Winder - Mirror

Mirror Dinghy 70832 (with Measurement Certificate)

Purchased from Pinnel and Bax , August 2014

Kept at : Banbury Sailing Club

Boddington Reservoir

Byfield

Northamptonshire

NN11 6XY (11 miles from Banbury)

Delivered by Pinnel and Bax to Banbury Sailing Club. Rigged but never sailed due to owners health deterioration.

Mounted on Launch Trailer. Would require buyer to collect using a road trailer. Includes all Spinnaker equipment.

MIRROR

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The colour of the mirror is Ryland 14317-20-d-45 (Blue) Charge from winder boats for extra colour Blue in the gel coat. Halyard bag fitted and supplied for the Mirror Padded toestraps

Mirror Covers

COVM10WMF Mirror Cover Overboom W/Max

Hardware,

NS1000 NiteStick Tiller Extension Mark II Length 1000mm

Non Slip PGRSA185 Pro Grip Roll with Self Adhesive 185cm: Blue

Swivels and Centre Jammers HK205 Low Swivel Base Jammer

TWTROLLEY/MIR Mirror Single Cradle Trolley

Burgees and Flags

FAL1BLU Burgee: Blue

Further Information

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The Mirror is a small, light, easy to sail, easy to transport, pram dinghy. Basically a stable family boat for all ages and abilities, ideal for just "messing about", it is also raced widely and actively both in the UK and abroad. Its ease of handling makes it a very good single-hander. For racing the crew is two but when pottering three can be carried. The boat can be rowed or fitted with a small outboard motor - it can then accommodate four or five people. Ideal for training young people, it is an RYA-adopted Junior Class. Many of the UKs top sailors started in a Mirror! A strict one-design, the Mirror became an International Class in 1989.

The Mirror was named after the Daily Mirror, a UK newspaper. From the start it was promoted as an affordable boat, and it has probably done more than any other design to make dinghy sailing in the UK a sport available to anyone. Although most popular in the UK, Mirrors are also used in other countries, notably Australia.

It was designed by Jack Holt and TV DIY expert Barry Bucknell in 1962, the Mirror employed a novel construction method where sheets of marine plywood are held together with copper stitching and fibreglass tape. Buoyancy is provided by integral chambers rather than by bags. It was originally designed to be built with simple tools and little experience, and this meant that the design was quite unsophisticated - for example, a simple daggerboard is used instead of a hinged centreboard. The result, however, was a robust and versatile boat that can be easily maintained, and repaired, and can also be got into the water very quickly from storage or transport. Its standing lug rig, with a gaff that effectively doubles the height of the mast, means that the spars can be packed inside the hull for easy storage or transportation.

All these features make the Mirror a first class choice for children or teenagers learning sailing for the first time. Because of the very large number that have been made (over 70000 to date!) , it is fairly easy to find other Mirror sailors to cruise or race with.