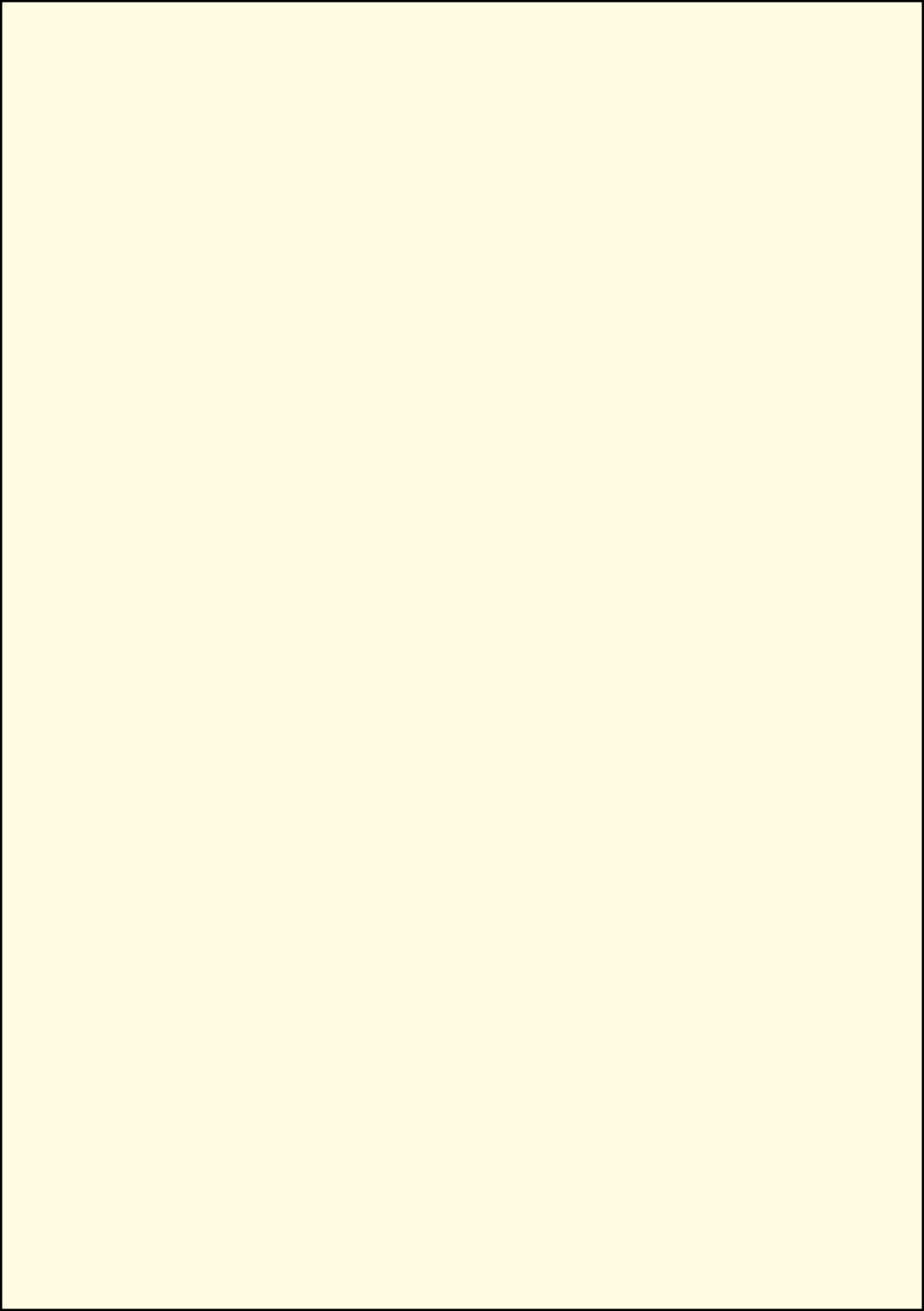


WINDSONG 2022



“Possibly the coolest wooden boat ever built”

Classic Boat Magazine. January 2022



WINDSONG 14

A new wooden dinghy for the creeks.

Sloop rigged with carbon mast on cedar strip

Can be cat rigged with mast in forward
position for single handed sailing.

The best of the old the best of the new

A unique, hand crafted, high performance, two
or one person sailing dinghy, with a power-
ful traditional lug rig on a light weight, low
resistance hull form providing relaxed "Lazy
Summer Sailing" in light airs...



...fast and exciting sailing in stronger winds.



John Owles and myself had talked for months about making a new boat for Burnham Overy Staithe.... something that would embrace the long history of adventurous dinghy sailing here with a nod to both the Twinkle Twelve and the Sharpie.

She had to be exciting, unique and in particular... modern. Fast enough to attract attention but adaptable to all the conditions that Burnham Overy Staithe would offer. It seemed to us that most new boats that had a nod to history were somehow... well... rather traditional.

When John first showed me his initial designs it truly took my breath away. Here was this sleek looking lug rig design that was to be made of carbon mast and thoroughly modern cedar strip for the hull. I was hooked.

We raised the money in a single week to build the prototype that was constructed in Burnham Overy Boathouse by Maxine Owles being completed in early summer 2021. She sailed through the summer in the creeks here at Burnham Overy Staithe to much admiration

... and here we are now.



Windsong Cat rigged for solo sailing

Designed with Burnham Overy Staithe in mind and to cater for sailing in Overy's shallow, winding creeks and negotiating the numerous shallows where a boat needs to be agile, quick to tack and close winded.

Her design is the best of the old with the best of the new.

She has a cedar strip planked hull, epoxy/glass sheathed, with a double layer on the bottom panels for additional wear resistance.

The mast and lug are Light weight carbon fibre mast and yard for stiffness and strength

The centre board is light weight cedar and carbon fibre laminated for strength

Traditional lug rig to provide power with a relatively low centre of effort

Windsong short tacks swiftly and is quick to power up. She is powerful enough to make ground against strong tides.

She has the ability to beat off a shallow lee shore

Windsong's sail plan has been designed at half centreboard down, this results in an ability to make way to windward when crossing shallow sandbanks. In deep water, with the board fully down, full windward efficiency is increased



Windsong just before launch

Windsong slips along nicely in light airs. The planing hull starts to perform at the top end of force 3. In a breeze of force 5, she has attained planing speeds of 12+ knots on a reach.

She is very stable. This, combined with the lug rig's relatively low centre of effort makes for a relatively comfortable ride. It goes without saying that crew position and agility is an important factor in higher wind strengths.

The boat's fine entry and buoyant shoulders throw water away from the boat, making for a fairly dry sail, allowing for spray at speed which is always wind blown.

Rigging and getting on the water has been made as simple as possible so that getting the boat ready to sail and on the water should take about 10 minutes. Changing from sloop to cat rig can also be achieved in about 5-10 minutes.

Windsong is environmentally low impact. Her timber hull is biodegradable and the epoxies being plant based and glass used degrading back to sand at the end of her life.

*Windsong in Norton Creek,
Burnham Overy Staithe*









Windsong, Sloop Rigged



*Windsong, Cat Rigged
Mast in forward position*

WINDSONG EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED FOR SUMMER 2022

Hull: Epoxy/Glass Cedar Strip Construction

Built-in Bouyacy Tanks

Side Tank Tops with Anti Slip Coating

Thwart

Carbon Mast

Carbon Yard

Boom - Sitka Spruce

Sails with Sail Bag

Jib

Mainsail with Insignia and Sail Number

Centreboard

Rudder & Tiller

Rigging - Fully rigged and sails bent on

Main Halyard

Tack Downhaul

Jib Halyard

Jib Tack Downhaul

Jib Sheets

Kicking Strap

Centreboard Downhaul/Uphaul

Main Sheet

Clew Outhaul

Padded Toe Straps

Halyard Bag

Barney's Bin Bags (Waterproof Stowage

behind tank inspection covers),

Port Aft; Starboard Frd

Self Bailers

Hand Bailer

Burgee + Clip

Oars and Rowlocks

WINDSONG OPTIONAL EXTRAS 2022

Boat Cover
Bag for Yard & Boom with Sail Bent On
Anchor & Cable
Launching Trolley
Full Combi Trailer

We are building 6 Windsongs starting this
Febuary

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