

# Conway One Design Class Specifications

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The Boat, its Sails and Equipment shall be made available to and be approved by the Hon. Measurer in accordance with the Rules before that yacht is eligible for points.

Boats shall be made to the Class Specification – Timber Construction, as below OR

The hull and deck shall be made of Glassfibre Reinforced Plastic moulded in the approved moulds of the Conway Yacht Club to the specified weight with immoveable corrector weights and shall otherwise conform in every respect with the Class Specification – Timber Construction, as below.

All specified timbers may be replaced with suitable alternative timbers. No other alteration shall be made to either materials, shape or structure without the prior agreement of the Class.

# **Class Specification – Timber Construction**

Dimensions L.O.A. 20ft 0ins

Beam 6ft 7ins Draught 2ft 11½ ins

To be built to the design and template of the Conway Yacht Club

Generally 1. All timbers to be used to be the best of their respective kinds, free

from sap, shakes, large knots and other defects, and all scantlings

not to be less than specified herewith.

2. The Official Measurer to have access at all reasonable times

during the building.

3. All boats must conform strictly to the design, with not more than

1/4 in variation from template to be allowed.

Keel Canadian Rock Elm or Oak, 8ins x 2 ins. Outside of rabbit ½in from

bottom of keel.

Stem Natural crook, British Oak, 3ins sided, moulded to plan.

Stern knee Natural crook, British Oak, 2ins sided.

Transom Oak or Mahogany 11/4 ins thick.

Floors Natural crook oak, ten in number, sided 1½ ins, moulded 2¼ ins.

Spaced as plan. Limber holes to be cut.

Steamed Timbers American Elm, 5/8in x 1in (or equal sectional area), 39 in number,

spaced approximately 6ins centres. Timber to cross the Keel as far forward as Bollard and to be fitted with wedge tipping piece, leaving

space for limber.

Stringers Two beam stringers, 2 ½ ins x 1 in, of pitch pine or American Elm,

and two bilge stingers 2 ½ ins x 1 in, Pitch Pine or American Elm, the

latter not less than 14 feet in length.

Beams Three Main beams of oak, one each end of the cockpit, and one at

mooring bollard, sided  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins, moulded  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. Remaining beams of Larch, Pitch Pine or Oak, sided  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins, moulded 2 ins. Not less than

2 under after deck, five under forward deck (making 10 in all).

Side Beams 9 side beams in wake of cock-pit not less than 11/4 ins x 2 ins (or

equal sectional area). Larch, Pitch pine or Oak.

Carlings Cock-pit carlings 2 ins x 1½ ins, Oak or Elm.

Knees 3 hanging knees on each side, one on each main beam. Natural

crook Oak, sided 1 in.

Quarter Knees & Breast Hook

British Oak, 1in sided.

Planking Mahogany, 11/16 ins, not less than 14 planks on each side.

Note: Garboard and next two planks may be of elm.

Fastenings Planking may be fastened with No. 12 flat head counter sunk copper

nails, roved on timbers. Floor and Knees fastenings to planking to be either through fastened or brass screwed. Floors over deadwood to be fastened to keel with Yellow Metal or galvanised Iron spikes. Remainder of floors to be through fastened to Keel with Copper or

Yellow Metal.

Deck Thickness of deck 5/8 ins Wood if laid, or not less than 9mm marine

plywood covered with canvas, Plastic or GRP, or painted. Canvas to be turned down and covered with half-round hardwood rubber. Small

foot rail to be fitted (optional).

Coaming Teak 5/8 ins as plan, 4 ½ ins above deck forward, 3/1/2 ins above

deck aft.

Deadwood Pitch Pine as per plan. Sided 5½ ins in widest part. Facing pieces of

Oak as plan, on forward and after end.

Bollard Oak, 2½ ins x 2½ ins, as plan.

Rudder Post Post 1 3/8 ins diameter, Steel as plan.

Rudder Blade Forward part of Oak, through fastened as shown.

Rudder Trunk Galvanised Iron pipe, (1 3/8 ins gas) screwed into Keel and

strengthening piece as plan.

Metalwork All metalwork may be replaced by Gunmetal, Brass, Bronze or

Stainless Steel.

Cock-pit Sole Pine, laid on floors

Kelson Oak or Elm, 8 ins x 1¾ ins, bedded on floors 10 ft long as plan, with

Mast step cut at forward end.

Lead Keel To be cast from pattern supplied by Club. Approximate weight 6cwt.

To be fastened with 5 Yellow Metal bolts not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ins diameter, set up with nuts and washers on top of Kelson.

Tiller Of solid or laminated wood as per plan (max. length 3ft 6in,

measured from the centre of the Rudder Post to the end of the tiller), fitted with metal cheeks and bolted to Rudder Post. An optional tiller extension (wooden) measuring no more than 2 ft, fitted to the tiller

with the usual universal tiller extension fitting, is permitted

Ironwork 4 Chain Plates, 2 Runner Plates and 1 Stem Plate of Galvanised iron

or Yellow Metal. One Horse or Traveller 5/8 ins Galvanised Iron as

plan, 2ft 6ins wide.

Two Eye Bolts for Quarter Blocks. Fairlead with optional Roller (of Galvanised Iron or Yellow Metal) to be fitted to Stem or foredeck.

1 Mast Clamp (1/2 round) at fore end of Cock-pit through bolted to beam. Mast Band and Gooseneck. Heel Plate or Shoe and Rudder

Brace as per plan (of Galvanised Iron).

All ironwork may be replaced by Gunmetal, Brass, Bronze or

Stainless Steel.

Cleats and Leads All necessary Cleats and Jib Sheet Leads to be fitted.

Spars Mast – Solid Wood of circular section, 25ft from Deck to Main

Halyard Sheave. Diameter at deck 4½ ins. Diameter 8ft above deck 4ins. Diameter at Hounds 16ft 6ins from deck) 3ins, tapering to 2 ins

at Sheave. Mast Head 6 ins above sheave, fitted with Truck.

Boom – Solid Wood of circular section, 14ft 7 ins from mast to sheave. Diameter in middle 2¾ ins, forward 1¾ ins and aft 2ins, to

be fitted with cleats.

Mast and Boom – to be fitted with brass or aluminium track fastened

on hardwood strip 3/4ins x 5/16ins (hardwood strip optional).

Spinnaker Boom – Solid Wood 9ft long from Mast (minimum diameter 1¾ ins) tapered to min 1in at the ends, to be fitted with Oak

Jaws, Gooseneck or into Cup. Sliding track on mast optional.

Caulking Boat to be caulked with best Cotton Wick. Seams and nail holes

stopped with White Lead Putty or an appropriate marine grade

sealant.

Painting and Varnish Hull and spars to be painted and/or varnished as necessary.

(Based on 1937 specification reprinted by R M M Smith 1983)

## **Class Specification – Glassfibre Construction**

General 1. The Boat shall resemble as closely as possible the wooden

versions of the vessel.

2. The Official Measurer to have access at all reasonable times during the building.

3. All boats must originate from the official mould.

Moulded Keel filled internally with 1010lbs of Lead counterweight,

bonded with 38lbs resin. Distribution 3 ins below floor at front, 6 ins

below floor at rear.

Bulkheads of 9mm marine grade Plywood, positioned as shown

and bonded all round. Teak capping to be applied to raw edges.

Beams 1 Beam of 3in x 2 in timber with GRP reinforcement placed below

mainsheet horse and picking up quarter eye bolts.

Hull Layup to be 3.4lb/sq ft. chopped strand mat and polyester resin.

Local weight adjustments to be made as specified. Gelcoat weight

46lb. Immoveable Hull correction weights to be placed in

accordance with the following chart:

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Weight	9.4	11.7	1.3	0	1.1	0	2.3	5.3	13.1	23.5
lbs										

Total correction 67.7lb Based on layup as above

Deck Layup to be 2.5lb/sq ft chopped strand mat including 2 x 1 1/8 ins

foam core. Gelcoat weight 18lb.

Combing Teak 5/8 ins as plan 1in at rear. 4 ½ ins above deck forward, 3 ½ ins

above deck aft.

Rubbing Strake 1 ¾ ins x ¾ ins Teak moulding to cover Hull/Deck joint.

Bollard Oak or Teak, 2 ½ ins x 2 ½ ins as plan. Bonded below deck and to

Hull. Through bolted at bottom.

Rudder Stock 1in diameter Stainless Steel as drawing

Rudder Blade GRP moulding encapsulating rudder stock and resin filled.

Rudder Bearings Bottom Bearing and Heel Fitting – Bronze Casting. Upper and

middle bearings of Acetal.

Rudder Tube Nominal 2ins diameter GRP tube laid up on 2ins diameter

Polyethylene tube.

Cock-pit sole Pine, laid on floors

Floors 9mm marine grade Plywood with 2ins x 1 ins Pine top pieces.

Tiller Solid Wood to drawing. Bronze lift-up tiller fitting clamped to rudder

stock. An optional tiller extension (wooden) measuring no more than 2 ft, fitted to the tiller with the usual universal tiller extension fitting, is

permitted.

Keel

Ironwork

4 Chain Plate angled "A" bolts, 2 Runner Eye Bolts, 2 Quarter Block

Eye Bolts and I jib Tack Eye Bolt of Stainless Steel.

1 Stem Plate of cast Gunmetal.

1 Mainsheet Horse 5/8 ins diameter Stainless Steel as plan, 2ft 6ins

wide

1 Stemhead Roller and Fairlead of cast Bronze.

1 Mast Clamp (1/2 round) at fore end of cockpit through bolted to

Beam. Heel fitting as plan (of cast Bronze).

Cleats and Leads Jib Track and Fairlead to be positioned as shown on sketch. Jib

Cam cleats and Blocks to be positioned as shown.

Mainsheet Leads through rear combing as shown. Cam Cleats

mounted on blocks as shown.

8ins Horn Cleats fitted inboard on combing.

Painting and Finish All Teak to be Waxed or Varnished. All other woods to have three

coats of Yacht Varnish. Deck to be painted in Non-slip Deck Paint

(New boats only)

(Based on Conway One Design fibre glass version specification produced by Ferry Boatyard 1988).

#### Sails. (Including Sailmakers)

All sails must be ordered through the Class Association Secretary.

No boat may renew a sail within three years except in the case of a bona-fide accident, except that jibs may be replaced each year.

Sails shall only be manufactured and supplied by the Association's Official Sailmaker at the time.

Official Sailmakers are appointed by the class, currently Sanders Sails of Lymington are the only appointed sailmaker.

Each suit of sails shall be made in accordance with the sail plan and specification issued to the sailmaker by the Class Association. The sailmaker's identification label must be stamped with date of manufacture along with weight of cloth indelibly marked near the tack of each sail.

Before a sail is used for racing it must be measured, signed and dated by, either the Club Measurer, or, by prior arrangement, the Official Sailmaker in accordance with the current "World Sailing, Equipment Rules of Sailing".

Mainsails & Jibs can only be made from woven, impregnated polyester (i.e. no laminates or coated fabrics) with a weight of not less than 280grms per square metre.

Spinnakers must be manufactured from nylon with a weight of not less than 48grms per square metre.

Windows are permitted in the mainsail. The precise location can be determined by the Sailmaker but must not exceed 0.3sq metres.

Sail numbers shall be not less than 375mm high, positioned between the two middle battens on the mainsail.

The Class insignia shall be positioned on the mainsail between the top two battens and shall be the same colour and height as the numbers.

#### Sail Measurement:

(Refer to: World Sailing, Equipment Rules of Sailing, Section G, Sail definitions)

#### Mainsail

Dimensions (maximum) in metres

Foot (Tack to Clew)	4.25
Luff (Tack to Head)	7.00
Leech (Clew to Head)	7.45
Head width	0.12
Three quarter luff to three quarter leech	1.39

Half luff to half leech 2.52

Quarter luff to quarter leech 3.47

There shall be 4 battens that divide the leech into approximately equal parts.

Top & bottom battens, length 750 mm +/- 10 mm

Middle two battens, length 1000 mm +/- 10 mm

Two reefs in the main (optional): Height of reefs to be measured on the Luff from the Tack.

First reef 610mm Second reef 1220mm

Mainsail shall be crosscut not vertical or radial.

## Jib Headsail

Dimensions (Maximum) in metres.

Foot 2.28

Luff 4.90

Leech 4.06

Foot Median 4.47 (Head to mid foot)

Head width 0.03

Jib to be crosscut,

Luff wire to be 3mm stainless steel wire.

## **Spinnaker**

Dimensions (Maximum) in metres.

Luff 4.95

Leech 4.65

Foot 3.81

Foot Median 4.75 (Head to mid Foot)

Half Width 2.18

Setting The clew of the Mainsail shall not extend beyond the sheave hole.

The tack of the jib shall be attached directly to the stemhead fitting, independent of the forestay.

Reefing shall be made using the cringles and reef points on the sails.

Roller reefing systems are not permitted.

Slab reefing with ramshorn hooks at the mast end of the boom and comb cleats at the outer end of the boom are permitted.

Cunninghams

are not permitted.

Sheets

All sheets shall be led in accordance with the Sail Plan.

The Spinnaker sheet shall not be passed to leeward of the forestay.

Jib fairleads shall be positioned or may slide in any direction within a 6 ins radius of the point shown on the original sail plan.

No winch or other mechanical advantage may be used.

Standing Rigging

As Sail Plan, except in that Backstays may be tensioned in slides on the deck, slides on a wire fixed at both ends, by Highfield levers, multiple purchase, or a combination of these. In no case may the backstay be adjustable aft of the position on the sail plan.

All to be secured to the deck fittings with lanyards. Bottlescrews are not permitted.

Rigging to be of 4mm 7x19 wire or Dyneema [diameter to be consistent with load bearing of 4mm wire. The inner forestay must be of wire and not Dyneema.

Running Rigging

Jib Halliard – (Rope or Wire) (may be double purchase) to run through a block below the forestay at the hounds. Jib halliard tensioning permitted but the tensioning may be no more than 4-1

Spinnaker Halliard – Of rope, single or double-ended. The hoist of the spinnaker shall be below the foresail halliard. Spinnaker pole up and downhauls are permitted.

Main Halliard – (Rope or Wire) to run through the masthead sheave. Main halliard may be double purchase and tensioning permitted but the tensioning may be no more than 4-1

Downhaul (vertical from gooseneck) (may be multiple purchase) for mainsail luff tensioning.

Topping lift – from the end of the boom through a sheave at the hounds to the Cockpit.

ALL RUNNING RIGGING ABOVE SHALL BE CLEATED IN THE COCKPIT WITH NO OTHER PROVISION FOR TENSIONING ADJUSTMENT

Clew Outhaul (may be multiple purchase) – from the clew of the mainsail through the boom end sheave, cleated on the boom.

Kicking straps, preventers, etc are not permitted.

Bilge pumps

any form or number of bilge pump(s) (including electric bilge pumps with automatic operation) may be fitted and may be used at any time including while racing