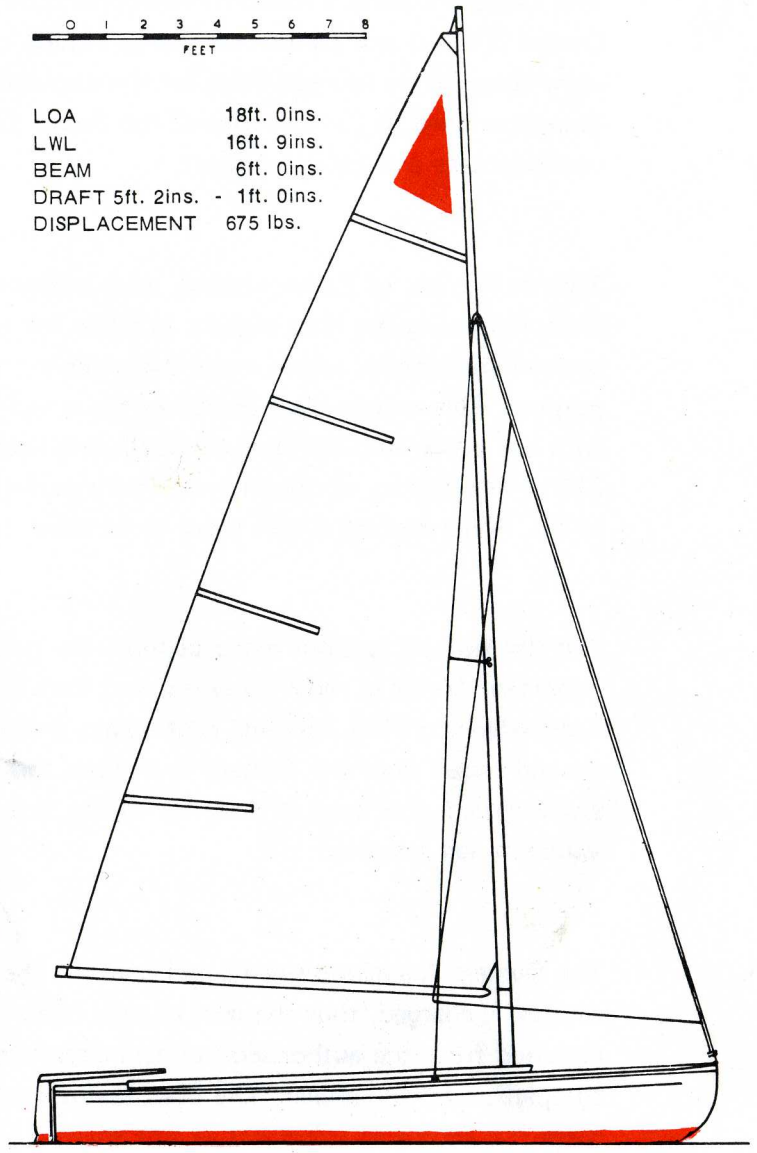


LOA 18ft. 0ins.  
 LWL 16ft. 9ins.  
 BEAM 6ft. 0ins.  
 DRAFT 5ft. 2ins. - 1ft. 0ins.  
 DISPLACEMENT 675 lbs.



# The Estuary Class

"TANGO" ESSEX YACHT CLUB -  
 RACING AT BURNHAM

The Estuary Class is a modern development of the well-known Thames Estuary One Design (TEOD) and Essex One Design (EOD) classes. These well established classes were designed by Morgan Giles for the exposed waters of the Thames Estuary. They have flourished in the estuaries of the South East and as far north as East Lothian, continuing to provide good sport.

Thames Marine, of Canvey Island, were responsible for the development of the new class, redrawing the lines slightly to allow for building in G.R.P., but retaining the basic characteristics which made the older boats so popular and suitable for their purpose. This unique class combines the speed and excitement of a racing dinghy with the power and stiffness of a ballasted keelboat. With a large sail area of 210 sq ft (19.4 sq m) they have a lively performance, with a Portsmouth yardstick of 95. Roller reefing allows them to be sailed in almost any weather.

The flat floored sections make possible the lying to moorings which dry out, an important factor in most estuaries, and they float in less than a foot of water. A two hundredweight (104 kg) steel centreplate provides stability, and with the large cockpit and raised floor the Estuary is an ideal family day sailer or camper which may be easily trailed. The crew is three for racing, but six or eight are easily carried for day sailing or sail training.

The Owners Association owns and controls the moulds, for the use of which a small royalty is charged, thus the cost of new boats is kept to a minimum. Hulls may be obtained from the authorised builders complete with deck moulding, or as a shell for completion by the owner. The basic layout, sailplan and spars are one-design, but there is a choice of spinnaker or luff spar with boomed-out foresail tack. Detailed layout and running gear is optional.