
SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

In the race to acquire our dream boats, the value of simplicity is often overlooked. The cost of keeping our 1980 C&C 30 was \$4,000 a year at Bronte Inner Harbour, a marina in Oakville, in Toronto's west end. By acquiring a 24-foot boat, which we still berth in the same marina in the summer but store in a driveway in the winter, our yearly costs came down to about \$1,500.

We found Solace, our O'Day 240, in Rochester, New York. Solace has a small galley, an enclosed head, head room of five feet six inches, and has kept us comfortable for up to four weeks at a stretch. Her winged keel gives her a three-foot draft and the ability to slip into anchorages not available to us with the 30's five-foot draft. A set of sails is about the same price as a larger boat's genoa. The fact that Solace can be towed has expanded our cruising horizons from Lake Superior to the Florida Keys.

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