**PURITAN**

LOA 38', LWL 31', Beam 12', Draft 5', Displacement 24,500 pounds  
Designer: Hood  
Built 1980 by Little Harbor

*Puritan* was designed by Ted.Hood and Dieter Empacher after extensive studies and consultations with the owner. She was built in Taiwan and finished in Marblehead. She has participated in 5 Newport-Bermuda Races, winning the Lighthouse Trophy for all IMS yachts in 1986. The photo above shows her at the start of the 1984 Bermuda Race.

Rod rigging and double spreaders allow for a narrow sheeting base, and a high-aspect centerboard extends the draft to 9.6’ to produce a close-winded sloop. With a wide beam, heavy displacement, and 8500 pounds of ballast she exceeds the IMS stability index of 115 degrees. A heavy inner forestay with running backstays is used for a hanked on staysail and storm jib. A separate storm trysail track and provision for 3 reefs provides good area and balance for all conditions. The mainsail is equipped with a Dutchman furling system for ease of handling. Over sized cockpit winches improve racing and cruising ease.

Below decks the boat is spacious and beautiful. There are 2 forward berths with 2 sets of drawers and 2 hanging lockers. The head provides more storage, a shower, and a holding tank. The galley is on the port side aft with a large refrigerator-freezer (engine driven), a 3 burner Force 10 stove with oven, good stowage for pans and dishes, etc. On the starboard side aft are a quarter berth and a large chart table with a custom circuit breaker panel and storage for single sideband and other equipment. The main cabin has a handsome dining table, 2 settee berths, a sea berth, and a book shelf.

The V-drive Perkins 4-108 is under the cockpit. Tanks for 50 gallons of fuel and 230 gallons of water ensure a long cruising range.
*Puritan* has been in the same hands for 23 years proving her adaptability to the changing needs of the owners. The photos above show her racing in Southern New England and the photo below shows her in the cruising mode in Florida.
Wide side decks are assets whether racing or cruising. The boat is very handsome and functional with bungless glued teak decks, and all varnished joiner work on deck is eye catching.
The afterbody shows the cut-away keel, a refinement of the traditional keel-centerboard configuration, and the deep rudder which is all the way aft to enhance steering.

View of the main cabin shows the generous locker space and several Bermuda Race plaques on the bulkhead.
The galley is spacious and secure. The cook gets a close view of the inclinometer!

View of the nav station including electronics and custom Bass circuit-breaker panel.
A Diesel cabin heater is mounted on the main bulkhead. *PURITAN* is named after the America’s Cup defender, which is shown in the framed photograph.