



Motor Ketch Bluebill

The motor ketch Bluebill, plans of which are shown herewith, was built last winter by Hodgdon Bros. from plans by William H. Hand, Jr., of New Bedford, Massachusetts, for Mr. John C. Spring of Boston, Maine and Palm Beach.

The new Bluebill is a 60 foot 6 inch motor ketch designed and built to replace Mr. Spring's smaller boat of the same type and name. She was launched in June and has been in constant use on the Maine coast since.

This new boat is of very sturdy construction, with ship type frame, ceiling and planking, all teak decks and deck structures, and is a heavy seagoing craft. The arrangement provides for an owner and guest party of six, with forecabin for a crew of three. The owner's quarters are aft and unusually commodious, providing extra wide berths for two, a large wardrobe, bureau, toilet room, etc

The power plant is a Hall-Scott Explorer 3 to 1 reduction gear motor driving a 36 by 34 inch Hyde propeller. The cruising speed is ten knots with unusually low fuel consumption although the boat is very heavy being approximately 40 tons displacement. The boat is capable of being driven considerably faster when occasion requires.

The fuel tankage gives a cruising radius of more than 1,000 miles under power and she is excellent under sail alone. She has ample fresh water storage capacity and is a splendid seagoing boat. The equipment includes all the best approved modern details such as complete Lux fire extinguisher protection, electric blower ventilation, vacuum clutch control, G. E. radios and intercommunicating telephone system.

The principal dimensions are: length overall 60 feet 6 inches, beam 14 feet 10 inches and draft 5 feet.