

Reconnecting Coastal Families, Neighborhoods, Clubs and Schools back to our Harbors and Boat-Building

“The Phil Bolger ‘Light Schooner’ Racing-&-Cruising Fleet Project”



- Schooners are very ‘Gloucester’, very ‘Cape Ann’, indeed very ‘New England’.
- *These ‘Light Schooners’ by Gloucester’s own Philip C. Bolger (his Design #395) are affordable, buildable by its crews, very trailerable, can be made to go quite fast, and can be camp-cruised with some family and friends. 2015 (W.A.G) Cost ready-to-sail-on-trailer between \$4-6000.- - if home-built/club-built/neighborhood-built.*
- *All built alike to the same plans, without ‘Unobtainium’, Carbon-Nano trinkets, and other budget-busters.*
- *Instead, US-grown and -milled trees for spars, plywood, plus epoxy, fiberglass, paint along with locally-sown plain Dacron sails – all to keep her simple, buildable, repairable, affordable, and as local as possible.*
- With several in just Gloucester, there could be Weekly Racing through the Inner and Outer Harbor.
- Every one of our 4 local Yacht-Clubs should have at least one, adding to the competition.
- Word will get around to Manchester, Beverly, Marblehead etc. all the way to Lynn and Newburyport.
- Thus is born the “North Shore Light Schooner League”.
- Each community that has one or some Light Schooners would host a race.
- While local crews would know their winds and waters best, sailing elsewhere balances things.
- A well-crafted Sailing-Schedule with ever moving locations would keep the optional racing competitive.
- Throughout the summer every Weekend could see these pretty nautical visions sail in company, if not race.
- While racing is inevitable, *Repeat-Offending Obnoxious Kill-Joy ‘Sea-Lawyers’ would be ostracized into some soulless plastic boat without any romance, no heart, nor pride of builder-ship – to be a ‘nautical Pariah’.*
- Several times a year a few or much of the fleet would cruise in company, overnight and over a week or more.
- ‘Light Schooners’ should be able to sleep one adult and two junior deck-hands under two boom-tents.

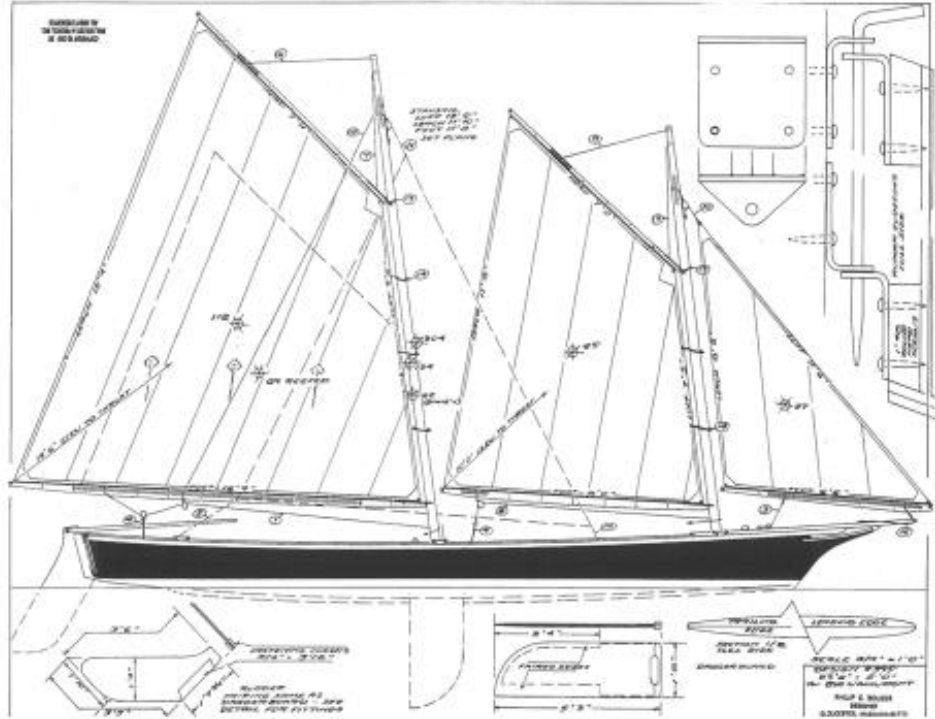
This is a proven design buildable by families, neighborhoods, clubs, schools. An opportunity to build something you can all use together, starting from a pile of materials to then launching, then sailing and finally cruising her.

**Bolger's
"LIGHT SCHOONER"
Design #395**

**23'6" long
5'0" wide
204 sq. ft of sail
266 sq. ft w/staysail**

**oars
or
2-5HP OB**

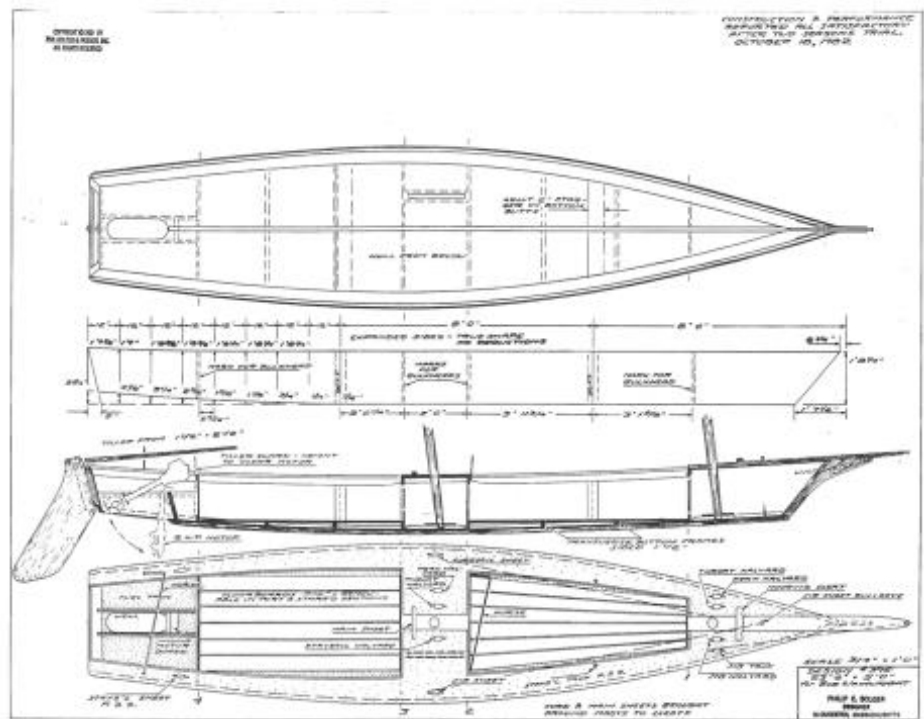
**Under 1000lbs
= very trailerable**



**Interior
and
Structure**

**Simplicity
makes this
schooner
Doable &
Affordable**

**Mostly
Plywood plus
2xs for
details and
spars**



Mk.2 version of her will see added a kick-up rudder, a centerboard instead of the dagger-board, a somewhat quieter bow, at least two pairs of oar-locks for rowing her, and more amenities supporting staying aboard her overnight for routine overnight stays and camp-cruising under boom-tents with all provisions, galley and head ergonomically located and securely stowed aboard as a matter of course.

**Go look up what the word 'Schooner' actually means ! And why the rig is so handy !
And study up on who Phil Bolger was...**

'LIGHT SCHOONERS' in Australia



'LIGHT SCHOONERS' in Mahone Bay, Canada

