

## Fox Double Paddle Canoe

Fox could be called a kayak but a more accurate label would be Decked Double Paddle Canoe. Herreshoff and Norman Skene are among the many who have drew there own versions of these boats. Decked canoes are seaworthy and quite remarkable voyages have been taken in them. While Fox is a capable boat and able to cover the miles when need my inspiration while drawing this design was quieter waters and times.

My Fox design, at 14'5" is longer then most decked canoes and the beam of 28" adds greatly to the stability and capacity of the boat. At about 42 pounds it can easily be carried on one's shoulder and is stable enough to step into at the waters edge. It is possible to walk down to an inviting lake or marsh and slip Fox into the water for an afternoon of casual paddling and exploration. There's room for a young child or pet forward of the paddler. Fox with her stability and roomy 6'6" long cockpit is also a great boat for fishing or photography.

Tracking is solid and the bilge panels make it possible to lean the boat and carve gentle turns as you wind up narrow creeks and back waters. The long waterline and fine entry also make it possible to cover the miles, when needed. The ample but not excessively tall freeboard coupled with a moderately high bow and 3" coamings make for a dry ride in chop or swell. Fox is built stitch & glue with 6oz fiberglass cloth on the bottom and a cambered deck. The 2 bulkheads have hatches for access to the dry storage areas behind them and create positive flotation chambers. The hull is built with Okume plywood. The seat back and coaming trim are Mahogany. A caned ash canoe seat is mounted about an inch above the flat bottom. Foot braces aren't needed as it's perfectly comfortable to paddle with the outside of your knees braced against the coaming, or to sit cross legged when the mood strikes.