



WESTERLY CENTAUR

When we considered producing the Westerly CENTAUR, a new twenty-six foot twin keel masthead rigged sloop, we decided she was worthy of being designed by one of Britain's top teams and, backed by years of experience in this field, Laurent Giles and Partners have produced a modern, good looking six berth auxiliary cruiser.

Here is a boat that will satisfy the requirements of the most discerning boating families, both those who already sail as well as newcomers to the sea. Her comfortable accommodation with dinette arrangement and light airy galley in the vinyl lined main cabin will make her a delight to live in. Full headroom is now a foregone conclusion in boats of this size and with an enclosed w.c. and large hanging space separating the two cabins, the best is made of the large amount of space more usually associated with boats in the 28–30 ft. range.

Her twin keels allow her to sit upright which will appeal to those without a deep water mooring, or who wish to cruise in shoal draft waters. The large self-draining cockpit with a lifting tiller allows freedom of movement and there are wide side decks for easy access forward. Her hull design makes for a seaworthy boat and the "knuckle" in the bow has given her a characteristic styling worthy of her designers' reputation.

Choice of engine includes a 7 h.p. Volvo Penta diesel MD 1 or a 15 h.p. diesel MD 2 and a 27 h.p. petrol Watermota marinised Ford. For those who prefer, a $9\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. outboard on a transom bracket can be supplied.

A word on quality – a Lloyd's Certificate comes with each boat and CENTAUR incorporates the latest in glass fibre techniques. Teak trim, stainless steel fittings and anodised spars all keep maintenance to a minimum and retain the quality that has become the hallmark of all the Company's boats.

Specification

L.O.A.	26'	8·00 m.
L.W.L.	21' 4"	6·60 m.
Beam	8′ 5″	2 · 62 m.
Draft	3′	0.92 mm.
Scale Weight	4800 lbs.	2180 Kgs.
Ballast	2180 lbs.	1002 Kgs.
Mainsail and No. 1 Jib	294 sq. ft.	27 · 3 sq. mm.



Westerlys in the assembly line at the Waterlooville factory

Perhaps it is worth mentioning here that the Centaur is from the same stable as the fin keel 22 foot Westerly Cirrus, unanimous winner of the "Yachting World" ONE-OF-A-KIND Rally in 1968. Quality in performance and design were among the key factors and the judges reported that it was the boat that "most successfully fulfilled its design intention and offered good value for money – a product of a great deal of intelligent thought".

Other boats produced are the four berth twin keel 22 foot Westerly Nomad, the fin keel six berth Westerly 28 and the Proctor designed 18 foot Westerly Nimrod with two berths and retractable keel.

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