

SAGA — Baby Keeler of Danish Design

In the Nelson Provincial Notes in the November Sea Spray, mention was made of the launching of the Bennett brothers 16 ft. double ender *Saga* of Danish design. Some further details of this comfortable little boat have now been supplied by the builders Jorgensen and Son of Picton.

She was designed by the Danish naval architect Mr. M. S. F. Hansen, Copenhagen.

Length 16 ft. 10 in.; Beam 6 ft. 6½ in.; Draft 3 ft.; Sail area 160 sq. ft. (15 sq. metres).

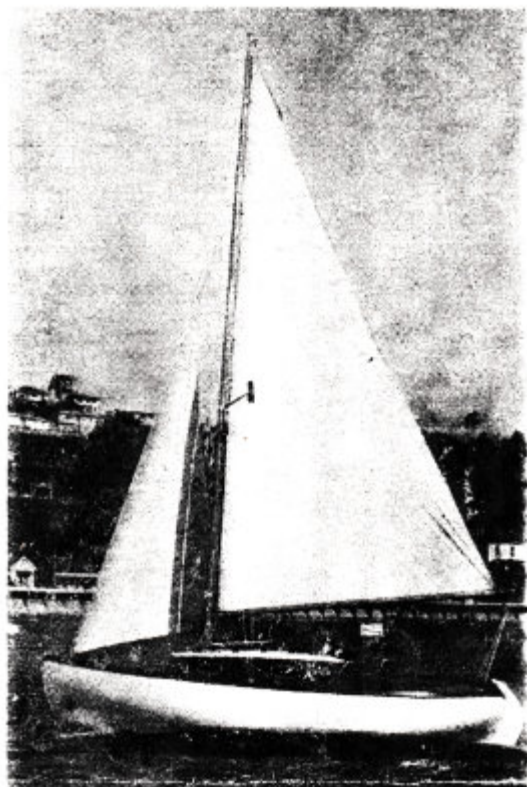
The keel, floor timbers and frames are cut from natural grown Danish oak and precut in Denmark. The boat was originally designed as an open boat with a wide side deck and open cockpit about 6 ft. x 2 ft. 4 in., but considering the weather conditions in Queen Charlotte Sound, Jorgensen built the boat with a cabin and a self-draining cockpit, which gives ample space in the cabin and makes her ideal for week-end cruises.

This boat is the smallest double ender class in Denmark. Following the fifteen square metre class is the 20 m², 26 m², 30 m², 38 m², 45 m², and 55 m², so that everybody can choose a boat suiting his purse.

The 15 m² is planked with ½ in. treated white pine, but the first four planks in the bottom are kauri. The



Stern view of *Saga* shows beamy double ended hull.



Saga, a 16 ft. 10 in. keeler launched at Nelson this season, is a Danish design.

frames are spaced 20 in. apart measuring 1½ in. x 2 in., floor timbers 2½ in., two steamed ribs between each frame ¼ in. x ¾ in.

The lead keel is (435 kg.) almost 1,000 lbs., and together with the broad beam gives a very stable boat.

There are four bunks below, two in the cabin and two under the deck either side of the cockpit. The Bennett brothers finished the boat themselves inside, and built spars and rudder and made a very good job of it.

The mast is oregon pine 26 ft. and is stepped in a tabernacle on top of the cabin. The deck is ¾ in. plywood with 12 ounce canvas over the cabin sides, and belting and toe rails are of mahogany.

The lines of the boat shows a very full hull fore and aft—especially aft above the water and consequently gives excellent buoyancy in a following sea.

Further details about this boat can be obtained from G. Jorgensen the builder, at Picton.