

Figure 81 shows a ducker, which was one of the relatively rare boats fitted with a dagger board. Like most of the Delaware skiffs, the ducker was the product of the Pennsylvania boatshops, in and below Philadelphia. The model of the boats varied but little; they were exactly alike at both ends and were slack-bilged. It seems probable that this style of hunting skiff was a rather late develop-

ment. It may have been related to the many New York State Adirondack skiffs, which were manufactured in the 1870's and which may have spread to the Delaware to be copied with minor modifications in the ducker. The Delaware ducker was a seaworthy skiff well suited to her work on the exposed Delaware shore. These boats worked with a crew of two, a gunner and a man who either rowed, paddled, or sailed the skiff, as occasion allowed. The boats were light enough to be handled in the marshes and on the flats by two men, and they were perhaps the most able of the gunning skiffs for use in rough water by two men.