

DARING

The DARING is a high performance thoroughbred racing yacht designed by Arthur Robb and based on the Olympic Silver Medallist 5.5 metre "VISION"

Supported by a strong and knowledgeable Class Association, the One –Design Rules allow the Class to continuously improve the sail and rigging plan and adopt the latest design and materials to produce an ever improving yacht and provide excellent value for money racing.

The Daring is particularly well suited to the conditions in the Solent as her performance is delivered at all points of sailing and in all wind strengths. These qualities and robust build, however, may be enjoyed by fleets racing in many other types of water including lakes, estuaries and coastal waters.

Strong fleet racing has been a feature of the Daring class for many years and 10-15 boats usually present at the start of each race through the season from late April to October and up to 28 at Cowes Week and The Metre Regattas. Although there are inevitably consistent high performers a further feature of the well matched Daring fleet is that every boat enters with an equal chance of finishing at the top of the fleet. The Class has a large and impressive collection of trophies that are keenly fought for each year.



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The Daring Class has developed strong links with other Clubs and fleets around the world particularly with Team Racing events. In the past few years alone Daring sailors have competed at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Perth, Australia, Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Long Island, USA, Real Club Nautico de Gran Canaria and Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia.

Part of the attraction of racing a Daring is the relatively low cost of participation for such a high performance and sophisticated yacht. This has been achieved because most Daring's are owned and raced by syndicates of owners. The usual problems arising from annual maintenance and repairs between multiple owners is avoided with a Daring because the Class has an arrangement with Lallows of Cowes who undertake all maintenance and repairs at favourable rates. Lallows also have the advantage of knowing all the boats intimately and can identify and repair problems quickly. An annual contract relieves owners of the burden of laying up and routine maintenance and even bi weekly scrubbing is dealt with. A strict sail replacement program enables the Class to bulk purchase keeping costs to a minimum and prevents "cheque book" sailing. A Daring can be sailed two up although most prefer a crew of three or four. As Daring is a displacement boat crew weight is virtually immaterial to performance.

In 2007 the Class decided to build a new deck mould to replace the original which was no longer viable. This allowed the opportunity to reconsider the overall design and layout of both the deck and cockpit of the Daring. Metre boat specialist and Naval Architect Theo Rye was

recruited to advise and design the new deck which is cambered to improve comfort and stiffness and features a larger cockpit. Further improvements include forward and aft bulkheads giving positive buoyancy in the event of flooding and much improved cockpit layout including a centre console for main controls.

The Class appointed Hamble based specialist Yachting Projects Ltd to build the new deck and cockpit mouldings and produce new hulls from the mould already owned by the class. Yachting Projects build the mouldings, bond them together and pass them to Lallows in Cowes to fit out to the owner's specification within the Class Rules.

New Darings are now available for delivery in time for next season. Alternatively an existing Daring can be used as a donor transferring the lead keel, mast, boom, sails and standing and running rigging to a new hull, cockpit and deck assembly.

If you would like to enjoy the very special experience of sailing a Daring and learn more about the fleet and ownership please visit the web site www.daring.org.uk and send a message to David Gower, Vice Captain at secretary@daring.org.uk

