs have long been the favored water transport in and around Westport, Massachusetts. They are quick and lively, good in surf or at sea. They row easily, behave on a tow line and have solid workboat construction. Forward, there is a short deck, creating a relatively dry storage space. The Westport skiff has two rowing stations and will carry three adults. The rocker bottom makes it unsuitable for an outboard motor.

"The hanging knees under the deck are not for support. The deck is so short it will stand by itself. The knees, acting on the deck and in conjunction with the stem, are what keep the whole from wracking. Without that stiffening the boat would require thwart knees. Something to do with the whole side plank being under tension, will resist twist if you stiffen it even that short, two-foot distance aft the stem. These boys were backyard engineers without, I think, their even realizing it."

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Southard's Sharpie Plan No. 2

LOA: 13'0"
BEAM: 4'6½"

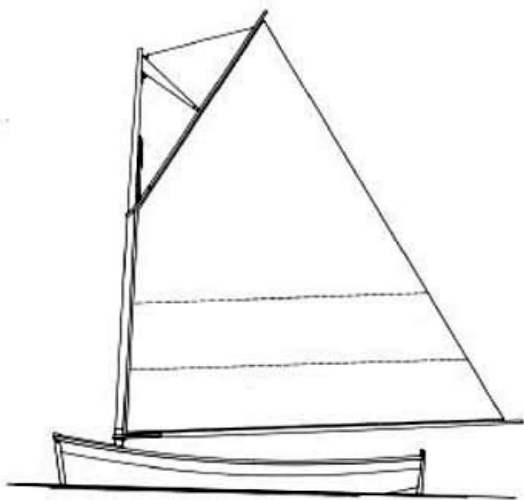
Designer/Builder:
Bert Briggs, circa 1920

Lines Taken By:
R.H. BAKER, 1982.
Drawing finished by
Dave Dillion, 1984

PLANS INCLUDE:

Lines, Offsets, Sail Plan,
Construction, Structural
Sections.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Easy



Southard's Sharpie is a typical gaff-rigged, double-planked Westport boat and a good example of the work done by the well-known local builder Bert Briggs. With her shallow draft, center-board and good rocker, she moves easily through the water and is fun to sail.

"When I was growing up around here, the local swordfishermen towed skiffs, often two at a time, all over the ocean. Not until it got really sloppy were the skiffs hauled into the cockpit, generally when they started chasing the big boats down the face of a sea. Under power, you tow them on the back of the second following wave to keep tension on the painter. Under sail, tow as long as you like from the lee quarter, unless your boat has a lee helm, in which case tow from the weather quarter."

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