

# Presenting the new "Designer's Choice"<sup>TM</sup> designed by Sparkman & Stephens



## The Ultimate Achievement in Pure Sailing Pleasure

The dramatic new Designer's Choice is vivid testimony to design excellence at its best. Nothing less should be expected because the Designer's Choice represents the latest creation by the world renowned naval architects, Sparkman & Stephens, and is built to the meticulous quality standards of Howmar Boats.

The Designer's Choice—affectionately referred to as the "DC"—is a lively one-design sailer for the hard core racer and is extremely docile and forgiving for the novice. What a blend for pure family sailing pleasure!

The Sparkman & Stephens beautiful hull form and modern high power rig provide the keys to the DC's never-before-attained performance. The DC's flatout planing surfaces make for more exhilarating reaching and downwind sailing. Built with a sharp

forward entry the DC attains the optimum upwind performance. And better yet, this is achieved without compromising stability. You can walk around the mast or set the spinnaker from the forward end of the cockpit without fear of heeling excessively or accidentally capsizing.

As the performance of the Designer's Choice goes, so goes its comfort and convenience features. Her cockpit is exceptionally roomy with extra wide side deck seats, curved for comfort. There's elbow room to spare with four or five people aboard. Molded-in skid resistant cockpit sole and side seats assure sailing comfort. There's a handy enclosed locker under the after deck for spacious dry storage. Running rigging is convenient and yet out of the way for crew comfort.

In addition to providing more excitement for the one design racer or sheer family sailing pleasure, the

new Designer's Choice is the wisest choice for club or camp training programs and sailing schools. It begins with durability and low maintenance...a rugged hand laid-up hull built to the quality standards of Howmar Boats plus the finest rigging and fittings available. Then consider the roomy cockpit that enables additional crew or family to sail together. Exceptional stability is another plus. She's extremely difficult to capsize and is easy to right should the extraordinary occur. Her skid resistant cockpit sole is above the waterline so it's self-draining at dockside or underway. Top it all off with the DC's zesty sailing capabilities and you are assured of not becoming bored as you become a seasoned skipper.

See the exciting new Designer's Choice at your Howmar dealer today. When you see it and sail it, you'll become the owner of the boat that's destined to be the world's most popular one-design ever to hit the water.

#### **Standard features:**

Black anodized aluminum spars.

Grooved mast with loose footed mainsail fitted with luff slugs.

Stainless steel chain plates, headstay and shrouds.

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 foam filled floating black anodized aluminum tiller and universal hiking stick.

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. Superb white gelcoat finish.

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.

Rigid weight control.

Lightweight hull; easy to launch or trailer.

#### **Dimensions: Optional Equipment:**

Spinnaker and all gear, including pole, halyard, sheets and hardware.

Outboard motor mount with fastenings

Hiking straps with fastenings

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>

Mainsail 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>

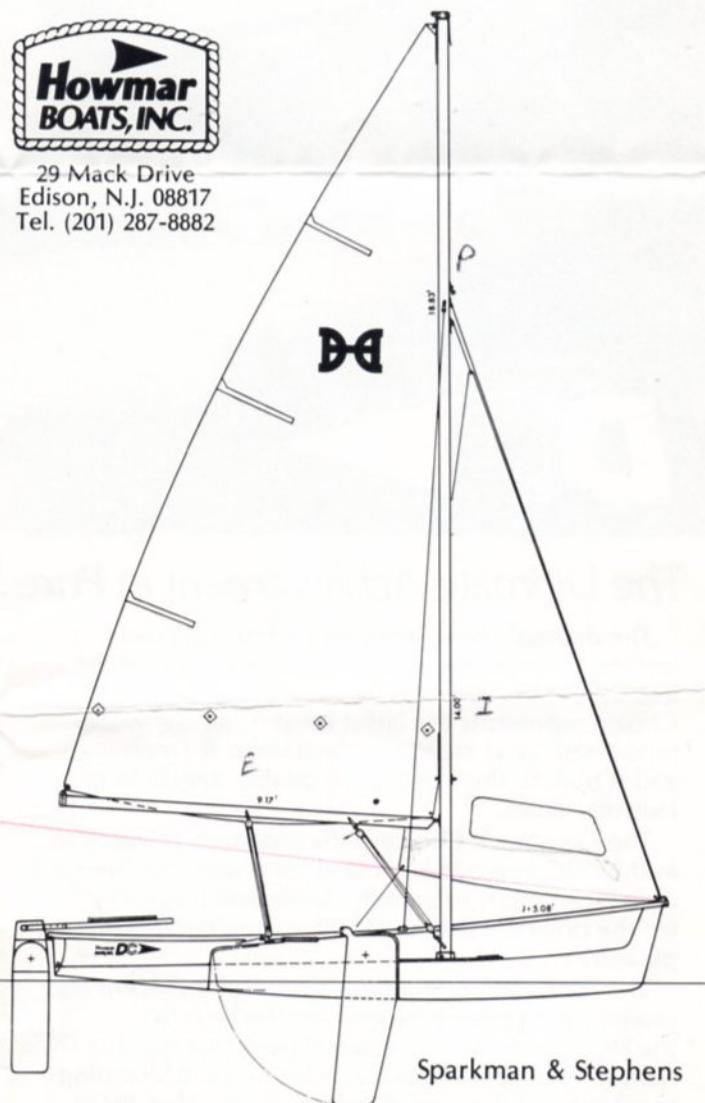
Luff 13'4"; 4.06 m

Foot 6'3"; 1.91 m

Crew capacity 900 lbs.; 408.24 kg



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