

THE PEARSON 31 RACER/CRUISER BY BILL SHAW

l.o.a. 31'0" / l.w.l. 25'0" / beam 10'7¼" / draft 5'6" / displ. 9,400 lb. / ballast 3,800 lb. / 464 sq. ft. of sail

BILL SHAW, following up the design of his internationally-flavored Pearson 323 and a couple of after-cockpit 36' and 42' cruising ketches, further increases the versatility of the Pearson line with this sloop. The 31 combines the latest thinking in a go-fast hull configuration with a manageable 7/8ths rig to take maximum advantage of various racing rules.

The Pearson 31 is intended to perform admirably at the club and association levels of racing and, adhering to the company policy of offering nothing but boats with comfortable accommodation, is anything but a stripped-out racing machine below. She comes complete with a U-shaped galley that includes a stainless steel sink, locker stowage, a top-loading icebox and an alcohol stove topped with a cutting board; a roomy navigation center with chart table, locker and drawer stowage; a fold-away drop-leaf table; an athwartships head with a pull-out vanity-sink arrangement and a hanging locker; two forward berths and two settee berths; and an optional quarter berth aft of the navigation center. In addition, she's finished with an abundance of hand-rubbed teak complemented by tastefully selected upholstery and carpeting and has eight portlights and two hatches for good light and ventilation. Cabin headroom is 6'1½". The auxiliary is a Universal Atomic Four.

Topside, she has a T-shaped cockpit with tiller steering, and an anchor well is forward. The 7/8ths rig is of particular advantage in that it provides a better rating under a variety of racing rules and also greatly facilitates sail handling for the cruising sailor.

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