



# CABOTEUR

The Drascombe Caboteur is based upon the Drascombe Longboat designed by John Watkinson which has been modified to meet the requirements of 'The Ultimate Drascombe Camping Cruiser' as defined by Jean-Louis Grenier, a long-term Drascombe aficionado.

A Caboteur is a French coastal hopping trading craft. Thus the name continues the Drascombe tradition of drawing on the names of generic workboats, this time adding a French flavour appropriate to the owner of the prototype. Jean-Louis cruised extensively for many years in a GRP Lugger with many, many modifications. His concept for the ultimate camping cruiser lead to the creation of the Caboteur.

The boat is built in wood epoxy, based upon the Longboat hull at 21'9" (6.63m) but with increased beam, to 7' 3" (2.2m) & freeboard, by 3" (75mm).

The rig is also larger & the sail suit includes a cruising chute setting to a bowsprit. Oars provide drive when the wind fades & a 6HP outboard motor provides drive when the crew fades!

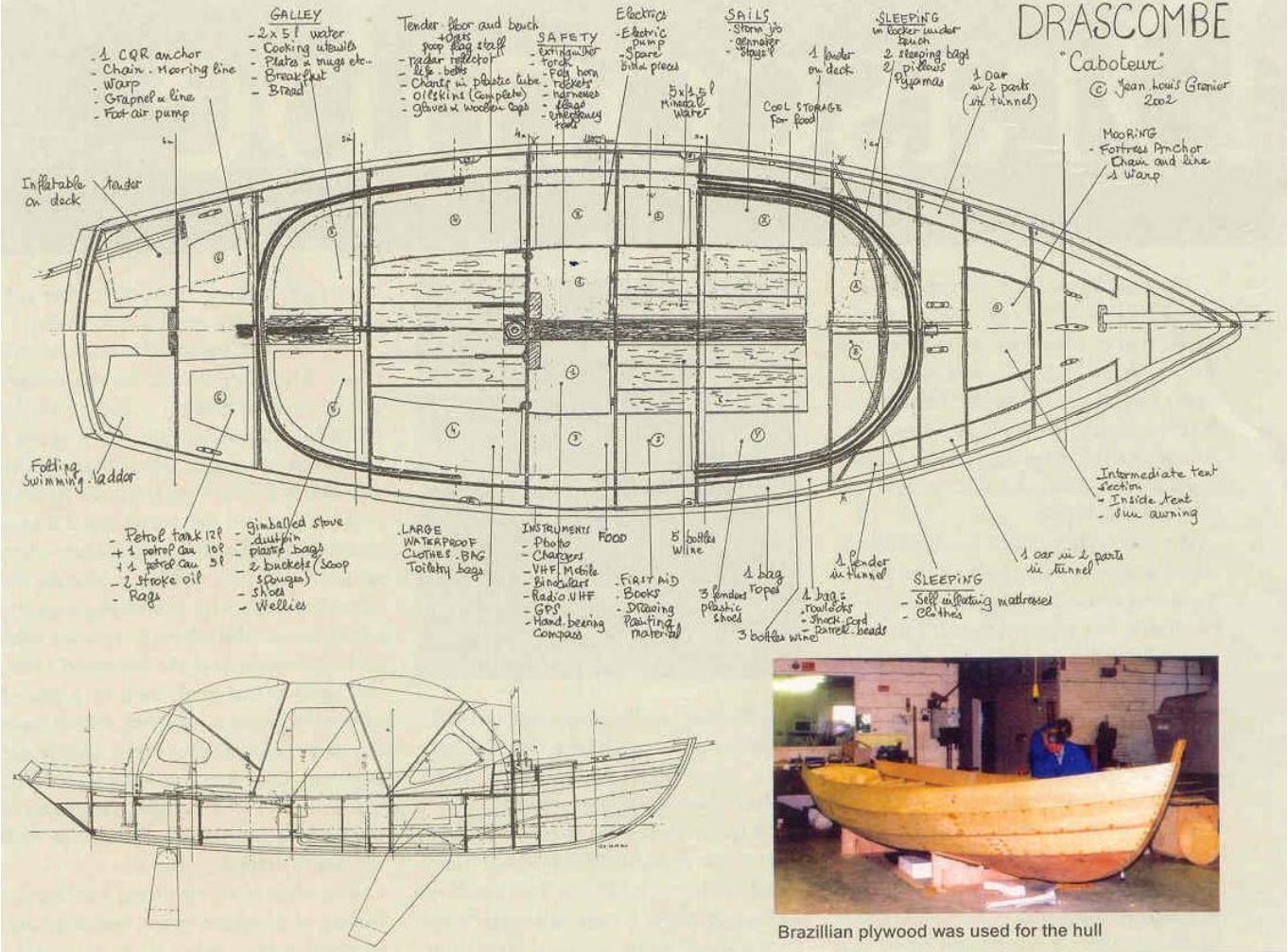
All the proven & much loved Drascombe features have been retained so she will still be equally at home in open water conditions or feeling her way into shallow creeks & waterways.



The internal structure has been created to provide a large sleeping platform, a vast amount of dedicated storage & a small cockpit volume suited to use in aggressive sea conditions. The camping tent is designed to function in several modes to provide sprayhood, sunshade & full camping facilities.

As the boat is custom built to order, the fit-out can reflect the buyer's own philosophy & be as simple or as complex as required. Price is dependant upon specification but, as a guide, a budget of £20,000 should be allowed (to include VAT but exclude trailer & engine).

SPECIFICATION



Hull & decks: wood epoxy.  
Hull: glass sheathed & painted. Decks: painted with non slip paint  
Gunwhales, strakes & transom: Iroko with applied finish.  
Buoyancy: all voids not used for storage contain PU foam buoyancy.  
Spars: Sitka spruce. Sails: tan terylene

MEASUREMENTS

	CABOTEUR		LONGBOAT (for comparison)	
	m	ft in	m	ft in
Overall length	6.63	21'9"	6.63	21'9"
Waterline length	5.50	18'0"	5.50	18'0"
Beam	2.20	7'3"	2.00	6'7"
Draft (c/plate up)	0.30	1'0"	0.30	1'0"
Draft (c/plate down)	1.27	4'2"	1.27	4'2"
Sailing weight	750 kg	1650 lb	400 kg	880 lb
Towing weight	1000 kg	2200 lb	550 kg	1215 lb
Sail areas:	m2	sq ft	m2	sq ft
	Jib	10.46	112	5.20
	Main	6.03	65	8.73
	Mizzen	2.92	31	2.04



	Total	19.42	209	15.97	172
	Cruising chute	12.00	130		

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