

Update to a Christmas Tale

A build article for a Mirror dingy

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Although I still stand by my original conclusion, as most of my sailing was with two Wee Nips, comparisons in performance were inevitable. The Mirror did not tack as readily, and was much slower picking up speed.

Tacking was improved by adjusting the position of the tack of the jib to ensure that the jib did not touch the mast at all, allowing it to change over freely.

I then reduced the overall weight by omitting the lead ballast and replacing it with four AA pen cells. This was also effective, but the Nips still get away from me.

I also sailed it with internal batteries but no keel ballast. It sailed just as well as normal, but when blown over, it turned turtle and could not self right.

I needed a crew! Just like the real thing!

It continues to sail when full of water. You only need to bring it in and tip the water out. When sailing in heavy weather the hull can totally disappear before bobbing back up.

