

A Very Cool Change

New NorseBoat 17.5 Classic

WITH THE RELEASE of the NorseBoat 17.5 Classic, it may be time for a cool change in your boat repertoire. One of the loveliest and most versatile small boats on the market just got better...better performance and stability, more comfort and ease of use, same classic lines and signature aesthetic appeal.

The boat that twice sailed and rowed through the Northwest Passage maintains its recognizable pedigree. Using the existing hull shape, the NorseBoat 17.5 was retooled to incorporate some of the best features of the NorseBoat 21.5.

The 17.5 Classic has a moulded fiberglass hull with a ply/epoxy composite deck and interior. The cockpit has more comfortable seating and sailing efficiency. Hatches were upgraded, and a new hatch in the foredeck gives access to a large storage locker. A pivoting carbon mast makes for easy trailering and fast set-up and break-down. The fully-battened mainsail has an innovative upwardly-curved headboard instead of a gaff yard—same cool look, with less work and only one halyard. A carbon boom, single line reefing, lazy jacks and larger furling headsail are now standard equipment. When the mast pivots down the furled jib stays in place and pivots with it. An inboard rudder allows easy set-up and improved shallow water steering, and it means a motor can be mounted on centerline for better stability and balance. Judicious use of ballast and a heavier centerboard improve stability while maintaining shallow draft and beach-ability.

Does your boating life seem prearranged? Perhaps it's time for a cool change, the new NorseBoat 17.5 Classic.



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