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GREAT DANE 28 - CUSTOM BUILT



Builder:

CUSTOM BUILT

Model:

Great Dane 28

LOA:

28' 0" (8.53 m)

Beam:

8' 0" (2.46 m)

Fuel Capacity:

25 Gallons

Sleeps:

2

Total Heads:

1

Hull Material:

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Deck Material:

Fiberglass

Hull Designer:

Aage UtzonKlaus Baess

Engines:

1

Manufacturer:

Volvo Penta

If you would like to buy a yacht **GREAT DANE 28 - CUSTOM BUILT** or would like help, please call +1(954)274-4435 or visit shestakovyachtsales.com

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OVERVIEW

The Great Dane 28 from CUSTOM BUILT is a small but capable sail yacht featuring a traditional sloop rig and a sturdy fiberglass and plastic hull. Conceived by Aage UtzonKlaus Baess, it pairs a dependable Volvo Penta inboard diesel with snug accommodations arranged for two.

Selecting a Great Dane 28

Opting for the Great Dane 28 is sensible if you value compact overall dimensions (LOA 28 ft / 8.53 m; beam 8 ft / 2.46 m), easy handling in a sloop configuration, and the longevity offered by a fiberglass and plastic hull. With a single inboard Volvo Penta diesel, accommodation for 2 and one head, it's aimed at couples and solo cruisers seeking straightforward, reliable sailing and living arrangements.

Features of the Model

- Design pedigree: hull by Aage UtzonKlaus Baess
- Dimensions optimized for simple berthing: 28 ft LOA and an 8 ft beam (8.53 m / 2.46 m)
- Construction: fiberglass and plastic hull with a fiberglass deck
- Propulsion: single inboard Volvo Penta engine running on diesel
- Interior layout: accommodates 2; 1 head
- Tankage: fuel tank capacity of 25 gal
- Rig and purpose: classic sloop rig configured as a versatile sail yacht

Technical Specifications

- LOA: 28 ft (8.53 m)
- Beam: 8 ft (2.46 m)
- Engine: 1 x Volvo Penta, Inboard, Diesel
- Fuel capacity: 25 gal
- Sleeps: 2
- Heads: 1
- Hull material: fiberglass and plastic
- Deck material: Fiberglass
- Hull designer: Aage UtzonKlaus Baess
- Category: sail yacht; sloop

Pricing and Ordering

For up-to-date pricing, current listings, and to book inspections of the Great Dane 28, reach out to Andrey Shestakov and the team at Shestakov Yacht Sales. They will arrange viewings, assist with paperwork, and handle the brokerage steps required for purchasing this sail yacht from CUSTOM BUILT.

Questions and Answers

- What type of yacht is the Great Dane 28? The boat is a **sail yacht** configured with a **sloop rig** and constructed with a **fiberglass and plastic hull** .
- What are the key dimensions? The **LOA** measures 28 ft (8.53 m) and the **beam** is 8 ft (2.46 m), yielding compact proportions that are easy to handle.
- What is the engine setup? Propulsion comes from a single **engine** : a Volvo Penta **inboard** running on **diesel** .
- How many people can it accommodate? The layout **sleeps 2** and includes **1 head** , which suits a couple or a single-handed sailor.

• Who designed it and whom should I contact to buy? The **designer** is Aage UtzonKlaus Baess. For brokerage support, contact **Andrey Shestakov** at **Shestakov Yacht Sales** to discuss the Great Dane 28.

Owner Experience Review

Owners commonly portray the Great Dane 28 as a small yet seaworthy cruiser with genuine offshore credentials. Many regard it as a pocket bluewater vessel for longer passages, while others use it for single-handing, coastal family cruising, weekend getaways, and club racing. The long-keel, relatively heavy hull is notable for tracking steadily and feeling forgiving at sea; in moderate to fresh breezes it settles into a predictable groove, whereas in very light air its pace can be disappointing.

Sailing reports emphasize a comfortable motion through waves and respectable progress once the wind exceeds roughly 12 knots, with typical hull speeds in the 6–6.4 knot range. The consensus is that the design is sea-kindly and rewards measured, cruising-oriented sailing rather than chasing top speeds, aligning with owners who favor passage-making over podium finishes.

Below decks the arrangement is traditional: a forward V-berth, a compact galley and head, and a dinette frequently praised for its livability. Headroom is around 6 feet and classic teak joinery gives the interior a warm, traditional ambiance, though overall volume is modest compared with contemporary 28–30-foot designs; many boats are laid out with four to five berths and full-time liveaboard life feels compact. Maintenance histories vary among older CUSTOM BUILT examples: original engines were often Volvo Penta MD2/MD2B or Bukh units and repowers are common. Buyers should inspect for osmotic blistering on older GRP, balsa-cored deck soft spots from prior leaks, and chainplates concealed behind cabinetry that may need attention or replacement. Numerous refits have been documented—ranging from rudder

stock and cockpit wood to windows, electrical systems, and engines—with at least one listing noting roughly €80,000 invested; the extent of work varies by yacht.

Pros and Cons

- Sea-kindly long-keel hull that tracks well and feels forgiving whether offshore or on coastal passages.
- Proven as a compact bluewater-capable cruiser yet easy enough for single-handing, family outings, and weekend sailing.
- Practical interior with roughly 6 ft headroom, traditional teak joinery, and a well-regarded dinette.
- Underwhelming performance in very light winds; not a particularly fast boat for its length.
- Interior volume is limited compared with modern 28–30 ft designs, making extended liveaboard life more cramped.
- Age-related maintenance concerns: potential for osmotic blistering, balsa-cored deck soft spots from past leaks, and chainplates hidden behind joinery that may require inspection or replacement.

Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
Great Dane 28	28' 0" (8.53 m)	8' 0" (2.46 m)			
Classic Gaff Schooner	99' 0" (30.44 m)	21' 0" (6.40 m)	7' 3" (2.20 m) – 9' 2" (2.80 m)	8 kn / 10 kn	100
HOUSEBOAT ISLAND LIFESTYLE 2	40' 0" (12.19 m)	20' 0" (6.10 m)			
38 Alfa Houseboat	38' 0" (11.58 m)	12' 0" (3.66 m)		5 kn / 8 kn	

Chesapeake Bay Log Canoe	54' 0" (16.46 m)	6' 0" (1.83 m)			
NOVA LUXE ELIGHT 44	44' 0" (13.41 m)	21' 0" (6.40 m)	11' 3" (3.42 m)	7 kn / 14 kn	
Navisyo Homes 28 Navis V.08	28' 0" (8.53 m)	9' 0" (3 m)	5' 6" (1.67 m)	6 kn	
NOVA LUXE FARO 5 ELECTRIC BOAT	16' 0" (4.88 m)	6' 0" (1.96 m)	3' 3" (1 m)	10 kn / 22 kn	
Power Catamaran	102' 0" (31.09 m)	43' 0" (13.11 m)	25' 5" (7.75 m)	11 kn / 12.6 kn	
NOVA LUXE ELIGHT 50 GE SOLAR POWERED	48' 0" (14.78 m)	24' 0" (7.32 m)	10' 8" (3.25 m)	8 kn / 12 kn	

SPECIFICATIONS

LOA:

28' 0" (8.53 m)

Fuel Capacity:

25 Gallons

Sleeps:

2

Hull Material:

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Hull Designer:

Aage UtzonKlaus Baess

Engines:

1

Engine Type:

Inboard

Beam:

8' 0" (2.46 m)

Total Heads:

1

Deck Material:

Fiberglass

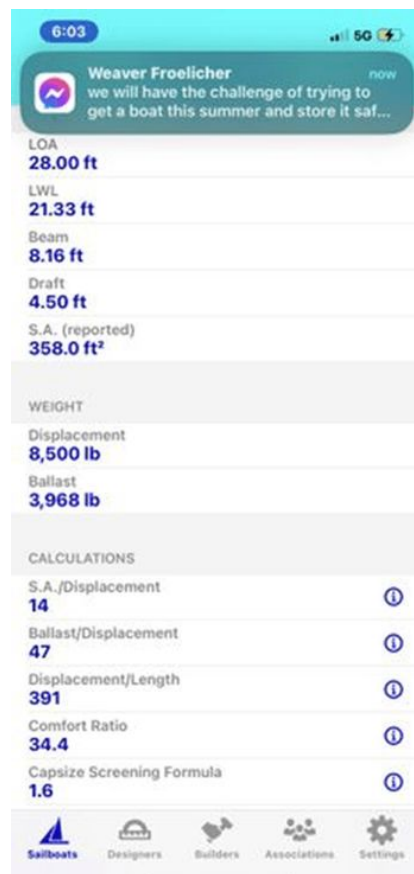
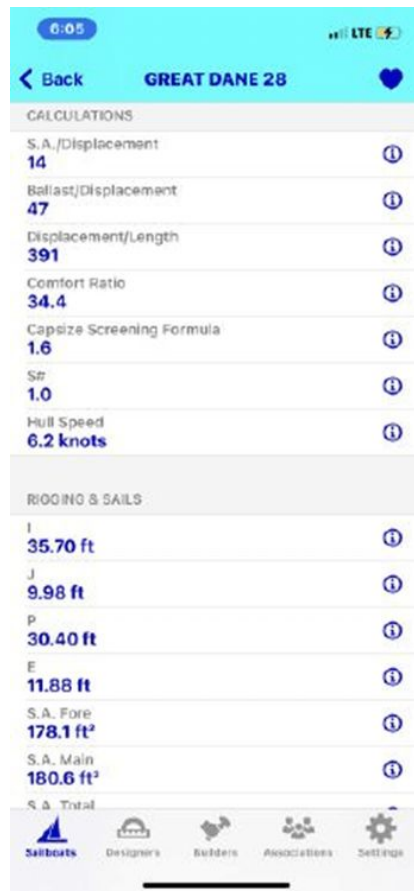
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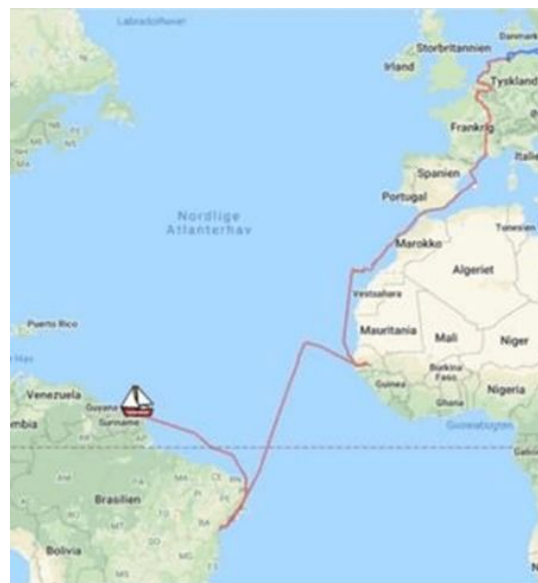
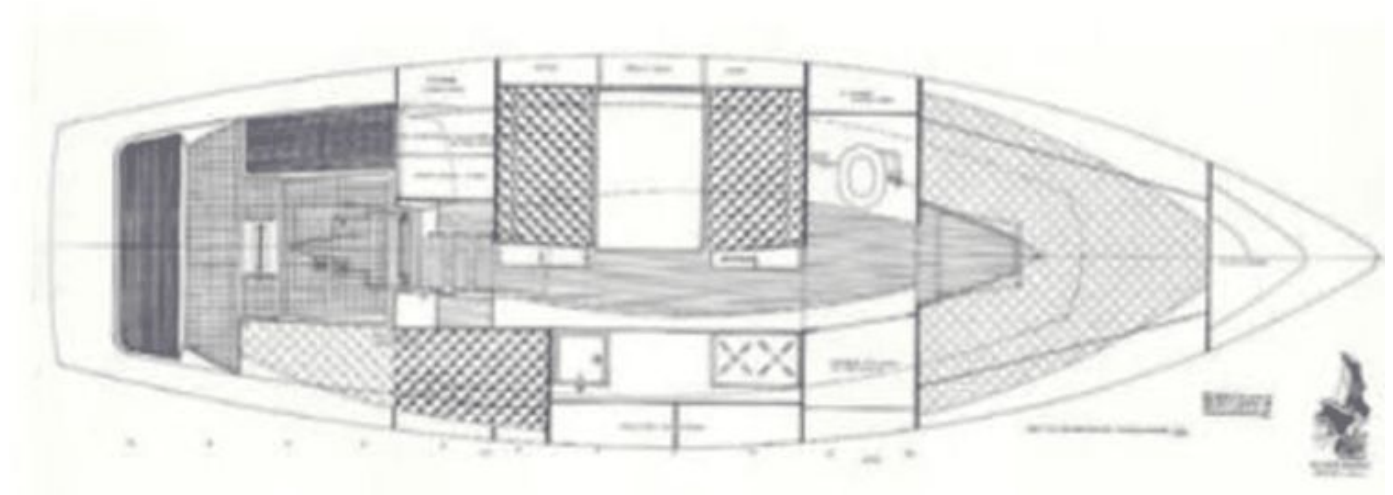
Volvo Penta

Fuel Type:

Diesel

GALLERY





ONE YEAR ON
CHIP-CHIP:
9220 nautical miles, 10
countries and countless
experiences in one 28 foot boat







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