

CHUCK PAINE'S BERMUDA SERIES

## FAST CRUISING YACHTS **WHIMBREL**

(ONE OF THREE AUSTRALIAN BUILT 62 FOOTERS)

LOA:	61' 6"
LWL:	55' 9"
BEAM:	15' 5"
DRAFT:	6' 10"
DISP, 1/2 load:	54,000 lbs
SAIL AREA:	1,416 sq ft
BALLAST:	17,000 lbs
SA/DISP RATIO:	15.93
DISP/L RATIO:	139

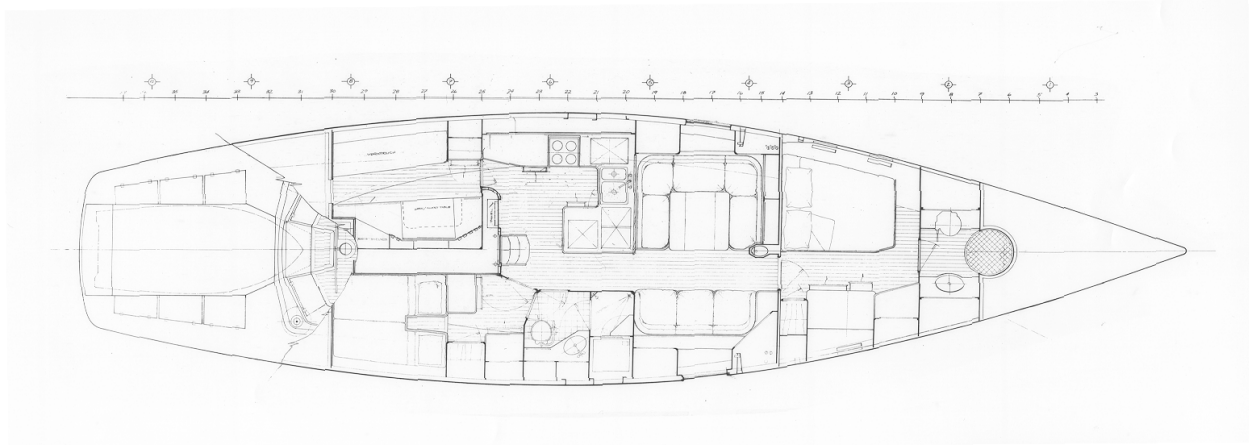


*WHIMBREL after her fast maiden sail from Australia to England.*



*European cabinetry styling built with skilled Australian labor.*

Three near sisterships were built in Brisbane, Australia to our "Aussie 62" design. Each was highly customized for its owner, although the hull shapes were identical. Two were similar in appearance to *WHIMBREL*. The third was extremely interesting, having a short midship deck shelter and a large dinghy well aft in which the hard dinghy resided on offshore passages.



*The most interesting sistership had a large dinghy well aft for a 14-foot outboard boat. It was winched out of the water on rollers similar to those on a boat trailer.*



*The sumptuous guest cabin.*



*The entirely self-contained pilothouse .*



*Nice shelters aft of the pilothouse.*



*A large enough dinette to accommodate the whole crew.*





*The "scoop deck" swimming/ boarding platform.*



*Looking aft through the pilothouse.*

It's interesting to me how one length—62 feet—attracted so many Bermuda Series customers. During the 1990's we were the designers of ten custom yachts of very similar design at this length. Though there were dignificant differences in the deck and interior designs these yachts had essentially the same hull. This hull must have hit a "sweet spot" in terms of performance, interior volume and perceived value. These yachts were capable of reliable 200 mile days at sea, yet were not so large as to require paid help to maintain and push away from the dock. Their sailplans were small relative to the length of their hulls, so they weren't visually intimidating. And their interiors, as illustrated here, were sufficiently similar to a terrestrial home to enable the wives to go along with the program.



*The aft cabin had plenty of stowage.*



*A comfortable sofa in the main cabin.*



*A nice home for a voyage around the world.*

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