

Dockrell 17 cruising daysailer

A ballasted centreboard boat in G.R.P. that is equally at home for cruising on coastal or inland waters. Sea-kindly she is also easily trailed and beached.

The Dockrell 17' is a proven cruising dinghy, stable, surprisingly fast and roomy. What started as a gunter-rigged open dayboat built for the Ministry of Defence sails on in glass fibre as the Dockrell 17.

"Plain perhaps, yet homely, her appeal as a stable, forgiving craft has found favour with at least one sailing school who use several as trainers. As a family boat, she offers plenty of room and, of course, trailability. Add in two overnight berths with space for a chemical toilet beneath the optional spray-hood, all at a reasonable price, and her accommodating personality takes shape." Practical Boat Owner September 1980.



An owner writes in the Dinghy Cruising Association Bulletin:

"Stepping The Mast

This can be done by one person either afloat or on the trailer. With the shrouds attached, the mast is stepped in a deck-mounted tabernacle. A rope attached to the bottom of the forestay is passed under the bow roller and back to the cockpit. This will act as a temporary support after the mast has been raised.

Sailing Qualities

The Dockrell 17 sails well on all points and will sail herself on a close reach. She will also sail under main alone. Leeway is not excessive and she will sail to windward with the centreboard up as there is a shallow but full length keel. She is surprisingly fast and often overhauls larger boats."

STANDARD AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Standard

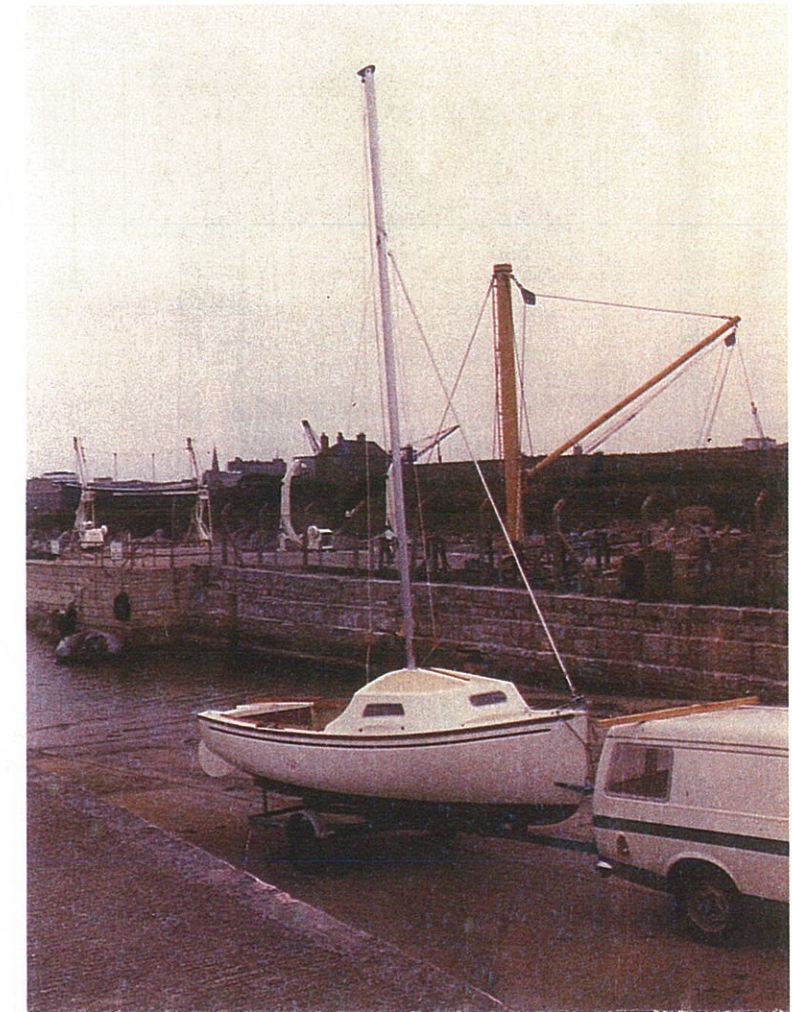
Mainsail and jib, anodised mast and boom, mainsail slab reefing, roller reefing jib, stainless steel standing rigging and rigging screws, blocks, running rigging, jib and mainsheets, topping lift. Cleats, fairleads and stemhead roller in anodised aluminium alloy. Mahogany rub-rail and trim, self-draining cockpit, full buoyancy, non-skid deck, moulded outboard well, kick-up rudder, bilge pump.

Standard Colours

White hull, option of blue or brown lines, blue or cream non-skid areas.

Some Optional Extras

Adding P.V.C. sprayhood or G.R.P. fixed shelter with protective fastened weather curtain, full length brass keel band and hardwood bilge rubbers, antifouling, cockpit cover, boom tent, outboard engine, two berths, bunk cushions, 10 lb plough anchor, 3/16" chain, 10mm nylon warp, burgee halyard and pennant, sail cover, trailer.

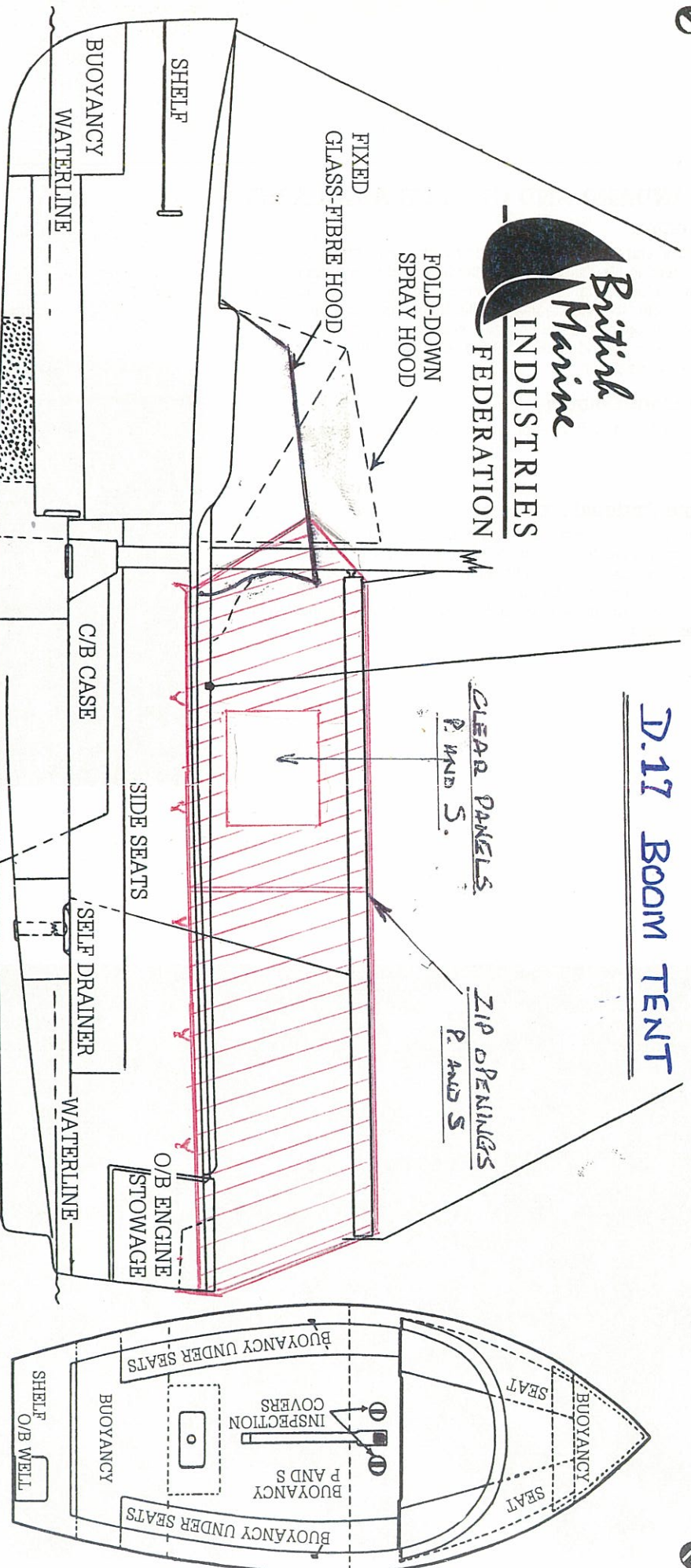


The Dockrell 17 Basic part-built options:

1. Hull with centreboard trunk bonded in
2. Deck and timber rubrails fitted

The hull with deck and G.R.P. shelter fitted makes a very suitable basis for a non-sailing day/fishing boat with outboard or inboard engine.

DOCKRELL 17'



Specification

L.O.A. 16ft 9"
 Sail area: 135sq ft. (Main 75sq ft., Genoa 60sq ft)
 Beam 6'4"
 Weight 900 lbs (including ballast)
 Ballast: 200lbs (cold castable resin/iron "Ballast-pak")
 Draught, centreboard down: 3ft
 Mast length: 22'6"
 (Specification and equipment subject to change without prior notice).

G.R.P. Lay-up specification

Hull overall 6oz
 Extra 3 oz in hull in way of centreboard box and bilges.
 Resin bonded $\frac{1}{2}$ " ply pads 8ft long by 6" wide bonded in all hulls to receive wooden bilge rubbers if required.
 Centreboard and rudder blade solid G.R.P.

Deck lay-up 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz

$\frac{1}{2}$ " pads bonded in deck to receive cleats and fittings where necessary.

Rigging

Shrouds in 4ml 7 X 7 stainless steel wire.
 Forestay in 4ml 1 X 9 stainless steel wire (for roller reefing headsail).