

Butler & Co
Traditional Wooden Boats



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designers and builders of traditional
new wooden boats



Butler & Co offers a unique opportunity to experience owning and sailing a traditional, hand crafted wooden boat in the 21st Century. Our designs are inspired by historic working craft of the British Isles for their speed, simplicity and seaworthiness.



Design and Construction

Butler & Co strives to offer a personal service to ensure our designs are appropriate to the vessel's intended practical use. Designer and builder Ashley Butler builds his boats "by eye", a traditional method of construction. We use entirely authentic materials and techniques of construction. The primary building structures are solidly built out of oak frames, the hardwood iroko for the deadwoods, and iroko, larch or pitch pine for the planking and decking. Non-ferrous copper fastenings are used for longevity and strength.



The hull is caulked with cotton and puttied with red lead, and deck caulked with cotton and payed with Jefferies pitch. The rig plans are designed traditionally and fittingly with the hull structure and use. The rigging is traditionally spliced using historic techniques and the sails designed, cut and set for best performance.

From tree to sea

The magic and romance of voyaging on a wooden boat, whether it be racing, day sailing, or ocean cruising on the high seas, has captured the imagination for centuries. Butler & Co's vessels combine the timeless organic beauty and atmosphere of a wooden boat with the strength and low maintenance of a new build structure. Being involved from the design to launch can ensure a creation which is custom designed to suit the criteria and dreams of the owner.



There is little man has made that approaches anything in nature, but the sailing ship does.

—ALAN VILLIERS





Interiors

Butler & Co interiors are created with a unique style and character. Sophistication of the cabinetry, wood work and layout can be designed according to preference.



Accommodation is spacious with an attractive combination of traditional style and modern accessories and requirements for comfortable and practical living aboard.



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