

# DESIGNERS CHOICE DC<sup>®</sup>

DESIGNED BY  
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## ***The ultimate achievement in pure sailing pleasure***

The Designers Choice is an exhilarating performer for the hard core racing enthusiast and extremely docile and forgiving for the novice. A perfect blend for family fun and pure sailing pleasure. It's all the result of a beautifully engineered hull shape and modern high powered rig. The DC's flatout planing surfaces make for more exciting reaching and downwind sailing. Optimum upwind performance is the result of more efficient forward entry with sharp bow sections. No less spectacular is the dryness of a DC ride. In virtually all wind and sea conditions, and at all speeds, the DC's gracefully curved hull casts spray aside to keep the cockpit and its occupants dry.

The stability of Howmar's Designers Choice is no less than astonishing. An adult can walk around the mast to handle dock lines or set the spinnaker without fear of heeling excessively or accidentally capsizing...an unheard of characteristic for a 15-footer plus a great aid for the beginner.

The pleasures of sailing on a Designers Choice are further enhanced by a wealth of comfort and convenience features. The DC's self-draining cockpit is exceptionally roomy with extra wide side deck seats, curved for comfort. There's elbow room to spare with four or five adults aboard. Molded-in skid resistant cockpit sole and side seats provide better footing and mobility. An added nicety is a handy spacious locker under the after deck for storage. Running rigging and deluxe hardware is convenient for racing and sailing, yet out of the way for crew comfort.

The DC is easy on the eyes. Not only because of her gracefully proportioned lines but also because of her glare resistant surfaces. The hull is finished with lustrous soft-white gelcoat and her deck and cockpit are finished with a complementary champagne gelcoat. This beautiful combination is topped off with contemporary red-orange-gold-yellow hull striping to further enhance eye appeal. Put it all together and you have a striking craft that will win the admiration of all who view her.



## ***New DC Shadow Model Offers Deep Cockpit and Internal Seating***

The new Shadow version of the Howmar Designers Choice is for those who prefer a deep cockpit with internal seating as opposed to on-deck seating offered in the conventional model. Otherwise the boats are identical and can be raced together as one designs.

The DC Shadow's cockpit is self-bailing underway,... great for keeping feet dry while sailing.

Like the conventional DC, the Shadow has a skid resistant pattern molded into all seating and footing surfaces.

Both the Shadow and the conventional DC are offered with optional spinnaker and gear to add more zest to downwind sailing and racing.

Whatever your choice, a raised cockpit sole with extra wide on-deck seating or a deep cockpit with full length seats inside, the Howmar Designers Choice gives you the best of both worlds.



## Exclusive features

- ~~Stainless~~ anodized aluminum spars.
- Grooved mast with loose footed mainsail fitted with luff slugs.
- Stainless steel chain plates, headstay and shrouds.
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- Mast fitted with convenient cotter pin to keep luff slugs in groove when sail is lowered.
- Quick detach gooseneck for stowing boom.
- Stainless steel mast step design to enable one person to step mast.
- Adjustable shrouds and turnbuckle on headstay facilitates fine tuning.
- Jib sheet fairleads swivel for best trimming angle and are fitted with cam cleats.
- Deluxe heavy duty fittings throughout.
- Four part mainsheet with quick release cam cleat on centerboard trunk. Braided synthetic running rigging.
- All hardware mounted with thru bolts or drilled and tapped into aluminum back-up plates.
- Controllable outhaul, boom vang and Cunningham.
- Kick-up rudder with black anodized aluminum tiller. Universal hiking stick snap-locks onto tiller.
- Rugged 1 1/4" vinyl rubrail protects hull.
- Non-leaking centerboard pin above the waterline and cockpit sole for easy access.
- Hand laid-up heavy duty mat and roving hull construction.
- Hull is finished in soft-white gelcoat and decks and cockpit are finished in a complementary champagne gelcoat of the same high quality.



- Encapsulated foam flotation bonded between the hull and decks.
- Top sides feature red-orange-gold-yellow accent striping just below the sheer.
- Molded-in skid-resistant side seats and cockpit sole.
- Large covered stowage locker under afterdeck.
- Durable, long lasting, dacron mainsail and jib. Jib window and jiffy reefing are standard.
- Lightweight hull; easy to launch or trailer.
- Mainsail and jib feature Howmar's exclusive red-orange-gold-yellow power panel to match the accent striping on the topsides.
- Rigid weight control.

### Optional Equipment:

Spinnaker and all gear, including pole, halyard, sheets and hardware.  
Outboard motor mount with fastenings.  
Hiking straps with fastenings.

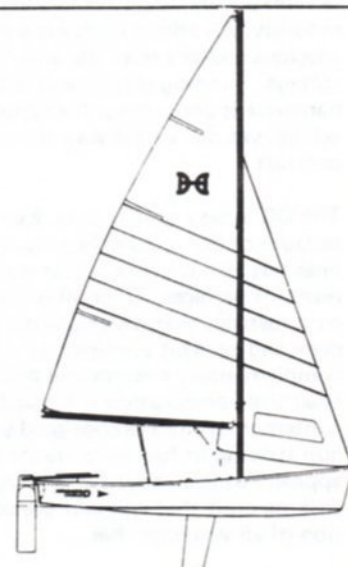
### Dimensions:

L.O.A. 14'-10 1/2"; 4.53 m  
L.W.L. 12'-9"; 3.89 m  
Beam 6'1"; 1.85 m  
Weight 315 lbs.; 142.88 kg  
Draft:  
Rudder and centerboard up 5"; .13 m  
centerboard down 3'0"; .91 m  
Vertical stem height 2'0"; .61 m  
Freeboard aft 1'2"; .36 m  
Total sail area 120 sq. ft.; 11.15 m<sup>2</sup>  
Main sail 82 sq. ft.; 7.62 m<sup>2</sup>  
Luff 18'10"; 5.74 m  
Foot 8'10"; 2.69 m  
Jib sail area 38 sq. ft.; 3.53 m<sup>2</sup>  
Luff 13'4"; 4.06 m  
Foot 6'3"; 1.91 m  
Crew capacity 900 lbs.; 408.24 kg

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