

Dear Richard,

I was told there may be a forum regarding the possible purchase of Capricornia and wanted to have my say;

I am strongly in favour of her purchase for the following reasons;

Capricornia is a brilliant sailing boat both for beginners and experienced persons. In 30 years of teaching sailing I have never sailed a better boat for learners. She is as sensitive as a dinghy and as roomy as a large yacht, can comfortably accommodate 7 persons, 2-5 being ideal. All being on one level is great for older or otherwise not so spry persons.

There is interest among members in learning sailing. Since Hans and I re-commenced the Monday sailing we have had an average of 4 members per week plus the skipper, and lots of inquiries and interest from members and non-members. Even confirmed rowers are coming out to try sailing! and she is clearly capable of attracting new members to the LBT

She would also be a good boat for regular competition from the Port Huon club and weekend camp cruising down to Charlotte etc.

She is glass sheathed timber, (low maintenance) in good condition and requires no immediate expenditure.

She comes with a trailer which can also carry Swiftsure and Monty.

She has been popular in the Raids and may not be available to us in the future if she is sold to someone else.

The LBT has sailors as well as rowers. This is simply the best sailing boat of all that we have access to and we would be crazy to pass her up!

Thanks,  
Pip.

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