

DESIGNER'S COMMENTS

SWAN 431

The SWAN 431 represents an interesting new departure in the field of standardized construction. The purpose is to capitalize on up-to-date and well proportioned hull design and to minimize and concentrate the weights in a fashion that is not usual in a standardized boat.

A look at the accommodation and deck plans will show that the interior is designed primarily for racing, with the main cabin and stateroom utilizing Root type canvas berths, while the excellent galley and chart space are located almost amidships. The forepeak is equipped only with sail stowage bins and can be filled when not racing, although under racing conditions, the heavier sails can be moved aft.

A flush deck is provided with companionway hatches forward and aft and a divided cockpit with a coffee grinder pedestal on the bridge. Halyards and downhauls are led to a series of winches across the forward face of the cockpit. Three tracks for headsail leads are provided on either side.

As designers, we believe that we have combined the characteristics that should make for a fast all around boat. The I dimension of 59 feet represents a large rig which is balanced in terms of rating by the generous beam. The other hull characteristics such as the shape of the ends, the shape of the keel, and the position of the rudder represent our latest thinking.