



# DRIVE Marine Services

## The "Bellinger" Double Chine Canoe

### Easy to Build

- Comes with Full size plans that enable the builder to trace out the panels and cut out with a Hand saw.
- Supplied with comprehensive Step By Step Instructions & Bote Cote Boat Building Book that enables people with no boat building skills to make a canoe.
- Can be built ready to hit the water in 5 days.
- The Bellinger only needs three separate panel shapes to make the ten panels required.
- Only need basic hand tools & a cordless drill to cut out & drill holes.
- Half the weight of most fibreglass Canoes.



The 'Bellinger' is a simple stitch and tape plywood canoe that is cut out then stitched together with plastic cable ties or copper wire & fastened with Bote Cote epoxy Resin thickened with Gluing & Filleting Filler in to provide a thick paste. The result is a 4.2m canoe with a 750mm beam that is light enough to be carried by one adult. It will handle two (2) adults easily, is very stable, and is easy to paddle.

The design is ideal as a family project or for schools, either as a one student per canoe project, or as a group effort. Canoes to this design have been built by Year 10 students from Great Lakes College and Bulahdelah Central School, and by 12 to 70 year olds at Camp Creative, Bellinger. The Bellinger requires two (2) sheets of 4mm BB Face in either Marine or Exterior plywood which means you can usually obtain your ply from your local hardware store. If you want a Clear finish or minimum weight we recommend using Gaboon Marine Plywood which has a good finish to both sides.



The Bellinger canoe is built from plans that are then set out onto each sheet of ply, once marked out & cut out the builder has three (3) templates which are simply traced around to form the other seven (7) panels. Only hand tools & a cordless drill are required, though a sander makes quick work of the final sanding & finishing.

The 'Bellinger' plans are available in two versions:-

**Length** – 4.2 metres (14 Feet) - Shortened Version - 3.6 metres (12 Feet)

**Beam** - 750mm (2' 5") - Shortened Version - 700mm (2' 3")

**Weight** - Approx. 20.0kg – in Tropical Hardwood Marine Ply or 18 kg in Gaboon Plywood

**Cost** - Plans & Instructions - **\$50.00.** / Construction Kit - Bote Cote, Filler, etc as per Materials List - **\$295.00**

**Note:-** Plywood, timber strips, Acetone & other items which are expensive to freight are not included in the Construction Kit. We have listed them in the Materials List as they should be easy to get from your local Hardware Store.

**Note:-** Paint prices are not included. We recommend using AQUACOTE Water Based Topcoat.

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