
MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by Mister B - 2010/01/28 09:52

New member in NE Minnesota thinking of spring.

I want to make a large cockpit kayak as the Guillmot Micro-Bootlegger and add a small sail to it. Any suggestions on type of sail etc?

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by steve - 2010/01/28 19:57

I say lateen(note avatar), others may differ. Its simple and works. Ed'll say bamboo. Others will rattle off the list of styles for me. Did YOU build it?; it will come. Point is; preference is power. Pics?

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by Ed... - 2010/01/29 18:37

Batwing....bamboo spars, of course!

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by steve - 2010/01/29 19:26

Sweet thinkin! Can we buy plans for that? Thanks for the lateen example Ed. I do believe the lateen style is more efficient and suiting to your craft MB. Have you a kit or plans?

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by Mister B - 2010/01/29 21:00

Thanks for the suggestions!

I have not yet bought the plans but hope to soon. Just trying to look ahead to what should be built in to the craft as I go. I picked this design to use as a solo paddler and with sail up in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness just up the road. Maybe some long trip after I retire in the next few years.

So light weight is part of the equation with me. Bamboo?

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by Ed... - 2010/01/29 21:03

Bamboo. Go to the Article & Subject Index in the left hand column and do a search for a few articles on the subject.

I still suggest a batwing since it's more efficient than a lateen and can be reefed.

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Re:MicroBootlegger sail

Posted by sargon - 2010/02/13 23:00

A good point from Ed. A reefable sail, batwing, lugger or else, is to be considered by anyone who wants to go further on a water plan large enough, or wants to sail few days. Time change fast sometime, and what can be fun in the morning can be much sport later in the afternoon. F3 is nice at full sail but F4 and F5 need more attention from sailors. The more

the wind the less sail area is required. Tall ships, cruiser sailboats, dingies or sailing canoes, they all have to reef as wind increase.

Have at least one reefing point, two is better.

More. For safety I'll never say enough to canoe sailors to learn and understand very well the Beaufort wind scale available in this magazine. Watch weather conditions very often when sailing, having an eye to the sky to all directions in order to see if conditions are changing, also look toward shore to see if the branches of trees are moving stronger, waves are getting bigger, etc. If conditions are getting worst, put sail down and paddle to most near shore. Wear lifebelt or PFD always.

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