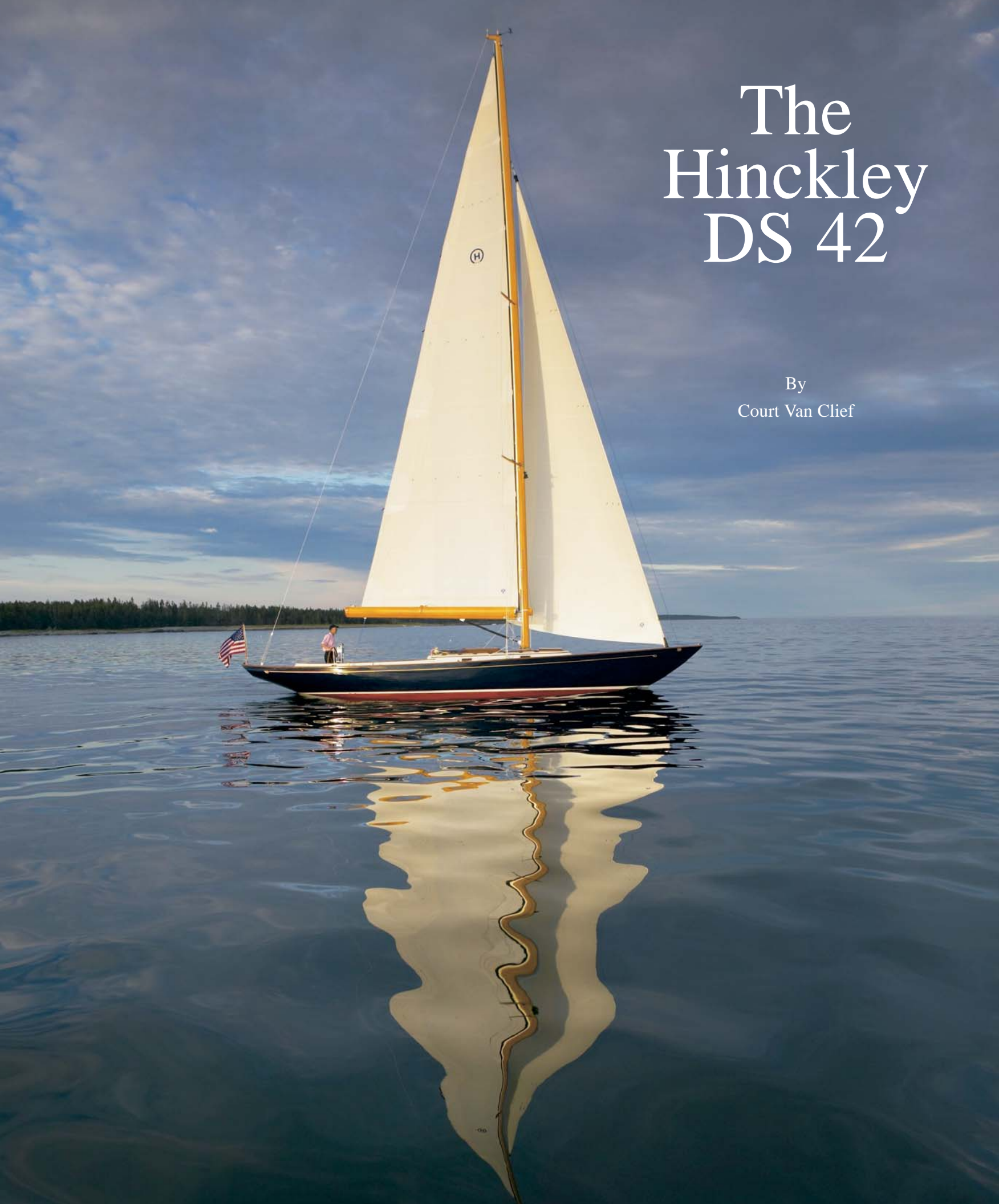


# The Hinckley DS 42

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**E**legance on the water. A thought crossing my mind while standing on the dock and allowing Hinckley Yacht's new DS 42 to fill my eye.

Pride of ownership, heads turning in admiration for your vessel, the pride and joy of sailing a responsive yacht in the classic style, uncompromised craftsmanship. All worthy considerations when selecting the boat that will take you out on the water. All goals gracefully accomplished by the Hinckley DS 42.

In an era that seems to find too many folks on the water manning top-heavy vessels designed to pamper them within overly luxurious cabins, Hinckley is fighting back, doing their part to insure that beauty and the outdoors remain important in boating. Designed to meet

the demands of a resurging market for elegant day sailing picnic vessels, the Hinckley DS 42 is making a statement with her classic lines.

As years roll by and a measure of vigor shows signs of waning, many a sailor has opted to jump to power boating. Heaving on halyards and sheets becomes a bit more like work than pleasure, interfering with the inherent attraction of relaxing on the water. Hinckley believes the introduction of the DS 42 answers the call, making sailing less strenuous, providing sailors the opportunity to remain under the canvas they cherish without the extra toil. A roller furling jib and main boom allow the DS 42 to set sail at the push of a couple buttons. She is substantially easier to get underway than the typical 20 foot sloop. Toss the lines on the dock, push the buttons, and within moments sails are

hoisted and you are catching the breeze. Adding to her sailor-friendly features, the DS 42 is equipped with power operated mainsheets. The entire process of trimming the sails is run by power at the push of a button. Three cockpit deck-mounted buttons allow for slow trim, fast trim, and fast dump, in case the need arises to dump air in a hurry.

Decked and trimmed in polished and varnished teak, the DS 42 cockpit is elegant and comfortable. Polished teak cockpit seating easily accommodates six adults. A varnished teak settee nestles perfectly, poised to accommodate picnics, cocktails or a chilled bottle of champagne. If the weather becomes inclement, ample seating awaits in a cozy, elegantly appointed cabin.

While underway, the master of

**The DS42 sails beautifully with just a whisper of wind.**





Down below continues to speak of the beautiful design and elegance of a Hinckley built yacht.

the vessel sits before a large wheel beautifully trimmed in teak. Just below the wheel, are the six sail trimming buttons, easily operated at the touch of the foot or hand. The joy stick, available to operate an auxiliary electric power unit, is conveniently mounted on the binnacle, within easy reach of the helm seat.

A full set of electronics has been selected for the DS 42, including the Raymarine C-120 integrated radar, color chart plotter and color depth sounder system. The electronics are situated forward on the cockpit bulkhead where passengers can join the skipper and enjoy watching the instruments. No detail of aesthetics or elegance has been ignored. All fittings, including winches, blocks, cleats - even the fuel fill cap, are brass.

Complementing classic looks, the carbon fiber mast and boom can be faux painted in natural wood grain, adding to the look of elegance and traditional sailing. Artists will even incorporate knots in the grain and rings at the end of the boom, replicating the sawn end of a tree. The artwork is skillful, rendering a very natural looking set of sticks.

Designed as a handy sailor, the DS 42 is built light. Dual-Guard A construction and carbon fiber mast and boom make it possible. Due to her light weight characteristics, the DS 42 can perform well when the breeze settles and the air becomes light. When the wind is popping, she makes good use of those conditions as well, capable of attaining speeds up to 18 knots.

Adapting to the points of the wind in centerboard style, the DS 42 sports a hydraulically operated retractable keel. This feature is also practical in getting through skinny water. Draft can be adjusted from seven feet up to four feet at the push of a button.

The DS 42's first call is that of a day sailor. But if a couple is drawn to an overnight, riding the hook in a favorite cove, she is more than capable of performing that duty. Below decks, appointed in true Hinckley style, is a full head (adding to the comfort of day sailing picnickers), a small galley with gimble mounted burner and forward v-berth. A settee lends to dining and relaxing in the aft section of the cabin.

Auxiliary power aboard the DS 42 is provided by a Solomons ST37 electric motor. When exploring *close in*, under power, the ride is completely silent. Even better, it is ecologically friendly, with no pollutants seeping into waterways. The propulsion battery bank is recharged by a diesel generator. Creatively innovated, the propulsion pack can also be recharged by a free-wheeling propeller that turns when the vessel is under sail. A Link 10 battery gauge, conveniently mounted on the binnacle within clear view of the skipper, measures the level of charge in the battery bank and indicates when it is charging or discharging.

When under sail or riding the hook, there are no generator noises or fumes because a large house battery bank takes care of lighting, refrigeration, etc. The house bank is also recharged by the diesel generator when necessary.

Answering a growing call for elegant, easy-sailing day sailors, but capable of overnighting and beyond, Hinckley is more than there with the introduction of the DS 42.

Many of us Parrotheads enjoy relaxing at the end of a satisfying day on the water with the libation of choice and the seagoing sound of Jimmy Buffet. Those laying in the slip alongside Hinckley DS 42, Hull # 2 may be fortunate enough to experience those philosophical lyrics performed live. Hull # 2 is sailing under the watchful eye of one Capt. Jimmy Buffet.

Contact Peter Howard of Hinckley Yachts Sales in Annapolis, Maryland to discuss delivery of your Hinckley DS 42. (410) 263-0095 or 1-866-HINCKLEY. See the DS 42 and other fine Hinckley Yachts on the web: [www.thehinckleycompany.com](http://www.thehinckleycompany.com).