

Launchings

New Boat: Dehler 47

Dehler has been doing well lately, and its 36- and 39-foot models have made the Dehler name well known. Now the company is launching a new flagship and the 47-foot racer-cruiser looks like it will live up to the hype.

Sharp looking on deck, the 47 has a roomy cockpit, teak decks and fold-out transom that becomes a swim platform and a foldaway anchor system with a windlass. It also has what Dehler calls a central winch system in which all the sail controls are led under the deck to within reach of the helmsman. Not only does this make for an incredibly clean deck, but with the addition of

an optional self-tacking jib, makes it totally realistic to singlehand the 47.

Belowdecks sailors will find plenty of space to be comfortable no matter what kind of sailing they plan on doing. Four layouts are available—including one that features a forward owner's cabin with a traditional V-berth, or a four-cabin version with two cabins forward of the main bulkhead with a shared head.

A Regatta version eliminates the forward head and cabin leaving the bow open with room for sail storage. A carbon fiber mast can also be added to lighten up this configuration.

Built at Dehler's factory in Germany, the 47's hull and deck are laminated together while they are still in their molds to create an extra strong joint.



Dehler 47

LOA 46'10"; LWL 41'4"; Beam 14'; Draft 8' Standard, 6'6" Shoal; Displacement 27,500 lbs.; Auxiliary 56-hp. Yanmar; Water 118 gals.; Fuel 71 gals.

Base price: \$529,000

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The Sailing CALENDAR

May 1-June 6 Annual National Exhibition of the American Society of Marine Artists, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Florida, www.marineartists.org

May 8-9 ISSA National High School Doublehanded Championship, Southern