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KIT BOAT - CHRIS-CRAFT



Builder:

Chris-Craft

Model:

kit boat

LOA:

14' 0" (4.27 m)

Beam:

5' 0" (1.52 m)

Fuel Capacity:

6 Gallons

Engines:

1

Manufacturer:

Johnson

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OVERVIEW

A simple, compact motor yacht, the kit boat produced by Chris-Craft measures 14 ft (4.27 m) overall with a 5 ft (1.52 m) beam and is driven by a single Johnson outboard. Represented by Shestakov Yacht Sales and broker Andrey Shestakov, this accessible platform emphasizes uncomplicated ownership and straightforward enjoyment afloat.

Selecting a kit boat

Opting for the kit boat centers on ease of use and uncomplicated upkeep. Its 14 ft LOA and narrow 5 ft beam make trailering, launching, and close-quarters handling simpler, while the single Johnson powerplant keeps operations and maintenance less complex than twin-engine alternatives. For buyers searching for a compact motor yacht from the storied Chris-Craft lineage, this model provides the essentials of boating without extra complication.

Features of the Model

- Compact footprint: 14 ft LOA (4.27 m) and 5 ft beam (1.52 m)
- Single engine simplicity: 1 x Johnson
- Straightforward fueling with a 6 gallon capacity
- Easy day use orientation within the motor yacht class

Technical Specifications

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- Category: motor yacht

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- Fuel Capacity: 6 gal

Pricing and Ordering

To obtain current pricing, confirm availability, or arrange an inspection or delivery for a kit boat by Chris-Craft, reach out to Andrey Shestakov and the Shestakov Yacht Sales team. We will assist you through selection, preparing an offer, and completing the purchase to make the acquisition process as smooth as possible.

Questions and Answers

Q: What category does the kit boat belong to? A: It's classified as a motor yacht, offering a compact footprint with uncomplicated handling. Key measurements include **LOA** of 14 ft and a 5 ft **beam** .

Q: Who builds the kit boat? A: The builder is Chris-Craft. Partnering with Shestakov Yacht Sales, you can examine **builder** provenance and review suitable examples with broker Andrey Shestakov.

Q: What is the engine setup on this model? A: The kit boat is outfitted with a **single** Johnson **engine** (1 x Johnson), designed for straightforward ownership and easier maintenance.

Q: How much fuel does it carry? A: **Fuel capacity** is 6 gallons, which complements the single Johnson installation on the kit boat.

Q: How do I get pricing and arrange a viewing? A: Contact **Andrey Shestakov** at **Shestakov Yacht Sales** to discuss current **pricing** , availability, and the

logistics of viewing a kit boat by Chris-Craft.

Owner Experience Review

Owners tend to view the kit boat from Chris-Craft as a classic mid 20th century runabout well suited to short day trips and family weekend use, particularly among the 8'-16' models produced between 1951 and the late 1950s. Period arrangements such as the open-hull "Dolphin" were popular for fishing and utility roles, and larger documented examples—like a 19' build—have completed trailerable coastal passages including Long Beach–San Diego–Catalina–Ensenada. Today many originals survive as restored antiques, while others have been recreated using modern kits.

On the water, owners report crisp, responsive steering (originals typically used unassisted cable systems) and predictable behavior when trimmed correctly, with minimal porpoising or chine walk. One reviewer observed, "The ride wasn't at all jarring, but there was a bit more movement than would be comfortable to me for long periods," and overall handling often improves when running into seas as trim adjustments notably affect bow attitude. Some enthusiasts have achieved very high speeds in lightweight builds by upgrading outboards, though those are exceptions rather than standard practice.

Accommodation follows size: the smallest kits provide cockpit-only layouts, 14'-16' double-cockpit runabouts comfortably serve two to four people for day outings, and larger ~19' constructions can incorporate cruiser features such as an outboard mounted in a well, multiple fuel tanks, and even taller trailers for beach launching. Owners note the cockpit accepts a variety of body types. Regarding upkeep, original Dolfinite-bedded plywood joints were prone to failure after roughly 6–10 years, leading to leaks and rot unless rebedded or sheathed; many period engines have been rebuilt or swapped as parts became scarce. Modern restorers favor epoxy and external fiberglass sheathing to

prevent these problems, and project costs vary widely—some restorations have been done for as little as \$5,000, while others recommend budgeting substantially depending on condition and desired scope.

Pros and Cons

- Versatile for daytrips, fishing, and even documented trailerable coastal routings in 19' examples.
- Predictable, responsive handling with quick cable steering, best when trimmed and run into the waves.
- Strong restoration pathway: epoxy and fiberglass sheathing now mitigate the original leak/rot issues.
- Ride can have more movement than some prefer over longer periods, even if not jarring.
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- Many 1950s propulsion systems are obsolete, making parts sourcing and rebuilds challenging and potentially costly.

Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
kit boat	14' 0" (4.27 m)	5' 0" (1.52 m)			
Dory	22' 0" (6.71 m)	8' 0" (2.44 m)	9' 10" (3 m)		
Launch 32	34' 0" (10.44 m)	10' 0" (3.10 m)	6' 3" (1.92 m) – 10' 8" (3.25 m)		
381 Catalina	38' 0" (11.58 m)	14' 0" (4.27 m)	9' 10" (3 m)	17 kn / 24 kn	
CATALINA 34	34' 0" (10.44 m)	10' 0" (3.30 m)	6' 0" (1.83 m) – 9' 7" (2.92 m)		

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Corsair 25	25' 0" (7.62 m)	8' 0" (2.59 m)	9' 7" (2.92 m) – 9' 10" (3 m)		
Dory Skiff	22' 0" (6.71 m)	8' 0" (2.44 m)	6' 7" (2 m)	18 kn / 22 kn	
26 Continental	26' 0" (7.92 m)	8' 0" (2.44 m)			
cadet	22' 0" (6.71 m)				

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Shestakov Yacht Sales is a brokerage company specializing in the sale and service of yachts worldwide. The company offers services for buying and selling both new and used motor yachts, sailing vessels, and luxury superyachts. They also provide yacht registration, insurance, technical maintenance, crew selection, and charter organization services across the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Bahamas.

The founder and lead broker of the company is Andrey Shestakov, a licensed and certified expert with extensive experience in marine engineering and shipbuilding.

The company has an extensive network of partnerships with major yacht manufacturers worldwide and provides services in multiple languages, including Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, and English. The office is in Dania Beach, Florida, USA.

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