

CAROLINA 24 Designer dayboat

The Carolina 24, drawn in 1994 by Italian naval architect Carlo Bertorello, is inspired (as are so many husky little yachts like this) by the Falmouth Working Boats. She's 24ft (7.3m) long (LOA), as her name suggests, and comes as a gaff-rigged cutter or a gunter-rigged cutter (slightly higher peak and a curved leech). The original idea was for a small blue-water yacht that could be built cheaply and quickly at home or by a yard. The first C24 fulfilled that promise: she was home-built by her owner then sailed to New Zealand. This latest one, in strip plank, shows her value when built by a professional boatbuilder (Cantiere Navale Fortunato in this case). She's still only €60,000 (£50,600) or thereabouts. A 25ft (7.6m) version is also in build at the Ernesto Riva boatyard on the banks of Lake Como, and we look forward to seeing how that one comes out, too.

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SPECIFICATIONS

LOA
24ft (7.3m)
BEAM
8ft 3in (2.5m)
DRAUGHT
4ft 8in (1.5m)
SAIL AREA
484sqft (45m²)
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