

SAILBOAT WEATHERVANES

By West Coast Weather Vanes

Real-Life: Most of our sailboat weathervanes are made in a “full bodied” style: the weathervane body has a full, 3-dimensional structure, lending itself to a very realistic representation of actual sailboats. In some cases, a boat body was tested in a pool and found to sail quite nicely!

Details: Our sailboat weathervanes sport details such as rigging, spars, flags, rudders, all of which add complexity to the piece. Many of these details can be enhanced by the use of gold leafing, or use of other metallic materials of construction: brass, nickel, even palladium. Gold leafing offers a nice visual contrast between the weathered copper and the golden sections of the sculptural piece.

Personalization: All of our sailboat weathervanes can be personalized: additional details which reflect your individual sailboat features: name of the sailboat in gold on the ship’s body, for example, or perhaps the sailboat is racing and has spinnakers flying, or a figure at the rudder.

West Coast Weather Vanes specializes in custom copper weathervanes and many of our **sailboat weathervane** designs represent actual sailboats. Customers often want the **sailboat weathervane** we make for them to reflect **their** boat. You can see a number of examples on our website where we have done precisely that. In addition to creating weathervanes based on specific sailboats, we often gold leaf the name of the sailboat right onto the weathervane. Sails can also be customized to look like those on the real sailboat.

Sailboat Replicas: There are several factors that affect the price of our **boat weathervanes**. If our customers are able to provide us with schematic drawings of their boat, we can often reduce our standard custom design fee accordingly. Some of our customers have even lent us models of their boat to help us make their weathervane as realistic as possible. Because the price of all our weathervanes is based on how long it takes us to make them, another consideration is how detailed we make the weathervane. Some of our sailboat weathervanes have cockpits, steering wheels, detailed sheets, etc. Some don’t. Normally, you look up at a weathervane so details like the cockpit and steering wheel may not be visible from this angle. If we eliminate these features or reduce them in complexity, we can reduce the cost of the weathervane accordingly.

Longevity: One thing to remember, however, is that handmade copper weathervanes can last a very long time, even a century or more, and the weathervane may not spend its entire life in its original location up on the roof or on a cupola. Someone in the future may want to take the weathervane down off the roof and display it indoors as a piece of American Folk Art. If this is the case, details like the cockpit and steering wheel would be visible. This is one important aspect in favor of adding these types of details. Either way, since each vane is made to individual order, we can add or eliminate details based on our customer’s preference.

Gifts: Custom **sailboat weathervanes** make wonderful gifts. Probably more than half the **sailboat weathervanes** we’ve made were given as gifts, either for a birthday or other special occasion or by a grateful crew to its skipper. If you are interested in one of our custom **sailboat weathervanes**, please contact us at (831) 425-5505. We would be happy to provide you with a quote.

Our sailboat weathervanes will always be sailing into the wind!

Traditional Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, traditional Sailboat

A-Cat Sailboat Weather Vane



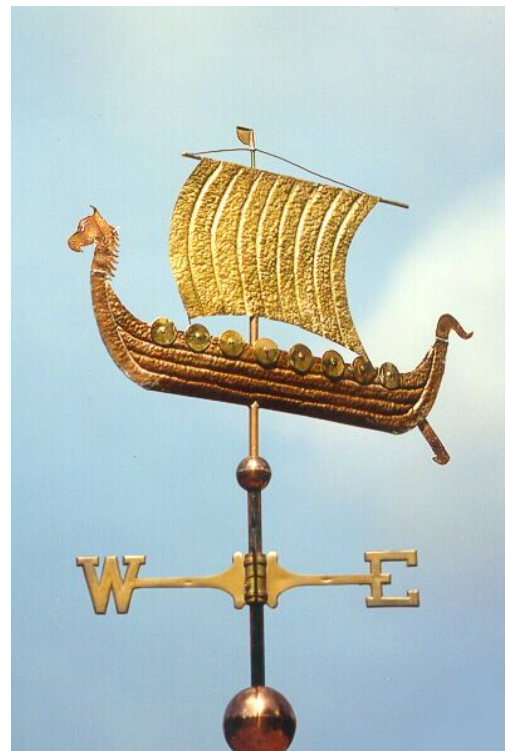
Sailboat Weathervane, A-Cat Sailboat

Concordia 47 Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, Concordia 47 Sailboat

Viking Ship Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, Viking Ship

Charles Morgan Whaling Ship Sailboat Weather Vane



**Sailboat Weathervane
Charles Morgan Whaling Ship**

Set of the Sail Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, Set of the Sail

Gaff Rigged Yawl Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, Gaff Rigged Yawl

Hinckley Pilot Yawl Sailboat Weather Vane



Sailboat Weathervane, Hinckley Yawl

SAILBOAT LINKS

- [Wikipedia Sailboats](#)
- [The Physics of Sailing](#)
- [How Sails Really Work](#) Arvel Gentry was largely responsible for delineating the modern theory of Sails. Quoted extensively by Marchaj and others this is his website. Includes articles on how sails really work and the implications for design and trim.
- [Sailing and the Tech Dinghy -- MIT's dinghy sailing instruction booklet](#)
- [Sailing Simulator from National Geographic](#)
- [International Sailing Federation](#)
- [Quest for the perfect sail shape](#)
- [Online glossary of sailing terms](#)
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- [Sail Power Calculation Web Page](#)

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[Viking Ship Sailboat Weathervane](#)

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