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Race Results

December

Peregrine	Gross 5	Net 2
Starlight	8	3
Paragon	8	4
Imagine	12	5

Fall Series

Starlight	Gross 32	Net 27
Paragon	35	29
Peregrine	43	39
Linnea	46	42
Infidel	60	54

Happy New Year!

Winter Race Series Starts January 4th

Movie Night is Back!

January 15th at the Legion, 5:30

Help Wanted

Before you know it cruising season will be here.
The club needs someone to step up and organize
the following events.....

Secret Cove - Upwood Cup - Spring
Van Anda - Pot Luck on the dock - Mid Summer
Round Nelson - Adventure Cruise - Late Summer

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the GBSC a Very Happy New Year, and to thank you for being part of this Club, your involvement is appreciated, and helps make it as much fun as it is.

The time has come to Renew your Membership for 2025. Please only return the enclosed form if there are any changes to your details.

Thank you and Fair Winds in 2025.

Dues are Due!

David

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Membership Dues January 1 - December 31, 2025

The annual dues are \$25, please make your payment [by e-transfer](#), or mail a cheque made out to Garden Bay Sailing Club, to 13219 Dames Road, Garden Bay, BC. V0N 1S1. Thank You.

Please return this Form if there are any changes

Name:

Street:.....

Town:

Postal Code:.....

Phone Number: Cell Phone:

Email:

Name of boat..... Type & Size:

Sail Number or Logo Hull Colour:

PHRF Rating (If known) Assigned TCF (If known)

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This article was “borrowed” From the Small Craft Advisor website.



ALL THE BOATS by John C. Harris

The Washington College sailing team wrapped up the racing season by November. This left a certain teenager ashore to lament the many unseasonably warm Maryland winter days when he couldn't go sailing. I needed a proper frostbiter, something small enough to be moored free of charge at the College waterfront, but with the legs for off-season camp-cruising.

I chose the 11'6" Oldshoe designed by Phil Bolger. I loved the little cat-yawl rig, the dry cockpit, and the ballasted keel for security in cold water. It's not one of Bolger's more felicitous boat names; the ad in the back of Small Boat Journal explained that she was "as comfortable as an old shoe."

I built mine in my parents' garage the summer between freshman and sophomore years. A straightforward assembly, though a high parts-count by modern boat kit standards. I had a job, so for the first time I could afford fir marine plywood and epoxy. The budget didn't extend to epoxy encapsulation, so exposed surfaces developed fierce checks for the rest of the boat's life.

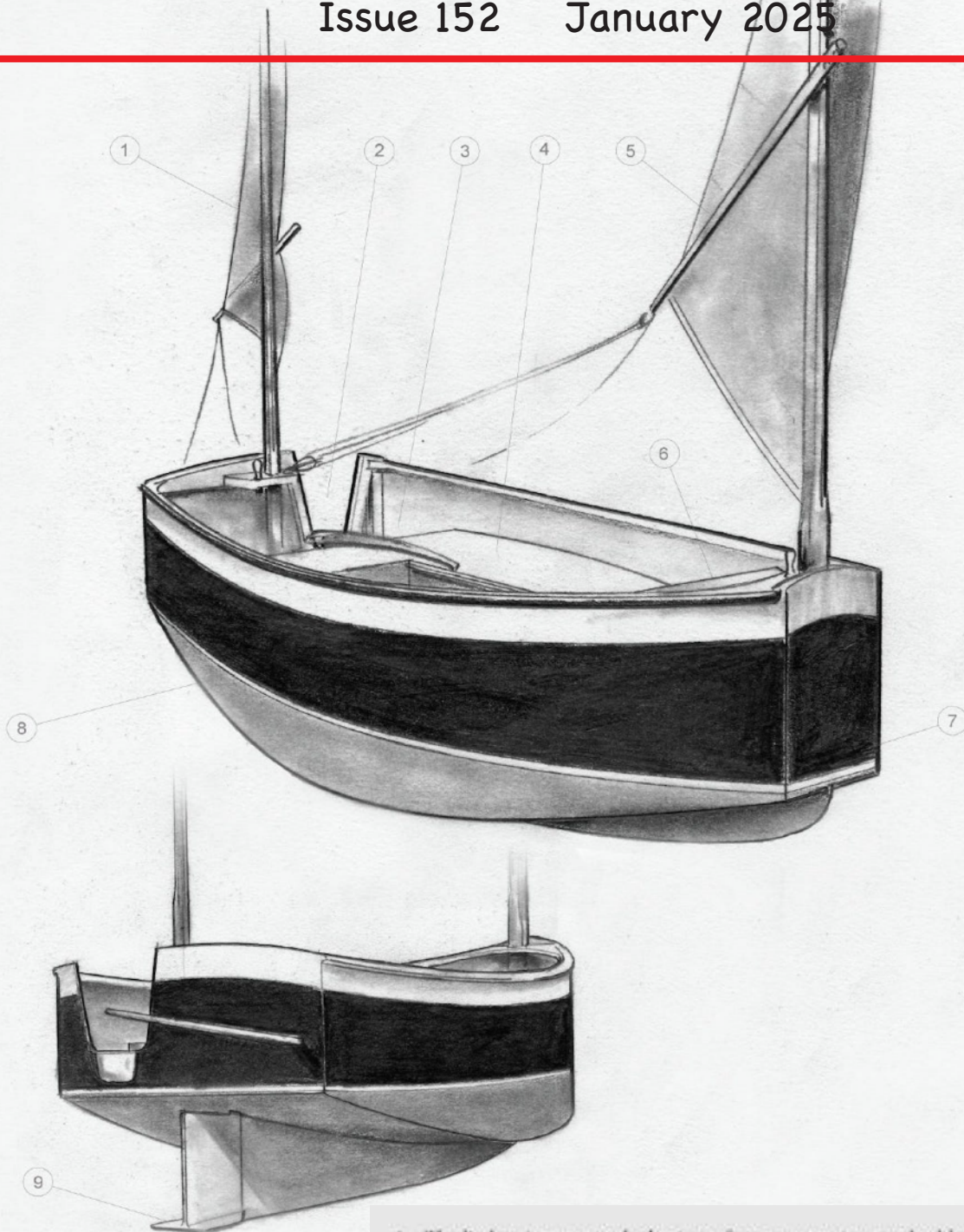
I took some liberties with Bolger's fastidious plans. The boat's gawky shape triggered a storm of debate as she came together. I wearied of explaining the unconventional features, and one result was that I centered the mizzen mast in the stern and placed the outboard well to port. This weakened the transom but spared me five hundred questions about an off-center mizzen mast.

Nothing was more satisfying than luring the Bolger-haters out for a sail. She never failed to charm them with her cheerful sailing manners and palatial cockpit. I may not have converted them into True Believers, but one and all returned to the boat's slip at Washington College with wide grins. As an all-weather daysailer and cozy camp-cruiser, the Oldshoe ranks with the best.

And now the trade-offs: In light air it takes only a little bit of chop (natural or powerboat-generated) to bring her to a stop. She's sensitive to sail trim and I drew on racing dinghy chops to wring maximum performance out of her. I often wished for another foot or two of hoist on the mainsail and a few more inches of keel. Still, I cherish the memory of once mixing it up with a fleet of junior Laser trainees. Concentrating furiously, I could stay with the Lasers in light air. Not bad for an 11'6" box with a lead keel. •SCA•

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1. The little mizzen was the business for maneuvering, and added plenty of push offwind.
 2. A 2hp outboard was ample, but a 4hp was quieter and offered tremendous range.
 3. Bolger's trademark "wet well," perfect for oily outboard drips and fish guts.
 4. This may be the world's most comfortable small boat cockpit.
 5. Later, the straight sprit was replaced by a half-wishbone, with some performance gain.
 6. Vast storage lockers and huge cockpit seats make this the easiest camp-cruising boat ever.
 7. Yes, the pram bow plowed into waves once in awhile, but it didn't slow the boat down.
 8. Don't flinch at the boxy shape. She floats like a duck and she's a riot to sail.
 9. I increased the size of the endplate on the rudder several times. 12" wide was about right.
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These folks videos are very entertaining...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcaLVHEvwjI>

....if smaller boats are of interest

The Christmas Carol Parade had perfect conditions!

