



MISSIE LEE NIS 18 MK2 YAWL

by Robert Ayliffe

Gavin and Elaine Williams are the world's first to complete a new NIS 18 Yawl.

They really have done the boat justice. I'm sure *Missie Lee* is going to win many friends. Her very open and surprisingly large, uncluttered cockpit will carry up to four comfortably day sailing and a bit more. At a pinch and in light air she could carry six, if it blew up a bit a couple would probably need to be in the cabin to get the weight down lower.

The NIS 18 is designed for comfortable, capable, easily sailed (with experience) coastal cruising for two, plus two camping ashore.

Like her bigger sisters, she has surprising cabin space, a disappearing head, our folding masts system for super quick single handed mast raising and lowering, (even at sea) for super quick launching and retrieval, high self righting capability, pretty much

unequaled ease of handling, inherent self steering and very good thin water and grounding ability.

Her folded masts in addition to making her so easy to live with, also become a nice ridge pole for a simple tarp over, when the boat is on the hard stand on the trailer or in the yard at home.

The cockpit is further enhanced by sheeting to a traveller across the cabin top, which Gavin is yet to fit. We did not include that in the original spec, but have since discovered how useful it can be in the NIS 18 yawl especially. Permits easy fitting of a companionway Dodger for example and completely clears the cockpit.

Missie Lee joins Phil and Elaine Brown's NIS 18 Ketch, *Playstation*, and Lyall Tweedale's soon to be launched NIS 18 Ketch in the Brisbane area. You will no doubt soon see her with them cruising around Moreton Bay, adding to the reputation of original designer Bruce Kirby, and the reputation of the NIS Sharpie range in general.

Well done, Gavin and Elaine.

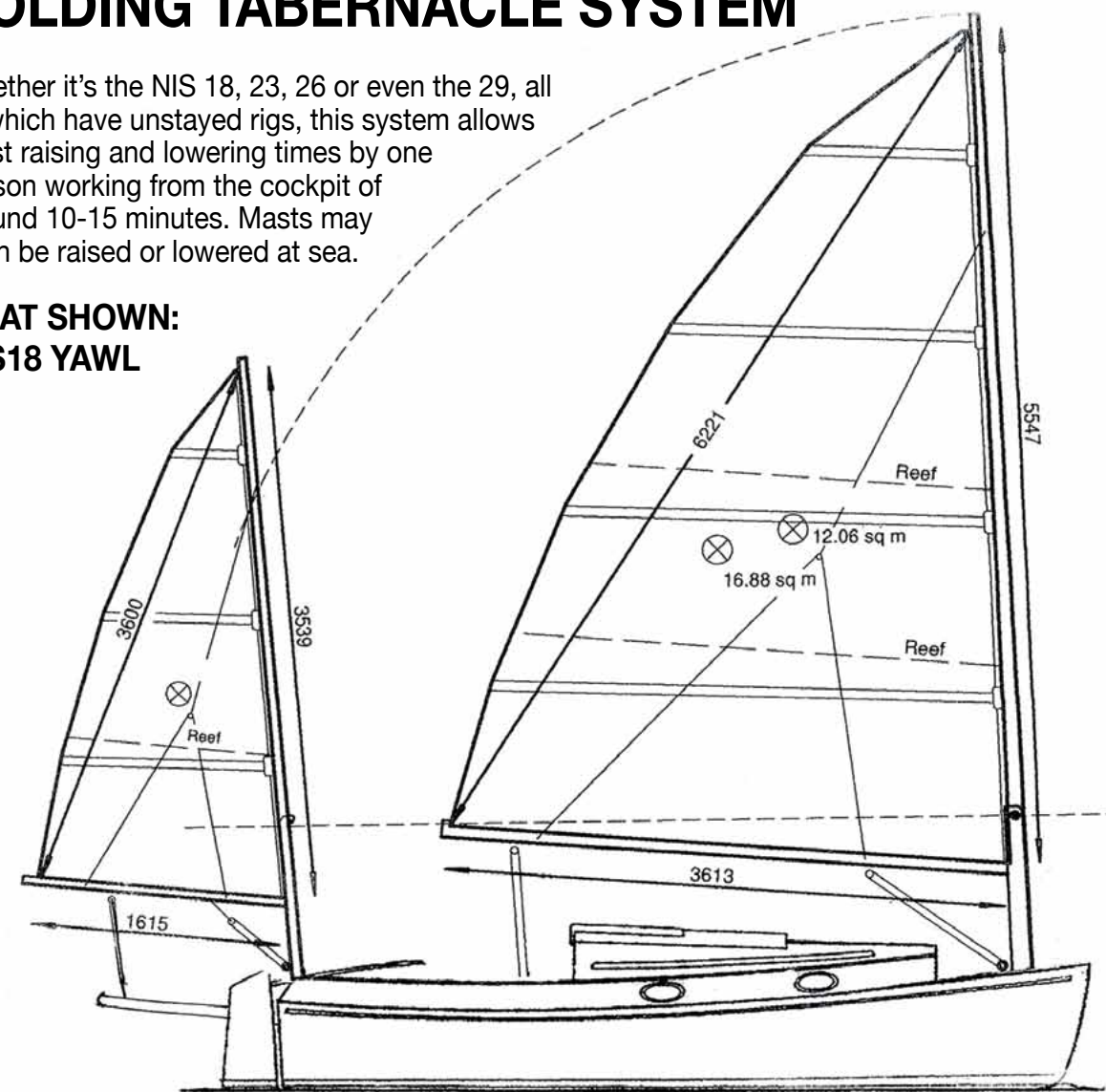
NIS 18 interior looking aft. Note galley on starboard side, quarter berth on port. Porta Potti is located behind door in centre of boat, and under cockpit sole. It is designed to be put out in the cockpit at night.



NORWALK ISLANDS SHARPIES FOLDING TABERNACLE SYSTEM

Whether it's the NIS 18, 23, 26 or even the 29, all of which have unstayed rigs, this system allows mast raising and lowering times by one person working from the cockpit of around 10-15 minutes. Masts may even be raised or lowered at sea.

**BOAT SHOWN:
NIS18 YAWL**



The sails remain on the boom and in the case of the 18, 23 and 26, may remain packed down in the mast track as well. So, in one action, booms, sails and masts are packed away. No junk on the cabin roof, all is ready for trailing.

