

“While Aweigh” is an 18’ 6” center console skiff, carefully built by her owner using stitch-and-glue construction from a precision CNC-cut kit made of 12 full sheets of premium Okoume plywood. Completed in 2017 after more than 1,400 hours, she is hull #13 of the PT Skiff design from Port Townsend Watercraft. Constructed at DMC Boats in North Falmouth, MA, her build was guided by master boatbuilder Damian McLaughlin, renowned for over five decades of crafting high-performance monohulls and multihulls.

Features & Build Specifications

- Engine: Honda 20HP (BF-20) 4-stroke, dealer-maintained, flushed with fresh water after every use; approximately 120 hours of use. Recent battery, fuel pump and impeller. Full service records available.
- Flotation & Storage: Meets USCG standards with foam flotation beneath the foredeck, gunwales, and stern seat. Two watertight bow compartments store PFDs, anchor with rode, dock lines, and a removable swim ladder. Additional dry storage is found under the center bench and hinged helm seat.
- Unballasted weight with motor is ~550 lbs. Average fuel consumption 1 gallon per hour.
- Skeg for smooth tracking in turns.
- Full Fiberglass Reinforcement: Hull fully glassed inside and out with West System Epoxy; tabbed and filleted seams reinforce all joints.
- Trailer: Venture Aluminum Trailer (included), recently upgraded with new axle, springs, greaseless hubs and winch. Spare tire mounted on trailer.
- Always covered when not in use, stored indoors during winter.

Finish & Rigging

- Topsides: Platinum Interlux Perfection two-part epoxy.
- Bottom: White Interlux Brightside polyurethane.
- Hydraulic Steering
- Comfortable, padded/swivel helm seat.
- 12V Electrical system with deep-cycle gel battery (2022), master switch, and 12V socket
- Watertight bow locker hatch, two deck access ports and two flotation compartment access ports.
- Stainless steel grab rail
- Navigation lights
- Automatic bilge pump.

- Honda single lever throttle/shifter
- 3.5 gallon Honda fuel tank. Tank well will accommodate 6 gallon tank.
- Tachometer with temperature and oil pressure monitor
- Garmin echoMap 54cv GPS/Chart Plotter with depth sounder, fish finder and updated U.S. East Coast charts.
- Ritchie compass
- Recessed cleats, aft flag mount, and Dyneema bow loop.
- Removable/telescoping boarding ladder with stern bracket.
- 5# (lunch hook) anchor with rode; dock lines, fenders and PFDs included.

Design Heritage

The PT Skiff earned recognition as a finalist (2nd place out of 73) in Professional BoatBuilder Magazine's 2009 Design Challenge; praised for combining fuel efficiency, speed, and handling.

- Designer: Eric Jolly / Bieker Boats, Seattle, WA.
- Kit Manufacturer: Russell & Ashlyn Brown / Port Townsend Watercraft, Port Townsend, WA. http://www.ptwatercraft.com/ptwatercraft/PT_Skiff.html

Unique Benefits of the PT Skiff

- **Exceptional Performance & Fuel Efficiency:** Capable of 22 knots lightly loaded and 16 knots with four passengers and gear — powered by just 20 HP and burning only 1 GPH.
- **Narrow Hull** for efficiency and smooth ride in a chop.
- **Ballast System:** built-in 32 gallon/256# water ballast system for added stability at rest and underway. Tank can be drained underway or when hauled.
- **Easy Trailering & Launching:** Lightweight design allows towing behind small SUVs or cars, with simple launch and retrieval for single-handed operation.

Why “While Aweigh” Stands Out

A fusion of classic design, modern construction, and performance rarely seen in boats today, “While Aweigh” is perfect for lively, fuel-efficient boating. Whether you plan to cruise your harbor, buzz across a lake, or navigate winding rivers, this skiff promises style, excellent seakeeping and a head-turning presence that few boats her size can offer. Only 16 PT Skiffs were sold and it is extremely rare to find one for sale.

Learn More

www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpJoJfkA0j0 Sister Boat

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