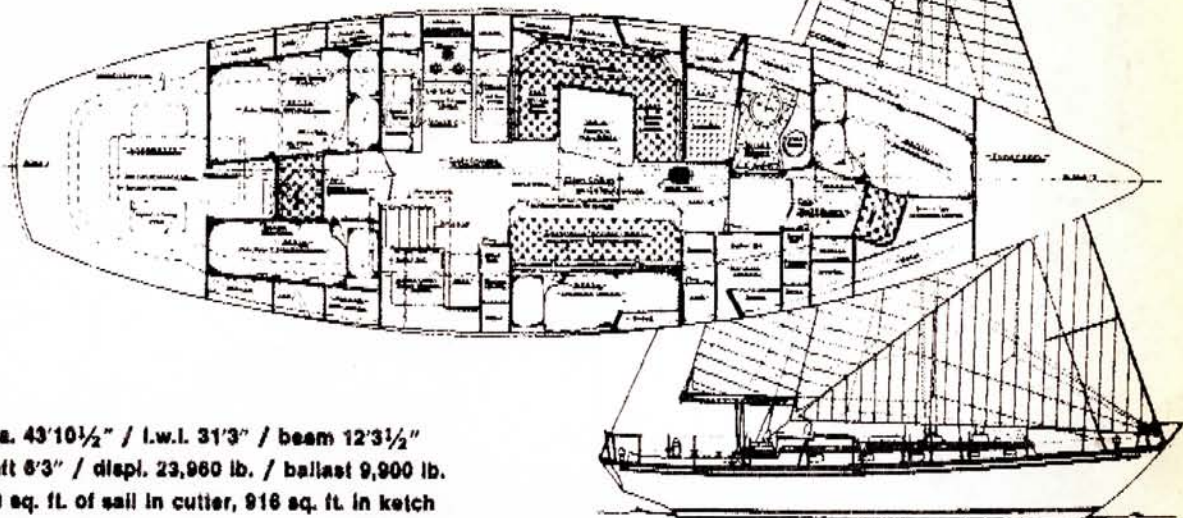
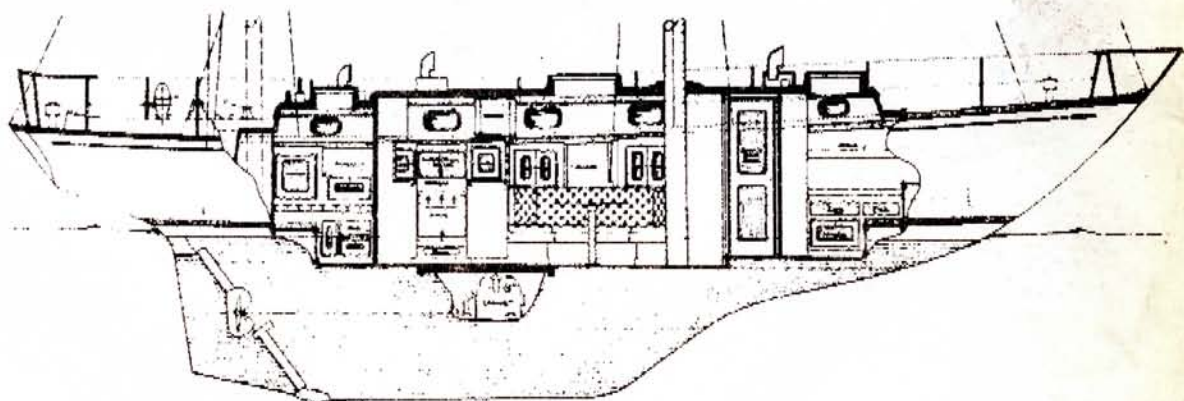


Designs

THE MASON 43 AUXILIARY CUTTER OR KETCH



l.o.a. 43'10 1/2" / l.w.l. 31'3" / beam 12'3 1/2"
draft 6'3" / displ. 23,960 lb. / ballast 9,900 lb.
888 sq. ft. of sail in cutter, 916 sq. ft. in ketch



AL MASON, commissioned by Dan Streech Yacht Sales at Dana Point Marina in California, based this fiberglass cruising auxiliary on his popular wooden-hulled Mason 40, but was able to include more of the amenities in the larger design, which the company is having built to high standards in Taiwan. Fore and aft cabins offer maximum privacy for two couples, but two berths in the saloon and an extra single in the after cabin still provide for relative privacy where six adults or two couples and children are involved.

In the layout, waste space has been kept to a minimum, but there is no sense of crowding because of the ample beam and relatively high freeboard combined with the low cabin trunk and good attention to light and ventilation. Forward, the two-door head includes a stall shower with a seat plus a linen locker and a hamper. Aft, a complete navigator's station is out of the traffic, yet close to the cockpit. The galley to port has a gimballed three-burner range with oven and optional Gruncert refrigeration. Fresh water ca-

capacity is 206 gallons in five tanks. The auxiliary is a Westerbeke 40 diesel installed beneath a well-insulated sole. It is calculated to provide almost motorsailer performance and has power to spare for getting out of messy situations.

A notable feature is that the mainmast location remains the same for the cutter or ketch because of relative difference in the sail area and mast height. The ketch has a moderately tall rig of high aspect ratio with a single spreader on each mast; the cutter has a slightly taller and higher-aspect rig with double spreaders to provide better mast support. However, for those who don't like running backstays and prefer a sloop rig, the forestay and staysail could be eliminated for improved handling under genoa sailing conditions. Also of note is that the side decks are wide, but there's still room to carry an eight-foot rigid dinghy on the cabin top.

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