

MISSEE Lee



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Gavin Williams built *Missie Lee*.

Missie Lee is the first NIS 5.5 yawl on the water in Australia. She looks so jaunty as we knew she would, and she goes as we hoped she would. Gavin doesn't muck around.



For such a small boat, what a great cockpit space! The tiller arm folds up out of the way, too. Another two are in build now, one of which, Tom Pearce's.

The build was unusually fast. I could tell from the look of the project, and the tone, of the frequent phone and email conversations that this was a man comfortable about 'making things!'

We are grateful not only that Gavin has built *Missie Lee*, but that he has made such a cracking job of her. The late Phil Bolger once told me that the success of any design was as much to do with the choice of first builders as it was of the design itself. In this case I'm sure that the NIS (now 5.8) yawl has a great future.

Another two are in build now, one of which, Tom Pearce's, will be launched into the wild blue of Encounter Bay on November 25. Another NIS 5.8 yawl, an 'Expedition', looks like starting soon near Williamstown in Melbourne.

The yawls, with their extreme aft mounted mizzen all have a really clear spacious cockpit great for all sailing but especially suited to day sailing with friends and family. The 'Expedition', with its very short cabin

He was asking me to sell *Missie Lee*.

Gavin explained what I already suspected, that he while he was really happy with the project and the boat that resulted, he was more of a building kind if a guy, rather than a sailing type of a guy.

And since his Elaine had a preference for terrestrial travel, he had *already* finished his next building project!

According to mutual friends, it's a beautiful fit out of a long wheelbase Mercedes Sprinter, as a very comfortable mobile home! He and Elaine have already been out there voyaging on the black top, and are heading off again on another highway cruise at the time of this writing.

So!

A wonderful opportunity for someone who knows their boats, and wants to go sailing NOW!

Missie Lee is a really well built NIS5.5. We know that because we supplied the kit; the Bote-Cote materials and the bits and pieces that make it go. And we all know about the great job that was done!

Spunspar alloy spars and tabernacles and Danny's 'Bravo' sails have been carefully fitted and set up.

The pictures really do say it all.



Classy layout.

and very long cockpit takes that day sailing and expeditioning space to a whole new level. More about that in a later issue.

The 'look' of the yawl is interesting too, the space between the cabin and the mizzen mast and bumpkin stretching the boat visually in a really pleasing way.

Makes the boat look much longer and sleeker.

Looking carefully at her build and in water pictures, it's fairly safe to say that for now, anyway, *Missie Lee* is certainly among the best.

Missie Lee has been on the water and sailing for about three years.

Gavin called the other day, kind of warning me to take a deep breath. I knew what was coming. He's a building kind of a guy!

This boat truly is ready to go, anywhere you can carry enough lunch for! Get lucky, change YOUR life, for the better.

Missie Lee is waiting for you! Offers in high 30's considered, for quick sale

Note great Spinlock Jammers and Harken Self Tailing Winch. Brilliant for easy mast raising and halyard work.



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