

## **Notes on the Tartan 4600**

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4600 - Early versions 1993-1996 were almost ALL 2 companionway layouts. Basically the first 15 boats...people either REALLY liked the layout or really disliked the layout...For your money, these boats are VERY good value at \$200k and less in most cases. The engine / genset is under master bunk...but it is a unique layout and the boats are popular to about 20% of the masses...

Hull 16 - 18 I think were the original deck with a filler inserted for forward cockpit and aft companionway only. Worked pretty well.

Hull 19 and on had a new deck...that owner wanted a bridge deck / swan style taller companionway and large aft cabin island bunk. ONLY one built that way last I heard it was in San Francisco?

The rest were done with a minor bridge deck ( up to seat level ) and had the larger / extended forward cabin with an island bunk, but with the small bridge deck the companionway came far enough forward to have a decent double guest cabin aft. The bridge also allowed for genset to go OVER the engine. Tight install, but access is pretty decent and doesn't mess with storage. It is also where you want the weight moderate fore / aft and on centerline.

Last 2 - 4600 were started in China and finished in Ohio...My recollection is that the 4600 took around 20k hours to build in Ohio. China spent about 20k hours and then Ohio finished it with 5k of Ohio hours...horribly inefficient but the boats were actually pretty well built and Ohio made sure they met their standards...China did do some cool things with solid teak and holly soles, masking off the holly and doing high gloss varnish with a nonskid stripe where the holly was...a detail Ohio could never do with hours etc, but cheap labor made it doable...The weakness overseas was managerial oversight and they would keep working on the boat indefinitely if allowed. I sailed / worked on both of the last two and the boats seemed solid and I know Tartan guys went through the electrical / systems for accuracy.

ALL in all very nice sailing boat - 28 hull #s which really meant maybe 25 built ( they skipped 13, 20, 26 I think? ) - Finding an aft companionway boat is the most desirable layout but for the money if you can live with the dual companionway version they are great value??