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"Tolfea" ~ Tangaroa Mk 1 ~ INVENTORY

Tolfea is one of the best-built examples of a Tangaroa Mk. 1 that exists today. She was built in the Pacific Northwest 1979 by Birch Gerke, a locally renowned boat builder who has specialized in multihulls, and his wife Mikiyah Gerke, a master sailmaker at Hess and Petrich Sails in Port Townsend, WA. They built her specially for Northwest Cruising, which is what *Tolfea* has been doing for the last 20 years. She is built to specifications African Mahogany marine grade plywood (no longer available!), sheathed in glass cloth and epoxy, and has a thick strip of ironbark all along her keel for extra protection. In 20 years, *Tolfea* has never taken on water, as her glass is still in perfect condition. Her rudders were upgraded in 1985 to a larger and sturdier version and have functioned impeccably since. She insulated throughout with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch foam to eliminate condensation in cold climates. Her shallow draft and ironbark keel makes her ideal for exploring the rocks and shoals of the island-littered Alaska and British Columbia coastline.

When we bought *Tolfea* in 1998, she had had only 3 owners in 20 years, and had been well-loved and well-maintained by all. We gave the boat a complete refit in Spring 1998 before we began our trip, including all new lines (halyards, sheets, safety lines, trampoline, etc.), new paint inside and out, fresh coat of oil on decks, mast and beams, and a good deal of brand [new equipment](#). In August of 1999, we also put in a brand new yellow cedar (strong, rot-resistant) crossmember beneath the mast, reinforced with steel plates for extra strength.

We have been cruising and living aboard *Tolfea* around the inside and outer passages to Alaska for the last year-and-a-half, making both coastal and offshore passages aboard her. We have found the experience to be indescribably beautiful and enlightening, and though we are sad to see her go, we are excited to pass this wonderful opportunity on to another Wharram adventurer. *Tolfea* is simplicity itself to sail, a very gentle and safe boat for both the beginner or the old-salt. She is ready to sail, and conveniently poised at the base of the famous Inside Passage to Alaska, a trip that we believe everyone should have the opportunity experience during their lifetime.

We encourage anyone interested in *Tolfea* to contact us for suggestions on how to make the most out of a cruising experience on her:

Asking price: \$18,500

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