

BayCruiser 26 – a remarkable little yacht





"...By any standards this is a remarkable little boat...her space, performance, versatility, practicality, trailerability, standard of finish and attention to detail really do set her apart..."

Practical Boat Owner

Swallow Yachts' innovative approach to design and development has produced a unique blend of modern features in the classic lines of the BayCruiser 26. Appealing traditional touches compliment bang up to date performance and class leading accommodation in this new design that will exceed your expectations.

- Water ballasted for great performance and ease of trailering.
- Modern hull and foil shapes for enhanced performance and outstanding seaworthiness.
- Carbon spars for ease of handling on and off the water.
- Large cockpit for family, friends, and sociable sailing.
- Lifting keel and rudders for shoal waters and beaching.
- Moulded bowsprit for easy anchor stowage/ deployment and flying an asymmetric spinnaker (can be lifted for marina berthing).

Class leading quality

Swallow Yachts truly understands the importance of outstanding build quality. Our customers expect nothing less than the best. From vacuum bagged foam cores, to hand picked hardwoods and carefully chosen components, each BayCruiser 26 is hand crafted to order, giving you the boat you desire.

Great sailing performance

A fine entry, long waterline and broad flat run aft characterise the Baycruiser 26's hull and is matched to profiled GRP lifting rudder blades and GRP encased lead keel. The vertically lifting keel (weighing in at 100kg) may be lifted electrically or manually. Although Swallow Yachts always recommend the use of the water ballast, she may be sailed without in lighter winds, when she is very responsive and fun to sail. After filling the ballast tank the BayCruiser26 becomes more docile and very seaworthy, instilling confidence in all who sail her. The outboard motor, which is linked

BayCruiser 26 specification	
Hull length	25'9" (7.84m)
Length inc bowsprit and rudders	28'4" (8.64m)
Empty boat weight	1,450kg
Waterballast	750kg
Draught keel up	1' (310mm)
Draught keel down	5'2" (1.58m)
Mainsail	211sqft (19.6sqm)
Working jib	109sqft (10.1sqm)

to the rudders for motoring, may be raised clear of the water to reduce drag for sailing, and you then immediately feel her respond. Beautifully mannered, she is so easy to helm from the secure and comfortable cockpit. Her twin rudders ensure an easy helm and steady course even when well heeled. An asymmetric spinnaker can be flown from a lifting bow sprit to light up performance off the wind.



Water ballast explained

Water ballast is just like any other form of ballast, for instance lead or cast iron, but crucially it can be removed. It is let in via a seacock and when full the seacock is closed and the tank becomes a sealed unit of 750kg of ballast and can be left all season if you prefer. The water can easily be drained with the electric pump, or by hand, in less than 20 minutes; so simple and so effective.

Purpose designed carbon rig

Carbon spars can be less than half the weight of the equivalent in aluminium. Purpose designed sections on the BayCruiser 26 allow the maximum possible benefits, and these are enjoyed both in handling and rigging, when the mast can actually be raised singlehanded. Then, when on the water, she is more stable and more responsive to sail; a very appealing combination.

A fully battened main with generous roach is more efficient and also enables the mast to be shorter, for the same sail area, further reducing unwelcome weight aloft.

Truly trailerable – designed from the outset

Swallow Yachts do not make this statement lightly, from trailing to sailing in an hour:

- Mast pivot level with lower shrouds to ensure a sideways supported raising of the mast. Shrouds and lowers stay attached.
- Permanently built in aft mast support and integral roller to aid positioning the mast.
- No need to de rig any halliards or lines.
- Bespoke gooseneck and mainsail slider cassette ensures instant deployment of boom and mainsail.
- Bespoke designed secure location of mast foot on bowsprit for transport.

"As a 'trailer-sailer', the BayCruiser 26 is a lot less daunting than at first it looks, after previously towing a 16' dinghy. In the nine months we have had the boat, it must have covered some 6,000 miles on the trailer, with only one small nudge early on. Rutland Water, the Helford, Torquay, N.E Spain and now at the Hamble, we have raised and lowered the mast, which gets slicker and quicker every time, and strapped it all together many times. We have stayed overnight in the boat on the trailer on most of those journeys. The whole train makes for just over 15 metres, but it was no problem at all on the Eurotunnel and still cheaper than all the alternatives and of course speedy! Everywhere we go we receive admiring glances and comments and are much photographed! Where next? We are thinking maybe Adriatic next summer? Ionian? Croatia? Italian lakes? The world is our oyster! Well, Europe at least!"

**Alistair and Carol Lawson
Owners, BC26, Iris**

Feel safe, inspire confidence

From the large, comfortable and enclosed cockpit with secure padded backrests, to the guardrails and sidedecks wide enough to walk along, the BayCruiser 26 inspires confidence. The secure recessed foredeck and anchor locker allows for safe work forward, and also gives a comfortable spot to relax and enjoy a quiet anchorage. The BayCruiser 26 has numerous sealed air buoyancy compartments to ensure your safety.

Practical and functional cockpit

Twin drop down swim platforms, one equipped with a ladder, provide fantastic access from dinghy, water, or stern to mooring, and provide a feeling of security when raised. Two cavernous lockers either side provide ample storage, even for a substantial inflatable tender. Stowage for the fuel tanks is contained in the starboard locker, and further aft to starboard is the separate gas bottle locker. The coaming tops are a comfortable perch, and combined with the backrests give a helming position second to none. The mainsheet block and cleat, perfectly positioned for the helmsman when sailing, may be disconnected from the central cockpit post which is then a convenient and secure mount for a cockpit table when at anchor or in harbour. Seating for up to eight is easy in this generous space.

Propulsion options

A simple, easy, efficient and cost effective outboard motor is the perfect match for the BayCruiser 26. Swallow Yachts recommend a 9.9hp hi thrust, or up to a 15hp, with a long shaft. Modern outboards are remarkably quiet and allow for battery charging. The outboard is linked to the rudders and helm for excellent close quarter manoeuvring and combined with a near vertically dropping keel, the BayCruiser 26 will turn on a sixpence. Uncleating the outboard from the rudders and raising clear of the water is done in seconds, (plenty of support and handholds are provided by the sternframe), and at once the helm is light and responsive under sail.

A diesel inboard is an option, but should be weighed up against increased cost and weight, deeper fixed draught, more drag underway, and the loss of fridge space under the cockpit.

Sailing with the family

With lightweight hulls and rigs come manageable sails and sheet loads, everybody can participate. Coupled with the spacious cockpit and pronounced bulwarks forward, the BayCruiser 26 inspires the young to enjoy time afloat. And if conditions get tough, a cosy sprayhood provides shelter for the cockpit.

Layout below

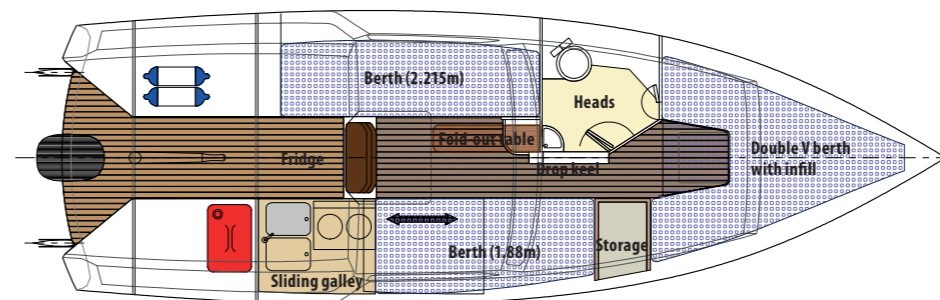
As you grab the substantial oak handholds to descend the charming handcrafted



companionway, you are greeted with a light, and airy feel, more associated with a larger boat. You immediately appreciate the all round visibility and the full standing headroom...is this really a 26ft boat? The oak trimmed white tongue and groove effect pulls together a truly practical layout. To port is a quarter berth and storage behind sliding doors, a cabin table pulls out from the main bulkhead and folds out providing good space for four to eat. To starboard is one of the key features of this boat. The galley slides out to provide a full cooker (or twin burner with drawer below option), and twin sinks. Ample practicality and stowage that then slides away to provide the spacious area in which to relax. Under the companionway steps are the fridge and an ample slide out larder storage unit. The centre line keel casing and bulkhead enclose the heads and washbasin compartment, with the door opening discreetly diagonally forward.

A storage area to starboard and a generous double v-berth forward opens up as you move forward in the boat. Shelf storage is provided forward as well. The water tank and optional holding tank are situated under this v-berth, with easy access if required. Single berths either side in the main cabin are a generous 6'6, and further storage is provided in shelves to the rear of the quarterberth to port. The washboards stow, sliding neatly away above the companionway steps, under the cockpit, and beneath the steps is the chunky water ballast valve.

The battery compartment is under the aft end of the quarterberth and the instrument panel is to port again, forward, adjacent to the bulkhead. Popular options are heating, a gas fired version sharing the same feed as the cooker is economical and popular, a fridge, sound system, and blinds for the windows.



Handling ashore

Light weight of hull and rig is a big advantage in handling a boat ashore, or manoeuvring on and off a trailer. The BayCruiser 26 simply sets new standards, designed in detail from the outset with ease and independence in mind. This of course keeps costs and hassle at bay, adding to your time and enjoyment afloat.

Maximise sailing, minimise costs

It is often said that a yacht owner's time afloat is in inverse proportion to the size of the yacht. Never a truer word...not only is sailing easier and less expensive, but crucially a purpose designed trailerable yacht really does open up new cruising grounds. Whether downsizing from a larger yacht or moving up from dinghy or dayboat sailing, the BayCruiser 26 simply delivers.

"When cruising in company or enjoying a friendly club race you get used to sailing as fast as much bigger boats but with much easier handling. When the furling kite is up, she flies!"

Steve Walder-Davis
Owner

Swallow Yachts are built in Cardigan, on the west coast of Wales, in purpose built workshops on the picturesque river Teifi. Buyers are encouraged to visit and see for themselves the quality and passion that goes into each craft.



BayRaider 20

Open dayboat with plenty of room for the family in a large cockpit. Water ballasted for easy trailering and great performance. Available in GRP or wood epoxy.



BayRaider *expedition*

The perfect combination of great handling, spacious cockpit and cosy 2-berth cabin. A sailing experience to relish, she is both classic and pretty.



BayCruiser 23

Combines a 4-berth cabin with spacious cockpit and superb performance. Trailerable by most estate cars thanks to her water ballast system.



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