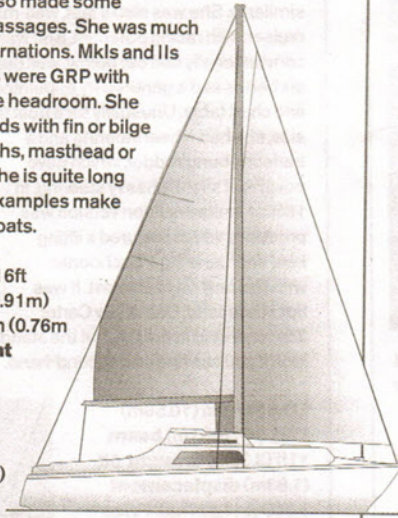


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Caprice

Robert Tucker was the master of small boat design in the Sixties and early Seventies. This 19-footer from 1963 proved a tough family cruiser, which also made some remarkable offshore passages. She was much modified over four incarnations. MkIs and IIs were ply, MkIIIs and IVs were GRP with beamier hulls and more headroom. She was built by various yards with fin or bilge keels, three or four berths, masthead or fractional rig options. She is quite long in the tooth, but good examples make excellent little starter boats.

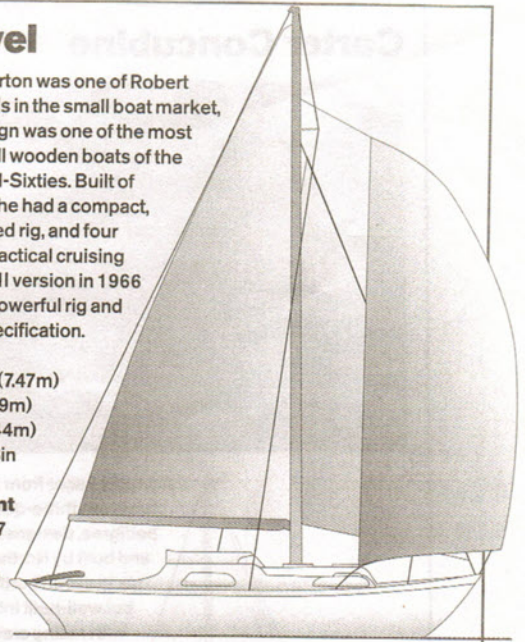
LOA 19ft (5.79m) **LWL** 16ft (4.88m) **beam** 6ft 3in (1.91m) **draught** 2ft 6in or 3ft 6in (0.76m or 1.07m) **displacement** 1,680 lb (762kg). **Price Guide:** £1,000 (MkI) to £3,500 (MkIV). **YM Test Report** September 1969 (Mk III)



Caravel

David Cheverton was one of Robert Tucker's rivals in the small boat market, and this design was one of the most popular small wooden boats of the early and mid-Sixties. Built of mahogany, she had a compact, easily-handled rig, and four berths in a practical cruising interior. A MkII version in 1966 had a more powerful rig and improved specification.

LOA 24ft 6in (7.47m) **LWL** 19ft (5.79m) **beam** 8ft (2.44m) **draught** 3ft 8in (1.15m) **displacement** 2,700 lb (1,227 kg). **Price guide** £1,500 to £3,500



Caravela 22

A Sonata look-alike from 1978, she was designed by Leo da Costa as a small racing yacht with family cruising potential. She had plenty of room below, with two long quarterberths and two more in a separate forecabin, under one of which is a sea toilet. There is a simple galley with gas or alcohol stove. She has sporty, rather tender performance and handling, but would suit a dinghy sailor trading up. More than 100 were built.

LOA 22ft (6.71m) **LWL** 19ft (5.79m) **beam** 8ft 2in (2.49m) **draught** 4ft 3in (1.30m) **displacement** 2,500 lb (1,135kg). **Price guide** £3,500 to £5,000. **YM Test Report** August 1979



Carter 30

Introduced to the UK in 1974, this IOR-derived cruiser was from the prolific and innovative board of American Dick Carter. Northshore Yachts built the first 27s as racers with a large cockpit and bigger sailplan, but when racing success dried up, the company produced a second version with a smaller cockpit, less sail and a fully-fitted interior with a conventional but effective five-berth layout. In this format she was well built and finished, and made a good fast cruiser with excellent handling. Production moved to Poland in 1979 and was continued by Teliga until 1988 as the Teliga 30. More than 400 were built in all. Polish quality was variable and the interior joinery in particular varied from adequate to poor. New-boat prices were low and second-hand values should reflect this. There were also some home-built British boats.

LOA 29ft 9in (9.08m) **LWL** 23ft (7.01m) **beam** 10ft 1in (3.06m) **draught** 5ft 6in (1.68m) **displacement** 6,800 lb (1,283kg). **Price guide** £12,000 to £15,000. **YM Test Report** November 1998

