

THE BB BOATS FROM BORGE BRINGSVÆRD BOAT YARD DRØBAK, NORWAY:

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The BB 11, BB 17, and BB 35 were designed and built by my father, Borge Bringsværd in Drøbak, Norway.

My father was a very experienced boat builder when he, at the age of 53, took up serial production of mahogany sailing boats. Before that time he had built a wide range of working- and mostly pleasure boats.

During a period of 20 years, from 1956, he produced 1200 BB11s, 350 BB17s and 3 BB35s. Later he produced 2000 Yngling sailing boats (fibreglass hull).

The BB11, in particular, became a great success. 850 boats were exported to the whole sailing world: North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

My father was born in 1904 and ran his boat yard at Husvikholmen, Drøbak, Norway for more than 50 years. When he died in 1982 he was a well known and respected boat builder and designer.

The BB boat yard was closed down in 1984.

For many years following the BB production there were new designs and new materials in the boat building industry, but from 1990 I have experienced a renaissance for the BB 17 and, especially the BB 11. New owners all over the world are eager to restore these classical small yachts, and in Norway the boat has been reintroduced as a national regatta class. I have supplied them with drawings and other information, in memory of a great person – my father.

I am myself an educated architect and designer. But born at a boat yard, I am strongly connected to the sea and sailing boats. My last design, in my father's foot steps, is named BB 15.

Best regards
Borge Bringsværd jr.