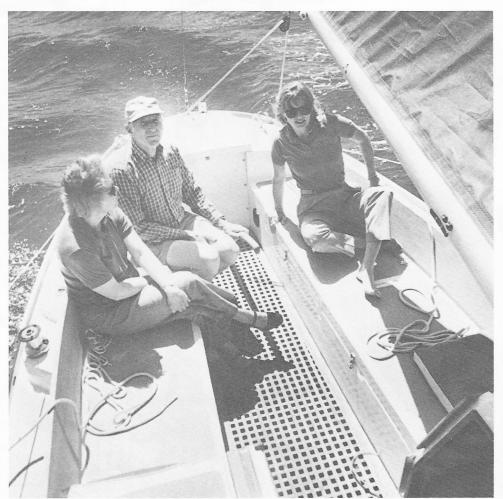


Boat Focus





The Quickstep 24

The Quickstep 24 was designed by Ted Brewer as a safe, stable and trailerable family day-sailer and overnighter with a touch of classic elegance.

At its length of 24 feet and displacement of 4,000 pounds, the Quickstep is compact. It has a relatively long waterline and good form stability. The keel is very long but not deep, fairing into a large skeg and attached rudder. This configuration provides good directional stability in addition to stiffness.

The masthead rig is moderate in size and uncomplicated. It is supported by full standing rigging including fore and aft lowers.

Below decks there is sitting headroom. There are quarterberths to port and starboard with counters amidships for a sink and icebox. A stove is optional. The V-berth is large and features two cutouts and removable cushions, one to allow more comfortable seating and another exposing the head. The four ports can be opened and are screened. The Ouickstep is finished throughout in teak.

There is an outboard well at the aft end of the cockpit, and there is a plug that can be fitted when

the motor is removed. There is an optional onecylinder Yanmar diesel.

Principal dimensions: LOA 23'11", LWL 19', beam 7'11", draft 3'4½", displacement 4,000 lbs., ballast 1,900 lbs., sail area 259 sq. ft.

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Comments by James Mavor Jr., owner of the Quickstep 24 SANTEE:

66My son-in-law, Robert Goldsborough, and I selected our Quickstep 24, SANTEE, because she is an unusually pretty boat and suits our three generation family. I have owned six sloops in the 22 to 26-foot overall range in the past 35 years.

We expect to use SANTEE primarily as a day-sailer in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, with occasional overnight cruises to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Narragansett Bay.

SANTEE has so far exceeded our expectations. I knew that the Quickstep 24 had an attractive hull but I base my estimate of her sailing performance on experiences with similar boats. I have owned an Alberg designed Sea Sprite and a Rhodes designed Outlaw. Both were fine performers, but in different ways. The Sea Sprite was a lively boat, while the larger Outlaw was more powerful, stiffer and able at sea. Quickstep is more like the Outlaw and differs from both in her very easy motion. The Quickstep's hollow bow sections and canoe stern prevent her from pounding. The Quickstep is fast, weatherly, well balanced, stiff and a delight to sail. ?

For more information about the Quickstep 24, contact Gary Lannigan, 55 Miller St., Warren, RI 02885. Phone (401 247-1700.





James Mavor's Quickstep 24 SANTEE, far left, moved crisply on a New England summer breeze. The cockpit, top, features long seats, an outboard locker and a floor grating. There is no traveler. James and Mary Mavor, above, enjoyed the day. SANTEE's interior, left, is compact and well appointed.

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