

COCKLER

LOA	24ft 10ins
LWL	22ft
Beam	8ft
Draught	2ft 9ins and 5ft
Ballast Keel	2400 lbs
Displacement	3.72 tons
TM	6 tons nominal

In this design Maurice Griffiths had in mind the cockle boats of Leigh-on-Sea which are built not only to lie on the foreshore but to settle on the Maplin Sands between tides to fill up with there catches of Cockles. The Cockler is designed to take the hard ground at a small angle and to sit upright on mud. Her sections are flat under the turn of the bilge like the Leigh Cocklers and Shrimpers and small bilge keels, suitably faired off, are added to spread the shock of any hammering in a swell to the bilge stringers to which they are fastened.

The Centreplate is the L-shaped pattern of mild steel and with the long arm of its lug and a guntackle purchase on deck it will not be too heavy to haul up and has the advantage that the lug will prevent the plate dropping down should the raising tackle part. The strength of the case is improved by fastening the forward part to posts that help support the deck beams and tabernacle.

The raised topsides, typical of so many of Maurice Griffiths designs, are pleasing to the eye and being carried up with a smart tumble home avoid any look of boxiness. With the deck beams carried right across this gives a strong construction and allows good sitting headroom over the berths. Forward of the double coaming type of forehatch the foredeck is dropped some four inches which helps to keep the anchor and bitts out of sight and gives one a good foothold in breezy weather.

There are various rig options of both sloop and cutter, and Bermudian or Gaff.

