

20 Best Small Sailboats for the Weekender

Whether you want to cruise to your next destination at a fast pace or are striving for a simple, easy to sail vessel, this fleet of trailerable sailboats and pocket cruisers will fit your needs and budget.

In order to go cruising, most of us require a sailboat with a head, a galley, and bunks. The boat, likely a 30-footer and more often a 40-footer, will have electronics for navigation and entertainment, refrigeration if the trip is longer than a coastal hop, an engine for light wind, and, depending on our appetites for food and fun, perhaps a genset to power our toys and appliances.

To go sailing, however, all we really need is a hull, mast, rudder, and sail. To experience the pure joy of sheeting in and scooting off across a lake, bay, or even the open ocean, there's nothing better than a small sailboat – we're talking sailboats under 25 feet. You can literally reach out and touch the water as it flows past. You instantly feel every puff of breeze and sense every change in trim.

Some of the boats in this list are new designs, others are time-tested models from small sailboat manufacturers, but every one is easy to rig, simple to sail, and looks like a whole lot of fun either for a solo outing on a breezy afternoon or to keep family and friends entertained throughout your entire sailing season. This list is made up of all types of sailboats, and if you're looking for a list of some of the best small sailboats for beginners, you'll find exactly that here.

Any one of these popular boats could be labeled as a trailerable sailboat, daysailer, or even a weekender sailboat. And while most would be labeled as a one or two person sailboat, some could comfortably fit three or even four people.

MARBLEHEAD 22 DAYSAILER



If you have an eye for elegant lines and your heart goes pitter-patter over just the right amount of overhang beneath a counter transom, the Marblehead 22 daysailer, designed by Doug Zurn and built by Samoset Boatworks in Boothbay, Maine, will definitely raise your pulse. Traditional-looking above the waterline and modern beneath, the cold-molded hull sports a deep bulb keel and a Hall Spars carbon-fiber mast with a wishbone rig and square-top main. The 11-foot-9-inch cockpit can seat a crowd, and a small cuddy forward will let you stow your friends' gear for the day. samosetboatworks.com.

CATALINA 22 SPORT



Many a harbor plays host to an active fleet of Catalina 22s, one of the most popular small sailboats over the years, given its basic amenities and retractable keel, which allows it to be easily trailered. Recently, the company introduced the Catalina 22 Sport, an updated design that can compete with the older 22s. The boat features a retractable lead keel; a cabin that can sleep four, with a forward hatch for ventilation; and a fractional rig with a mainsail and a roller-furling jib. Lifelines, a swim ladder, and an engine are options, as are cloth cushions; vinyl cushions are standard. The large cockpit will seat a crowd or let a mom-and-pop crew stretch out and enjoy their sail. It's clear why the Catalina 22 is one of the best sailboats under 25 feet. catalinayachts.com

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HUNTER 22



With its large, open-transom cockpit and sloop rig, the Hunter 22 makes a comfortable daysailer for family and friends. But with its cuddy cabin, twin bunks, optional electrical system, opening screened ports, and portable toilet, a parent and child or a couple could

comfortably slip away for an overnight or weekend. Add in the optional performance package, which includes an asymmetric spinnaker, a pole, and a mainsheet traveler, and you could be off to the races. The boat features a laminated fiberglass hull and deck, molded-in nonskid, and a hydraulic lifting centerboard. Mount a small outboard on the stern bracket, and you're set to go. marlow-hunter.com

DAYSAILER

Not sure whether you want to race, cruise or just go out for an afternoon sail? Since 1958, sailors have been having a ball aboard the Uffa Fox/George O'Day-designed Daysailer. Fox, who in the 1950s was on the cutting edge of planning-dinghy design, collaborated with Fall River, Massachusetts



boatbuilder O'Day Corp. to build the 16-foot Daysailer, a boat that features a slippery hull and a small cuddy cabin that covers the boat roughly from the mast forward. Thousands of Daysailers were built by various builders, and they can be found used for quite affordable prices. There are active racing fleets around the US, and new Daysailers are still in production today, built by Cape Cod Ship Building. capecodshipbuilding.com

BAYRAIDER FROM SWALLOW BOATS



Easy to rig and trailer, the BayRaider from England's Swallow Yachts is a relative newcomer to the small-boat market in the United States. Nearly all of its 19 feet 9 inches is open cockpit, though a spray hood can be added to keep the forward sections dry. The BayRaider

is ketch-rigged with a gunter-style mainmast. The topmast and mizzen are both carbon-fiber, which is an option for the mainmast as well. The BayRaider can be sailed with a dry hull in lighter conditions or with 300 pounds of water ballast to increase its stability. With the centerboard and hinged rudder raised, the boat can maneuver in even the thinnest water.

BEETLE CAT



Big fun can come in small packages, especially if your vessel of choice happens to be the 12 1/2-foot Beetle Cat. Designed by John Beetle and first built in 1921, the wooden shallow draft sailboat is still in production today in Wareham, Massachusetts at the Beetle Boat Shop. With a

draft of just 2 feet, the boat is well-suited for shallow bays, but equally at home in open coastal waters. The single gaff-rigged sail provides plenty of power in light air and can be quickly reefed down to handle a blow. In a word, sailing a Beetle Cat is fun. beetlecat.com

WEST WIGHT POTTER P 19

With berths for four and a workable galley featuring a cooler, a sink, and a stove, West Wight Potter has packed a lot into its 19-foot-long P 19. First launched in 1971, this is a line of boats that's attracted a



true following among trailer-sailors. The P 19's fully retractable keel means that you can pull up just about anywhere and go exploring. Closed-cell foam fore and aft makes the boat unsinkable, and thanks to its hard chine, the boat is reportedly quite stable under way. westwightpotter.com

NORSEBOAT 17.5



Designed for rowing and sailing (a motor mount is optional), the Canadian-built NorseBoat 17.5—one of which was spotted by a CW editor making its way through the Northwest Passage with a two-man crew—features an

open cockpit, a carbon-fiber mast, and a curved-gaff rig, with an optional furling headsail set on a sprit. The lapstrake hull is fiberglass; the interior is ply and epoxy. The boat comes standard with two rowing stations and one set of 9-foot oars. The boat is designed with positive flotation and offers good load-carrying capacity, which you could put to use if you added the available canvas work and camping tent. NorseBoats offers a smaller sibling, the 12.5, as well; both are available in kit form.

To view the remainder of the 20 boats, go to: <https://www.cruisingworld.com/sailboats/big-dreams-small-packages/>

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- 1/13 General Membership Meeting
- 1/16 Chalk Talk, 2PM
- 1/20 Lighthouse Charities Meeting
- 1/30 Chalk Talk, 2PM
- 2/3 BOG Meeting
- 2/5 Chili Cookoff
- 2/10 General Membership Meeting
- 2/13 Chalk Talk, 2PM
- 2/27 Chalk Talk, 2PM

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CHALK TALKS

Chalk talks for newer sailors will begin at the club on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2PM. We will talk about wind and parts of the boat. Talks will continue every other Sunday through April. Knot tying practice will take place at each event.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS

Classes beginning February 1, every Tuesday at 6PM.

COMMODORE—David Archibald

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Traditions and Resolutions.

Happy New Year, I hope that 2022 finds you well. As I reflected over the holiday, I came to think of the club and how rich we are with traditions. There is no shortage of memorable events that have become a tradition at OCBC.

We had one of those as we rang in 2022. Steve and Lori Meyer have for nearly a quarter of a century prepared Black-Eyed Peas for the New Year's Day celebration. They have company in this tradition, there is no better way to start the day that with one of Bayless Kirtley's Bloody Mary's. And the bowl of Black-Eyed Peas would not be complete without Don Steeber's cornbread. This is one of the traditions that makes OCBC such a great place. Also, New Year's Day would not be complete without a sail, or at least an attempt at a sail.

Other traditions keep us anchored with our past; Splash Day, Lighthouse Regatta, Wednesday racing, and the annual banquet are all part of what keeps us coming out and sailing. With these traditions there is always a chance to improve and grow as a club. We need to be careful that we don't let tradition get in the way of opportunity or let opportunity be blind to tradition.

As we look to 2022 and the resolutions we make, let them be a nod to OCBC and how you can help to keep it great and make it an even better place.

See you on the water.

David



Ladies Sailing—Anita Endres

Hope you all had a joyous and healthy holiday! With the recent spike in positive Covid cases, we have decided to postpone Yoga until the numbers come down. Hope you find some exercises to do at home then join us on Friday evenings to get in shape for the summer once we start classes again.

In the meantime, Ali Charlton, a member of the Board of Governors, and his Education committee are planning some sailing chalk talks and classes this spring geared toward beginning sailors and some basics for beginning racers. We will meet every other Sunday at 2:00 for an hour or two starting January 16th.

Here are some of the topics we anticipate covering.....Wind, Points of Sail, Knots, Parts of Boat, Safety, Tack, Jibing, Rigging, Sail Shape, Knots and Lines, Rules of the Road (right of way), Safety Position, Getting out of Irons, Docking, Body position on small (mostly centerboard) boats, Steering, Flags, Man Over Board..... Ali is planning to repeat his Safety session (which includes MOB) he's done for several years, probably Saturday after the Ladies Brunch sometime in March or early April. We are also considering a session on the new Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 as they are revised every 4 years, the year after the Olympics.

If there are other topics that you think are of interest, please let me or Ali know.

Stay warm, safe and healthy in this New Year!

Anita

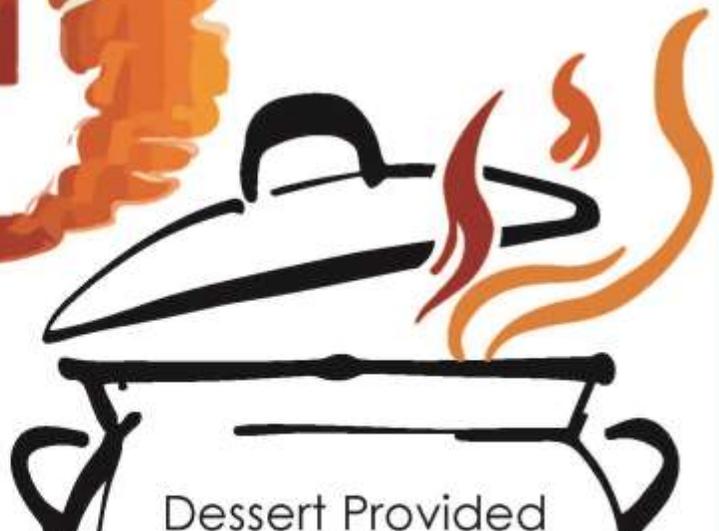
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Chili
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Sponsored by the
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Bring Entries by 6:30pm
We Eat at 7:00pm
Prizes to Winners

Saturday, February 5th
\$10 per person to eat
Free to compete



Dessert Provided

NEW YEAR'S DAY ANNUAL BLACK-EYED PEAS

OCBC-New Years Day 2022



DAYS OF YORE ... compliments of Gary Sander

Summer of '79: Gary Sander; Bayless Kirtley



Winter of '79: Things have changed



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**Probably 1973 or so:
Judy and Guy Liebmann; Jim and Virginia Meade**



Dan Cooper, Guy Liebmann



BLUE STAR MOTHERS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Blue Star Mothers of Edmond would like to thank the Handicap Fleet and all the members of the Oklahoma City Boat Club for the support of our spaghetti dinner. Through your generosity, the Blue Star Mothers of Edmond raised \$3,097. These funds allowed the mothers to sponsor Soldier's Day Out and send care packages to deployed troops. Soldier's Day Out is an event hosted by the Blue Star Mothers for Fort Sill soldiers who are unable to go home for Christmas. These soldiers are entertained a full day in Oklahoma City. The events include a buffet breakfast at the Wyndham, tour of the Oklahoma City Memorial, lunch at Devon, tour the 45th Infantry Museum, the Science Museum and dinner and games at Incredible Pizza.

Thank you for your support.

Marsha Harrod



EDITOR'S EPILOGUE

If your blood boils with excitement as you review the upcoming 2022 entries into the small to medium sized boats that will be making their debut in the market this season, perhaps it is time for you to consider upgrading to a new vessel.

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FOR SALE: Windrose 24.5' made by Laguna Yachts. Includes trailer, Mercury outboard, main, jib, genoa, removable sink/kitchenette, lifelines, and battery. Swing keel. Very large cockpit with cushions. Lights inside and out. Stickers all up to date. Complete bottom job by Cedar Mills Marina included epoxy barrier coat. Still has Interlux bottom paint for another season. \$4500. David Robinson, 405-642-8856.⁽³⁾

FOR SALE: \$5,700 1984 Anniversary Edition O-Day 222. Includes trailer, and 2019 Honda 5hp long shaft (\$2,493) I bought new, still starts first pull and has integrated fuel tank in the top (or can connect to external tank included). Upgrades include new windows and front hatch, professionally installed this spring. Last year we installed new cushions, inside and out for cockpit, salon and v-berth. Boat has port-a-potti and gas stove and many spares. Three years ago we purchased an upgraded radial cut main sail, always folded and stored inside. Three Head sails include stock Jib, 110 and 135 Genoas. Spring 2020 we pulled the boat out and did the bottom job with West Marine CCP Composite Copper Technology ablative bottom coat in blue and had the boat professionally compounded and waxed. Boat is currently on west A-dock. Ready to sail, NOT a project boat.



Link to photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/n9t1EZDw5Qd37jrW7>

Contact Michael Hoehn, mhhoehn@cox.net; 405-200-3036.⁽³⁾



FOR SALE: 2001 Chris Craft 26 Constellation with Volvo 5.7GXI with Double-Axle Trailer

Link for website with details, photos and video tour: <https://bit.ly/3CkCdBD>. **Overview:** Year: 2001;

Make: [Chris Craft](#); Model: Constellation; Type: Cruiser; Hull Material: Fiberglass; Trailer: Included; Use: Fresh Water. Contact us to schedule a showing: Mandy Brown (405) 706-9126 or Joyce Curtis (405) 850-6133.⁽¹⁾



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