

↑ A Fast Sloop Arrows Across Bokna Fjord near Stavanger

Yachtsmen find a summer paradise in the wide seaward reaches of Norway's fjords and its sparkling open waters between coastal skerries. Inner fjords, surrounded by mountains, breed errant gusts and dead air, both handicaps to a wind ship.

The slim red yacht is a 29-foot Dragon, designed in Norway and built by its owner. American and Canadian yachtsmen have imported many of her sisters produced in commercial yards.

Norse Shop Spawns → Two More Dragons

Norwegians have built good boats since Viking times. This yard at Arendal, owned by the family of Ivar Bentzen (white cap) for more than 150 years, turns out a Dragon for a Puget Sound sailor. Carpenter at left drills for the fastenings that will hold the planking to the frames. His companion drives the screws, made of a salt water-resistant alloy.

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