



**FREEDOM ★ 21**

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# A NEW ONE DESIGN RACING/CRUISING CLASS

The Freedom 21 is a keel boat light enough to trail, fast enough to race, comfortable enough to cruise and simple enough to singlehand. These design features have been woven into a new class concept to create a new kind of convenient sailing for couples. My theory is that all too often women stay on the dock—not because they don't want to race, but because they do not choose to be part of a macho confusion drill where the comforts are as scarce as the language is bad, and their chief function is to prepare sandwiches for a bunch of deck apes. Who in her right mind would want to sign up for that kind of deal? But make the sailing conditions right and the ladies will come back aboard, to everyone's greater pleasure.

## How About The Quality of Racing?

I am a very keen racer as well as an avid cruiser, but I find that my enjoyment of either is often marred by the sheer logistics of having to line up competent crew, plus the hassle and expense of tuning rigs, stocking genoa jibs, etc. So why not, I thought, have a kind of cruising man's Laser—easy to set up and sail, with comfort in the cabin and cockpit, but still fast and responsive enough to race. After all, the quality of the racing should not be determined by the number of sails or crew that one can afford, as is all too often the case. Better to design so the crew functions are simple skills that can all be accomplished right in the cockpit. That way your crew can be someone whose presence you enjoy for its own sake, rather than someone whose presence you endure because they have the large body and small brain needed to hold down the weather rail. So the class rules of the Freedom 21 specify the boat must be sailed by one male and one female, entirely from the cockpit. This neutralizes the "Gorilla" factor, and creates the pleasing prospect of a crew that might smell nice and be fun to sleep with—two qualities which your typical racing crew could never be accused of.

## What About Cruising Quality?

The difference between a racing boat and a cruising yacht lies basically in the concessions made to comfort. The racer cuts amenities to the bone, lowers cabin height, forgets privacy, strews the deck with winches, and bisects the cockpit with a traveler—all for fractional gains in speed. Thus racing boats end up suitable only for racing because they lack basic living comforts, and of course require large crews. The Freedom 21 matches the racers in efficiency of hull shape,

simplifies the rig, and maximizes the comforts of cockpit and cabin. The cockpit is particularly nice because the area is sheltered by the cabin; you sit with your back fully supported by a gracefully curved coaming and there's no traveler to trip over. Down below the main cabin has a counter for sink and stove, plus two 6'6" bunks. A sturdy table sets up in the cabin or in the cockpit. The separate forward cabin has provision for a head, and the cushions fold over, creating a playpen area for

whatever crosses your mind. You can cruise with confidence, since all the basic comforts are carefully provided for.

## A New Yacht Club Alternative

Design innovations like the patented Hoyt Gun Mount and the free-standing carbon fiber spar create a new kind of simplicity for the sailor who wants performance, but is tired of having to line up trained crew to achieve it. You can hoist, jibe and douse the spinnaker all by yourself, in 25 knots of breeze, from the cockpit. You can reef in 15 seconds, again from the cockpit. Tack by simply pushing over the tiller. The Freedom 21 is a particularly suitable choice for yacht clubs seeking to expand member participation, because this is a class which brings couples together. So there's a natural social fabric which makes racing or cruising rendezvous just that much more fun. Ask your Freedom dealer to show you or write us for more specific details.

*Garry Hoyt*



LOA	21'8"
LWL	17'8"
Beam	8'0"
Draft, fin keel	3'9"
shoal keel	2'0"



Sail Area	200 sq. ft.
Displacement, fin keel	1800 lbs.
shoal keel	2050 lbs.
Lead Ballast, fin keel	500 lbs.
shoal keel	750 lbs.





