

YACHTING WORLD RAMBLER

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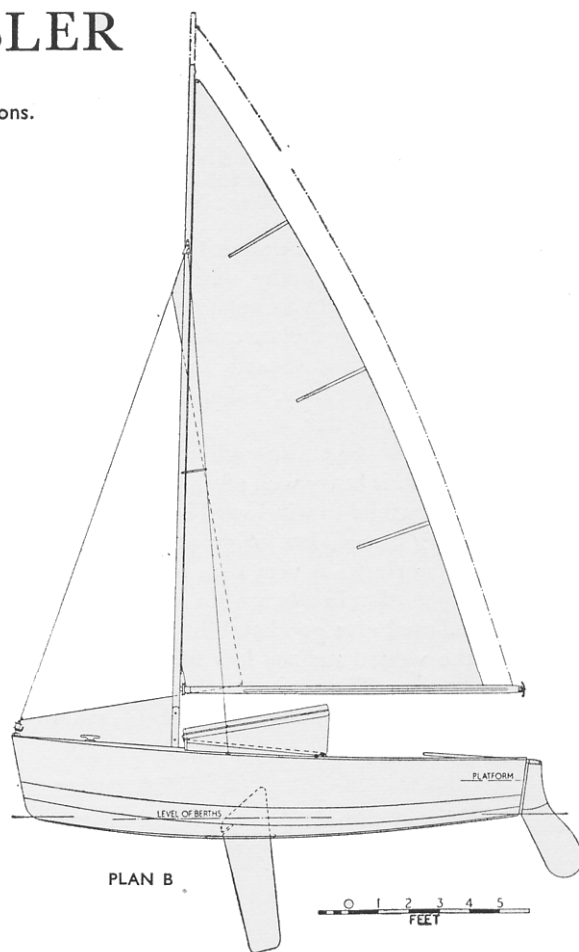
L.O.A. 17 ft. Beam 6 ft 3 in. Draft 9 in and 4 ft 6 in. Displacement 1.3 tons.

The Rambler is the ninth and latest addition to the *Yachting World* "Build-her-yourself" series of designs. She is a versatile boat, fulfilling, in her various versions, several different purposes. Jack Holt, who has designed many well-known boats for the series, including the G.P. 14, Cartop (Heron) dinghy, and the Y.W. Cadet, has collaborated with the Editor in this design.

The Rambler is undoubtedly fast ; a man who has designed the *Yachting World* Hornet is not likely to produce a slow boat, and the prototype has been sailed against and can hold her own against the National 18 ft class boats and others ; but it is not speed which is so important here. With 6 ft 3 in beam and high freeboard the Rambler is a camping cruiser which can, and will, be raced ; not a racing boat in which the crew could sleep.

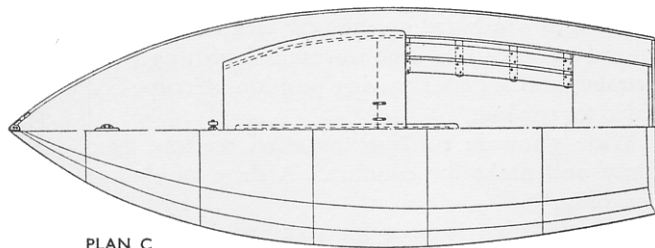
There are three quite different versions. Plan "A" with a larger mainsail which gives 168 sq. ft. total area, no cabin top and a large cockpit, makes a fast, stiff and dry day-boat which can be sailed by a family party, or raced in estuaries or in semi-open waters with three in the crew. For those who like to move about the country the centre-plate can be lifted out at the end of the day to ease the work of hauling out and lifting on a trailer.

With exactly the same hull, plan "B" has a 20 sq. ft. smaller mainsail and a lifting cabin top over the forward half of the cockpit. The level of the cockpit is raised, in the fore part of the boat, to form a platform where there is ample room for two air-mattresses, one each side of the plate case, under the cabin top, and stowage in the fore-peak. Cooking will inevitably be restricted to a single burner paraffin stove and water will be carried in small cans. It would be wrong to try to build a complicated

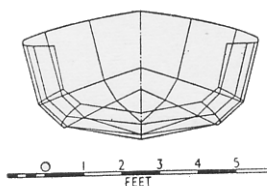
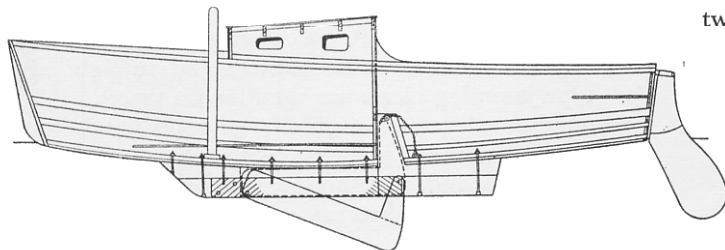


PLAN B

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PLAN C



galley, or bulkheads and shelves into plan "B," and waterproof bags for bedding and clothing and hooks along the fore part of the shelves will be the best answer for the stowage problem. Plan "B" is also a light boat. The centre-plate can still be removed for hauling out or for trailing, and the 3 cwt of ballast, which is recommended when Rambler is being used as a camping cruiser, with two crew, can be removed for beaching.

Plan "C" is still the same hull but there is a shallow fixed keel, with a smaller centreplate, and a fixed cabin top. With this arrangement the shelter, with a canvas screen across the middle of the ship, has become a cabin. Plan "C" has lost some of the advantages of the other two versions ; but for those who are looking for a small

cruiser they can build at home, which will normally be kept at moorings, this version has much to recommend it, and Rambler has now become a miniature cruiser.