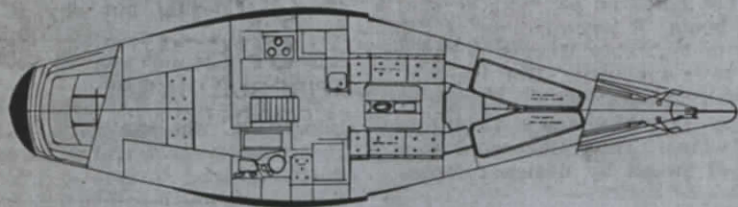
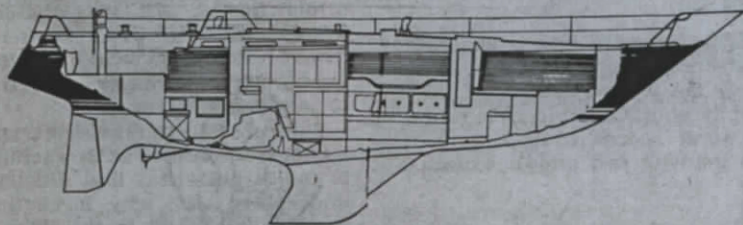
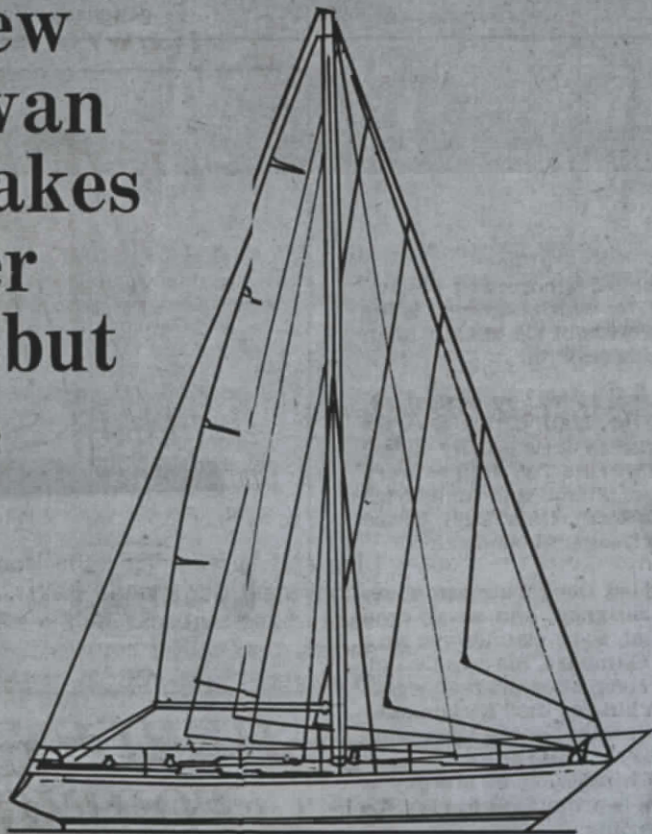


New Swan makes her debut

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THE FIRST Swan 41 goes afloat in the next couple of weeks and being a scaled down version of the amazingly successful 44 she should provide a lot of excitement in the offshore racing world.

For the first time Olin Stephens will go to Nautors with his brother Rod to sail test the boat. She is of approximately minimum Admiral's Cup size with a waterline length of 30ft 3 in, a beam of 11ft 11½ in, a draft of 6ft. 6in, sail area 792 sq ft and an 'I' of 51ft. An optional rig with a 54ft 'I' is available.

The coachroof follows the Swan fashion with a combination of blister deck and coachroof and in this boat it has reached its most attractive. The freeboard is on the high side however to get the required headroom below.

Underwater she is noticeably U'd forward of the keel giving a very shallow profile and along leading edge to the keel. Her lines aft of the keel are considerably more V'd and deeper. Gone are the days when the 'front end' was sharp and the aft end flat. On plan view however, the Swan is like a dagger forward.

Her deck layout does not feature the usual Stephens midship mounted primary winches. Four sheet winches are in the cockpit and four halyard winches around the mast.

Below the layout is identical to the 44 with an owners cabin aft, the galley and toilet compartment amidships and the saloon around the mast. This is obviously a good cruising layout, but with her fine bow she may sail a little bow down with the off-watch crew sleeping in the saloon.

The next Swan on the way is a One-Tonner.