

Costs: My total cost was something on the order of \$31,000 for the boat kit, fiberglass, epoxy, the pilot house and cuddy panels, which I bought from Harbor Sales in Maryland, fuel tank, lines, steering, hardware, main engine (Honda 150hp), kicker engine (Yamaha High Thrust 9.9) and trailer. I have pretty detailed records on costs and can share if anybody is interested. Considering motors, there's a good choice of main (Tohatsu, Honda, Yamaha, Evinrude, Mercury, etc) but the best kicker that can push a boat home in 25kts of wind is the Yamaha High Thrust 9.9hp. It has a tractor tire sized propeller and is geared low to provide a ton of thrust. Here is a summary of 95% of my costs which are 2012 prices.

I estimated 500 hours of labor starting in January 2012 and launching in May of 2013. Most of the summer and fall of 2012 I didn't work too much on the boat because my work took me out of state five days a week, and then came fall hunting and other kids' commitments. Others have reported as much as 1,500 hours to build a similar boat but to a higher standard of (mostly) finish. I built the skiff for fishing and pulling kids on rafts and such. I did have help in my friend Gary Schetlick, who came down from New Jersey to help me on a number of longer weekends, and my old neighbor Keith Cooperstein who also came down from New Jersey and put a lot of hours helping me with all sorts of things. I can't thank them enough.

Some of the time I wasn't actually building but planning while sitting in the right side up hull. It is a lot of fun! The beauty of building this boat is that I didn't have to know completely what I wanted in it, I could decide that after building the hull. The hull is half the finished boat. Maybe less, some say a third.



Madison and Sean Nolan putting latex house paint on the cabin. \$10 a gallon. Works great over cured epoxy.

Tolman Skiffs Built or Building

Not too long ago, I took a poll on the fishyfish website to see who is currently building a Tolman Style hull. I was sort of flabbergasted to see the results. Here they are. It should not be too hard to find one or take a ride on one for anybody interested. As fuel goes up, more and more guys are building these hulls. You can probably find the person responsible for the hull on fishyfish but if not, drop me a line.

Dave Nolan, 27' Jumbo, North East, MD
Frank Olsen, 24' Jumbo, Kirkland, WA
Cordell Lucia, 24' Jumbo completed, 23' Widebody in process
Dave Burright, 21' Widebody, Albany, OR

Item	supplier	cost	tax
plywood	84 lumber	\$901.62	
plywood	harbor sales	\$277.84	\$19.45
hardware	amazon	\$87.91	
Salt Water workshop	meranti marine ply panels	\$3,600.00	
epoxy	progressive epoxy	\$1,808.33	
fillers	progressive epoxy	\$125.46	
hardware	jamestown distributors	\$161.69	
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lumber	harbor sales	\$1,019.49	\$66.70
paint	elkton hardware	\$30.82	
hardware	home depot	\$113.55	
tools	lowes	\$35.29	
thru boats surplus	79 gal fuel tank	\$513.25	
wood	home depot	\$64.77	
paint	american home interiors	\$91.19	
tools and hardware	home depot	\$174.58	
paint and tape	harbor freight	\$101.85	
wood	84 lumber	\$208.93	
paint	jamestown distributors	\$206.94	
screws clamps etc	jamestown distributors	\$163.29	
fiberglass cloth	Raka	\$167.66	
fiberglass cloth	Mertons	\$145.46	
Yamaha High thrust engine	Shipyard Island Marina	\$2,882.00	
helm, wheel, cable	vendors	\$314.00	
hilton Marine	Honda BF 150	\$13,800.00	
Total parts		\$27,010.50	

Rod Garson, 25' Great Alaskan or a 24' Jumbo if I can't pull off the GA (planning), Victoria, BC

Mike S & Sons, 25' Jumbo, Palm Beach County, FL

Jim Baird, 22' Jumbo, Pleasant Plain, OH

Brook Martin, 22' 6" Widebody, St Paul, MN

Chuck Mazzola, 28' Great Alaskan, Bend, OR

Michael Davis, 24' Jumbo, Elkton OR

Arne Knutsen, 23' 6" Wide Body, Dallas, OR

Kent Cannon, Great Alaskan, Salem, OR

Stephen Maillous, 22' Jumbo completed, Anchorage, AK

Lane Stuart, 20' Standard, Port Townsend, WA

Russ Pagenkopf, 24' Jumbo completed, Juneau, AK

Matthew Swafford, 20' Standard, Anchorage AK

Jim Shula, 22' Widebody, Buxton, ME

Les Wheeler, Extended Widebody, diesel inboard, shaft driven, 8 1/2 years in construction, NZ

Curtis Hanson, 18' Standard almost done, Ohio City, CO

23' Widebody, flipped and working on the inside, Bothell, WA

Dave Shoemaker, 28' Great Alaskan Neptune, NJ

Dave Collett-Paule, 26' Great Alaskan, under construction, Homer, AK

David Lane Cordova, 19' 4" Alaskan Widebody with 24" swim deck and twin 60hp IB jets slightly modified for use as a big water duck boat, now piecing together materials for a 28' Great Alaskan

Tom Eastgard, 24' Jumbo, Hood Canal

20' Standard, Colorado Springs, CO

Jonski, 21' Wide Body Center Console, 25" transom, 2007 90 Etec, finishing sloped floor deck and building console now, four years part time, Central CT

Peter Jacob, 22' Widebody, Kristiansand, Norway

Jimmy Stancil 28' Great Alaskan, Palm Coast, FL

Tom Butea, 18' Standard Skiff that's been under construction since August, ready to paint, Ocean Springs, MS

TJ Miller, Grand Marais, MN

Roland Decarreau, 24' Jumbo just lofted and all pieces cut except transom, Grand Isle, VT
Anthony Lyndakar, 26' Jumbo, Ohio but carted off to AK

Tom Murto, 21' Standard under construction with reverse chine flats as suggested by Devlin, Goshen, IN

Chris Collins, 18' Standard, Scituate, MA

Ken, 26' Skiff Kit Special, my son is kind of building and I am kind of helping, Palmer, AK

Mark, 25 Jumbo, picked up the kit on Thursday, built the jig on Friday and pressing on!

Monroe, OR

J Klistoff, 25' Jumbo with offshore bracket, Woodburn, OR.

Fletcher Poole, Jumbo 24', Atlanta, GA

Jim Baird, Jumbo, almost ready to paint, Pleasant Plain, OH

Mark, I've got one built already, fourth season on the water coming up, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada

Randy Zimmerman, 21' 4" Widebody, Leavenworth, KS

Mike O'Farrell, 19' Standard, Santa Cruz, CA

Roger Morris, 20' Widebody, Wasilia, AK

Russ Dysart, 24' Jumbo, Ladera Ranch, CA

Martin Wagner, 22' Jumbo, Paso Robles, CA

Dan Blackburn, 22' Sea Bright, Morinville, Alberta, Canada

Peter Lovejoy, 21' 4" Widebody, West Coast Boatworks Kit, Lyle, WA

Jim Crawford, Standard, Fayetteville, AR

Herb Garnto, 23' Standard, Willow, AK

Steve Johnson, 18' Standard, Richmond, VA

Captain Fogfish, North East Scotland

John Solenski, 21' Wide Body center console, 25" transom, 2004 90hp Etec, Northern CT

Ken McBeath, 24' Jumbo, working on main cabin now, Perth, Ontario, Canada

Chuck Preble, 25' Jumbo, Joint Base Lewis

McCord, WA

Neil, Ryan and Spike Ford, 23' 6" Widebody (kit from Chuck at WCBW), St Helens, OR

Ben Judd, 25' Jumbo, Auckland, NZ

Dave T, just ordered a 24' Jumbo Kit from Grady 300, SW WA

Dave Wright, Widebody, previous build, 18' Standard, WA