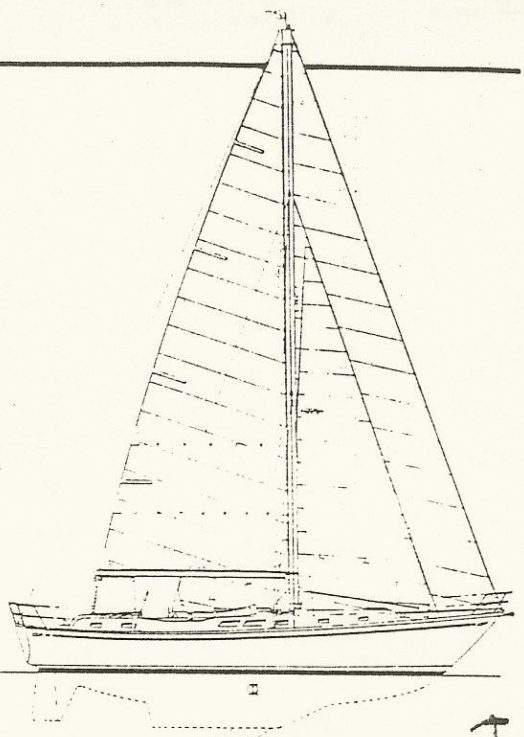
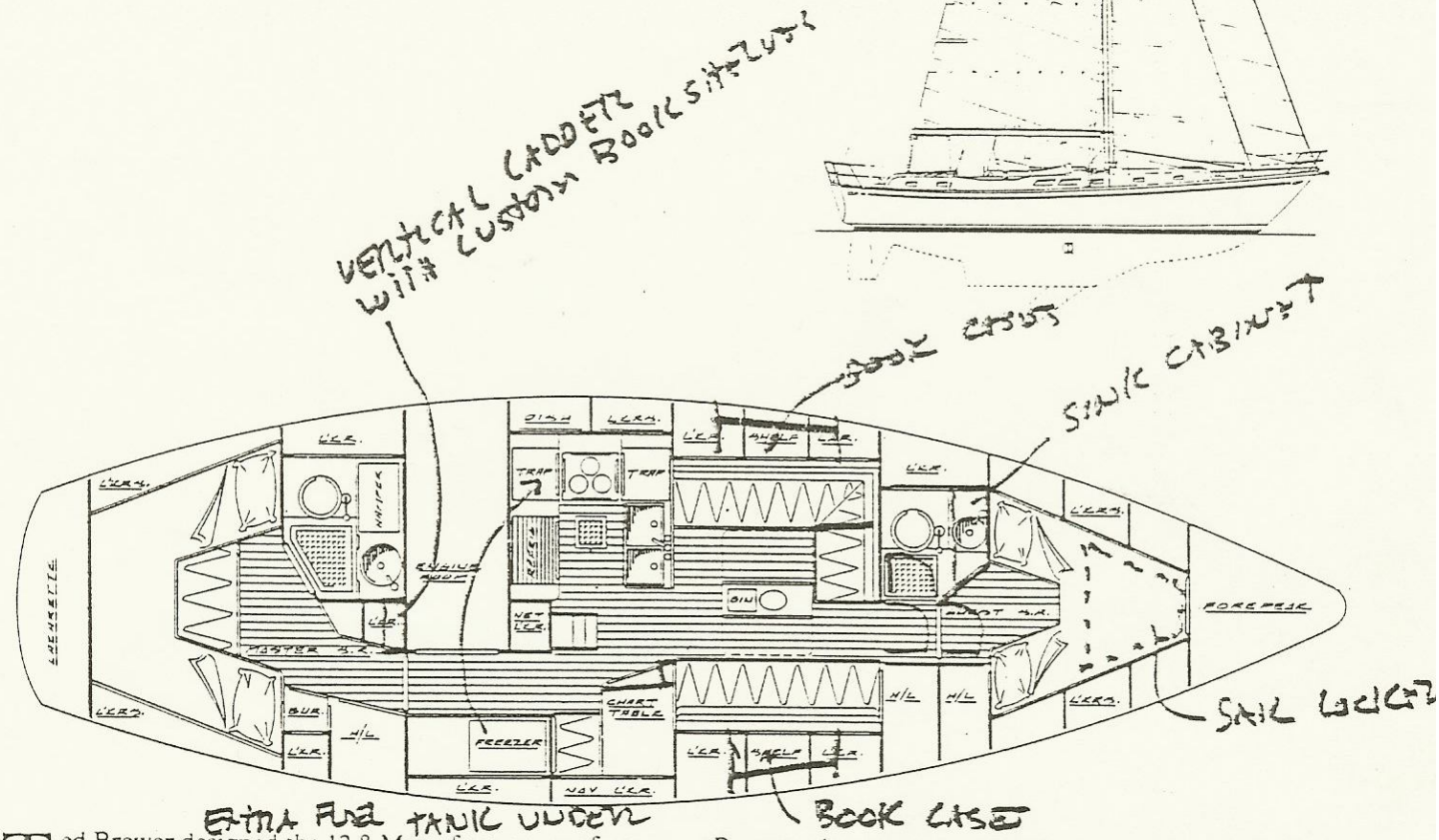
Brewer 12.8-Meter Cruising Cutter

l.o.a. 42'0" / l.w.l. 33'9" / beam 13'6" / draft 4'6"-9'0" / displ. 23,850 lb./ ballast 9,000 lb./ 867 sq. ft. of sail in cutter





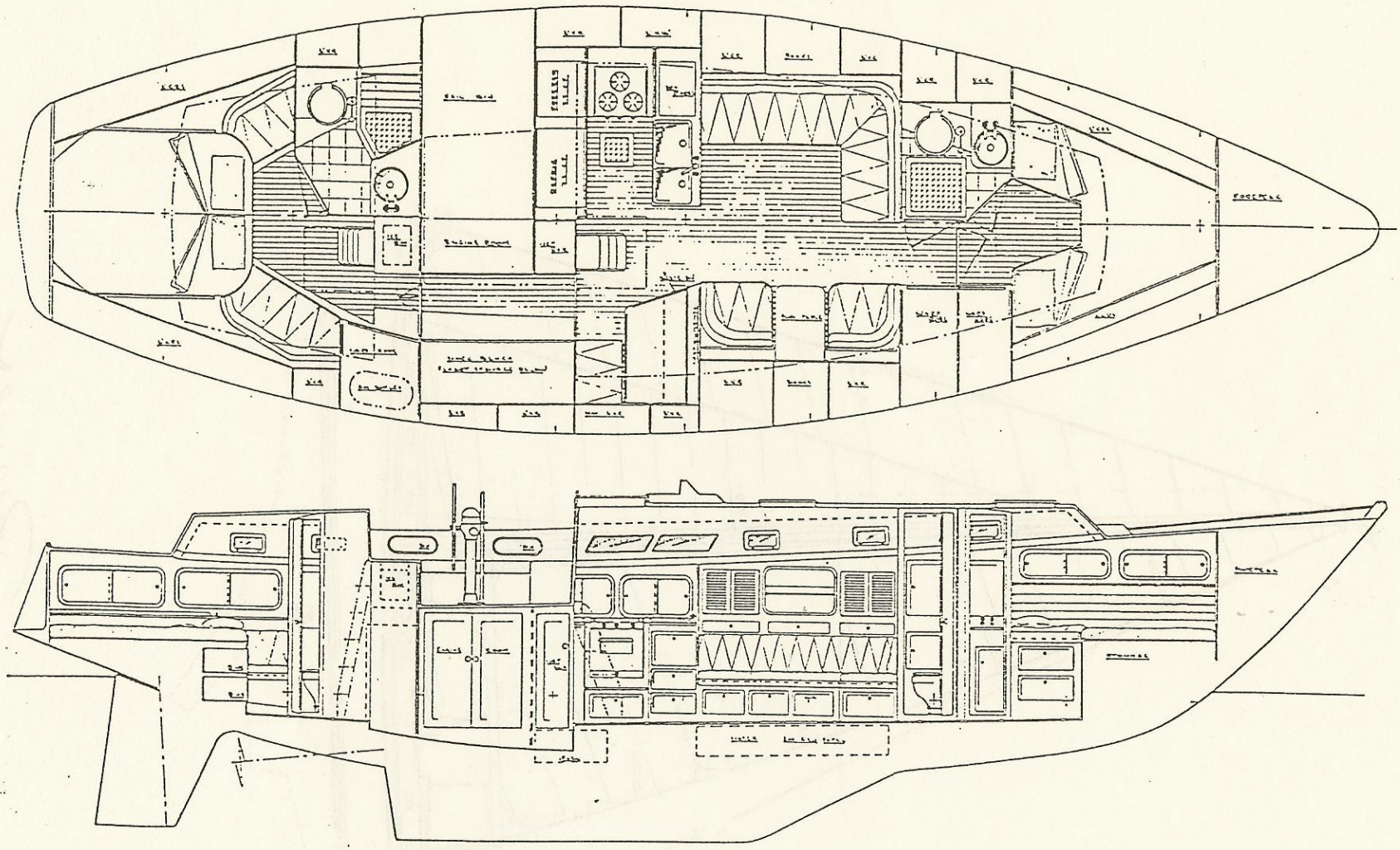
Ted Brewer designed the 12.8-Meter for a group of experienced racing and cruising yachtsmen led by Harold Oldak from the Manhasset Bay area of Long Island, N.Y.—that is, he *redesigned* the Whitby 42 Edward S. Brewer & Associates had designed for Whitby Boat Works in 1972, since the group's premise was to start with a design of proven qualities. At this writing, seven of the 12.8s have been ordered and four are under construction at Fort Myers Yacht and Shipbuilding Inc. in Florida.

Those familiar with the Whitby 42 design will recognize the above-water profile. Below the waterline, Ted has gone to a state-of-the-art keel/centerboarder with a separate skeg-hung rudder instead of the long keel and attached rudder of the old design, and the new boat's draft is reduced by six inches with the board up. With 500-lb. additional ballast, board-down draft of nine feet, and the ability to carry more sail in a double-spreader cutter rig, the 12.8 is expected to show exceptionally good upwind performance. She'll also be available as a cutter-ketch or a ketch.

Because the new centerboard does not intrude in the cabin, the comfortable and functional layout found in the Whitby 42 is basically unchanged. The primary difference is a settee berth opposite the L-shaped settee and a fixed, drop-leaf table on the centerline. In addition, refrigerator-freezer capacity has been increased to 15 cu. ft.

The 12.8 is fiberglass with a balsa core in the hull and deck. Bulkheads are teak and she has a teak and holly sole. Spars are aluminum and a Hood Sea Furl headstay is standard. Electric winches are optional. Underwater, all fittings are flush to the hull. Topside, four or more adults can move about in the spacious cockpit, and the helmsman can walk around the wheel. The engine is a 61-hp. diesel that turns a three-bladed 18"x12" propeller through 2.5:1 reduction. It will cruise her for 700 miles at seven knots on 125 gallons of fuel and give a top speed of 8.2 knots. The water capacity is 200 gallons in two aluminum tanks.

For more information, contact Fort Myers Yacht and Shipbuilding Inc., 2909 Frierson St., Ft. Myers, Fla. 33901.



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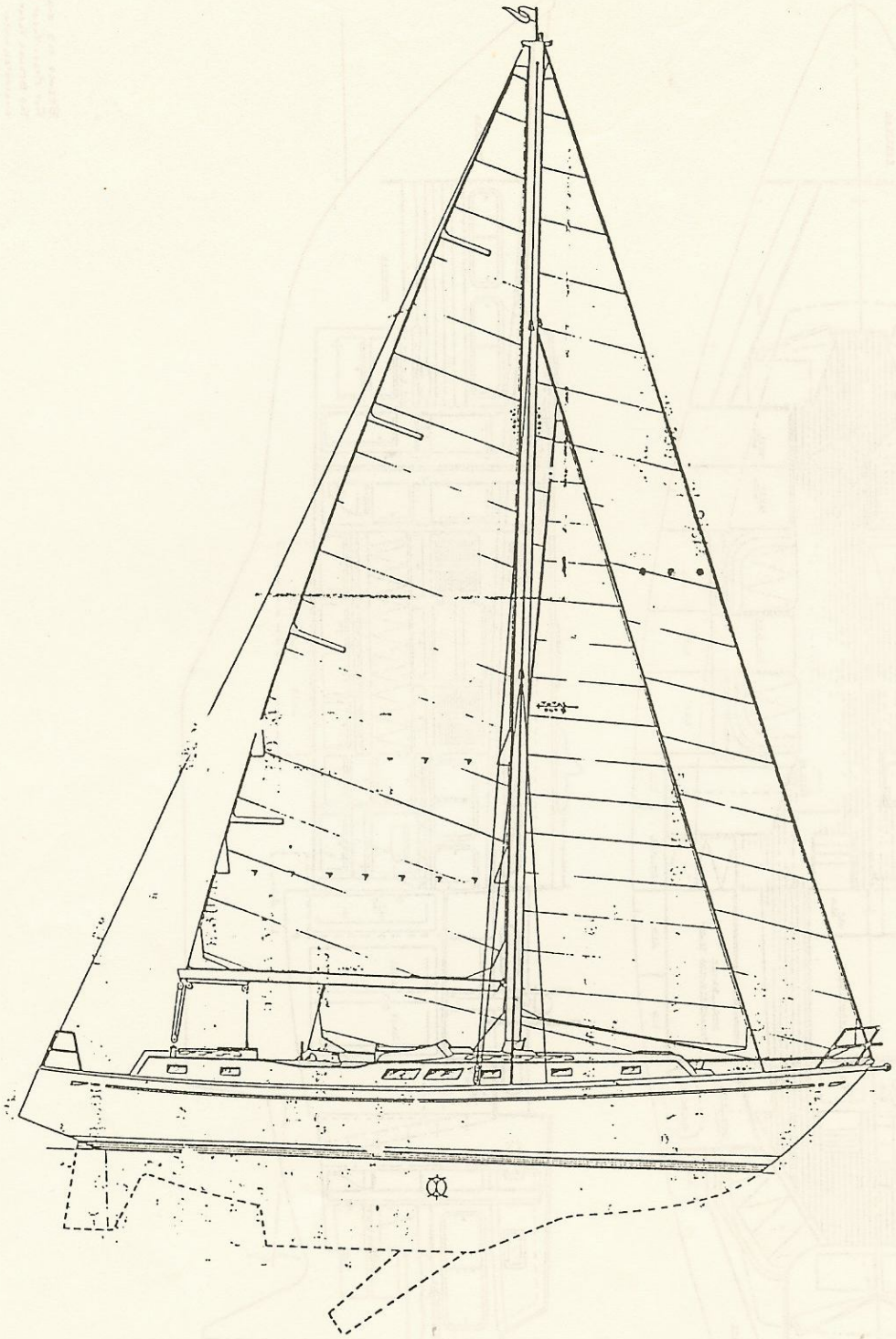

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