

Trailer Sailers, the Ideal Compromise



A trailer sailer is a small, transportable sailing boat. They may vary in length from 5 to 10 metres. Keels are generally raised using hydraulic, electric or hand operated controls. For simplicity and weight saving, they usually have a removable outboard.

(Ref and pic: Wikipedia: Trailer Sailers)

Trailer Sailers have many advantages over their deep drafted cousins (keel boats).

They can be transported with ease, to new sailing grounds, used to explore shallower waterways, canals, and lakes, raced weekends and also have the ability to proceed offshore and coastal cruise. “Shrimpy”, a Caprice 18.6 foot *Robert Tucker* bilge keel trailable boat, even commenced a circumnavigation of the globe in 1972.

Costs of boating are reduced when owning a trailer Sailer. Mooring fees and marina berths are eliminated. The trailer sailer can be rigged and stored in boatyards, yacht clubs, and hardstands or simply unrigged and trailered home. Ongoing maintenance costs for a trailer sailer are reduced. They spend less time in the water, hence less sun and salt water damage, with no need for anti-fouling.

The first marine ply trailable yacht designed for home construction was the Silhouette, designed in 1953 by *Robert Tucker* in the UK. The concept was adopted by *Richard Hartley* with the Hartley TS16/18/21. Ocean racing boat designer and yachtsman *Bruce Kenneth Farr OBE*, has also designed many popular and successful modern trailer sailers.

His Farr 7500 is a good example of how the trailer sailer designs have developed, with refinements that make for ease of sailing and handling.

Tin Can Bay Boat Sales has a good example of the Farr 7500 trailer sailer for sale.

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