

# **GK29 FAMILY RACER**

The GK 29, designed by Laurent Giles and Partners, was introduced as a follow on to the very successful Westerly GK 24. Our objectives were to produce a fast, soundly constructed boat of modern design without going to extremes. The versatility of the GK 29 is such that she caters for a very wide spectrum of the market, from the performance cruising yachtsman to the competitive half ton helmsman.

RACING SUCCESSES. Results in 1977 and 1978 show that the GK 29 is one of the top production built half tonners in this country. Of particular note in 1978 were the following:

Lymington Spring Series — 1st in half ton division BLRA Ton Cup Series —

3rd overall – 1st production boat Solent points — 4th overall – 2nd production boat Seine Bay Race — 3rd in class

It is of particular note that the GK 29 was one of the few half tonners without major defects in 1978 and one of the few with a Lloyd's Register Certificate as standard.

PERFORMANCE. The GK 29 has been designed to sail competitively as a series production built half tonner. She has a balanced rig with light helm. In light weather she will out perform many 'one-offs'. Her skeg coupled with deep rudder gives her stable downwind performance and the ability to carry a spinnaker in all but the most extreme conditions. The Family Racer introduced in September 1978 has already shown that she is well capable of outperforming other similar cruising yachts without having to go to the expense or effort of competitive racing.

INTERIOR. The accommodation of the GK29 has been described as luxurious by many racing helmsmen. With headroom of over 6 ft in the saloon and a separate toilet compartment with wash basin, the

interior of the GK29 meets a high standard expected by cruising yachtsmen. Racing on the outside and cruising on the inside; a good compromise is achieved to give this boat a lasting appeal with resultant good secondhand values.

#### **GK29 FAMILY RACER**

Based on the half ton pedigree this version is specifically offered for the performance orientated cruising family who may race occasionally. A cast iron, 5' 3" draft keel allows the boat to take the ground. With a deck stepped mast and smaller sail area than the half ton rig, the handling of the GK 29 comes within the capabilities of the average family. Coupled with a true cruising interior the GK 29 FAMILY RACER makes an ideal family cruising yacht for the modern outlook yachtsman.

GK 29 half ton rig is for racing at club or IOR levels and cruising when required. The half ton rig incorporates a taller, keel stepped mast together with a lead keel of 5' 8" draft. By purchasing various options to the Family Racer a fully competitive production built half tonner can be obtained. These options mean that the boat is prepared for racing with the deck layout, gear and sails necessary for top performance. An IOR measurement certificate of 21.7' or below is available as is an optional racing interior.

For those wishing to purchase a Budget version of the GK 29, which is structurally complete but allows the owner to install his own engine, deck gear and sails, various building specifications are available on request.

Hull and deck assembly is for home or boatyard completion. More complete than the usual part assembled boat, this version offers outstanding value for money.

### **GK29 SPECIFICATION**

Length overall	29′ 0″	8.84 m
Length waterline	25′ 7″	7.80 m
Beam	10′ 4″	3.15 m
Draft	5′ 3″	1.60 m
(Lead Keel)	5′ 8″	1.73 m
Displacement	6900 lbs	3130 kg
Ballast	3000 lbs	1361 kg
Family Racer Rig – Iron		

Family Racer Rig – Iron Half ton Rig – Lead

Interior

High quality marine plywood and hardwood.

Skin fittings Marin

Stern gear

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Jib sheet winches

Halyard winches Mast and spars Engine Marine grade phosphor bronze.

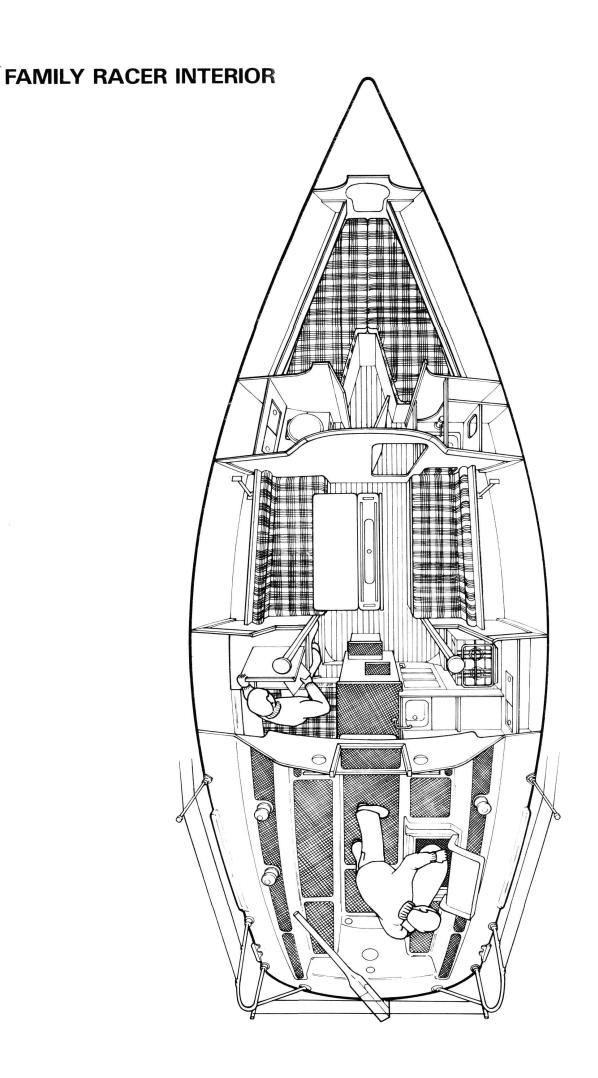
Stainless steel.

Top action two speed.

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Silver anodised aluminium.

Two cylinder Petter 12 h.p. diesel. Electric start, flexible mountings and reverse gear.



# **SAIL SPECIFICATIONS**

## **Family Racer Rig**

 Mainsail
 158 sq ft
 14.68 sq m

 No. 1 Genoa
 333 sq ft
 30.94 sq m

 No. 2 Genoa
 257 sq ft
 23.88 sq m

 No. 1 Jib
 168 sq ft
 15.61 sq m

 No. 2 Jib
 69 sq ft
 6.41 sq m

# **Half ton Rig**

 Mainsail
 162 sq ft
 15.05 sq m

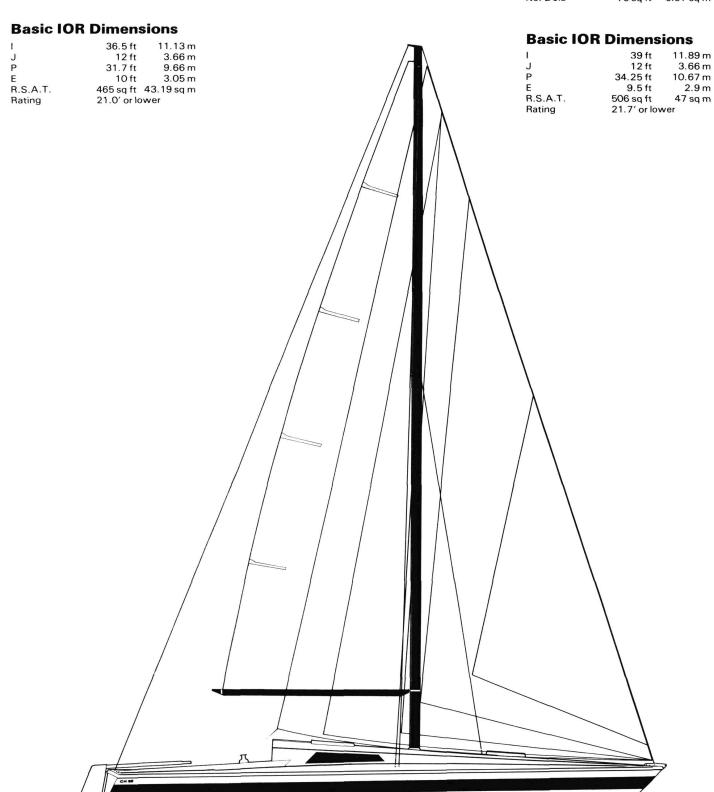
 No. 1 Genoa
 358 sq ft
 33.26 sq m

 No. 2 Genoa
 291 sq ft
 27.03 sq m

 No. 3 Genoa
 222 sq ft
 20.62 sq m

 No. 1 Jib
 168 sq ft
 15.61 sq m

 No. 2 Jib
 75 sq ft
 6.97 sq m



# **OUTLINE STANDARD INVENTORY GK 29 FAMILY RACER**

#### **SAILS & RIGGING**

Mainsail with slab reefing
No. 1 Jib
Silver anodised mast and boom
Stainless steel rigging screws
1 main halyard
1 jib halyard
Halyards wire with rope tails
Kicking strap
Burgee halyard

#### **DECK FITTINGS**

Stainless steel bow pulpit
Stainless steel split stern pulpit
Guardrail stanchions
Double lifelines
Two Lewmar 40 sheet winches
One Lewmar 30 Halyard winch
One Lewmar 16 Halyard winch
Mainsheet track and traveller
Genoa track and travellers
Navigation lights

#### **CABIN FITTINGS**

4 inch berth cushions
Interior lighting
Chart table
Saloon table
Marine toilet
Washbasin
30 gallon fresh water tank
Two burner cooker and grill
Galley sink
Ice box
Plate and cup racks
Fire extinguisher
Ventilite
Teak strip flooring
Hanging space

#### **ENGINE**

Petter 12 h.p. diesel 15 gallon fuel tank Two 60 amp batteries Electric start Two bladed fixed propeller

## Lloyd's Register Certificate

**OPTIONS** 

HULL AND DECK ASSEMBLY
BUDGET
FAMILY RACER
HALF TON RIG
IRON KEEL 5' 3" DRAFT
LEAD KEEL 5' 8" DRAFT

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