

DEEP KEEL REDUCTIONS

- or- How to turn a DEEP KEEL J/40 into a more SHOAL DRAFT VERSION...

Was asked this recently as there is a Mars Reduction a few boats away from my Deep Keeler.



The idea is you select the depth you would like – say 5.5 ft. The known quantity for doing this is MARS who have been doing this a long time. Their website is here:

<https://marskeel.com/production/repair-modifications/draft-reductions/>



There are a couple of ways this can be done – at their place or they can cast a split bolt on that can be installed locally. I have a very knowledgeable friend who co-owns a boatyard. She has a Frers 41 that draws 7.5', While she's fine in most places, she wants to hit the islands in the Caribbean and she thinks this may be the ticket for her boat.

The MARS website has a bunch of downloadable resources if you are thinking of exploring this project.

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