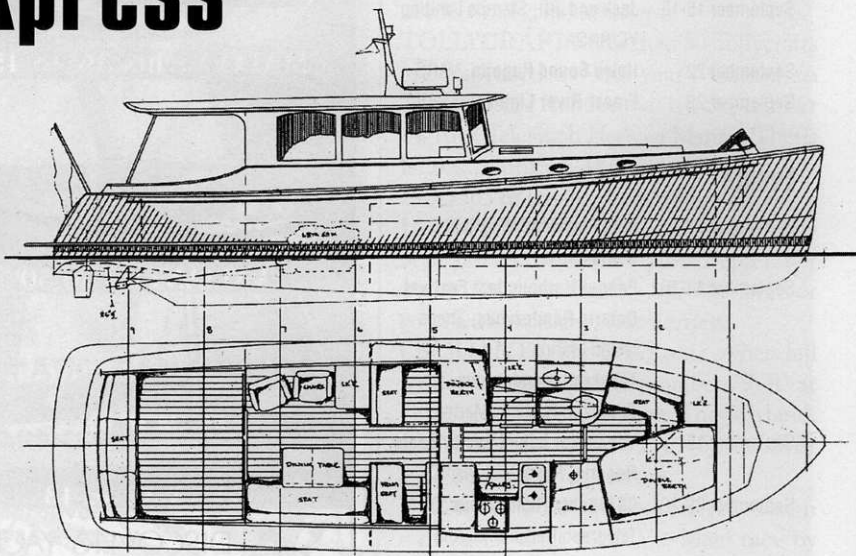


NEW BOATS

By Gerry Kidd

Memory 44 Express Motoryacht by TR Design



THIS BIT of yachting nostalgia, strongly reminiscent of east coast lobster boats of the 1920s, was custom designed for Memory Yachts of Wilmington, North Carolina by TR Design of Gabriola Island, B.C.

TR Design opened its Gulf Island office in early June, with former B.C. resident Tad Roberts as the chief naval architect.

After 14 years with Bruce King Yacht Design in Newcastle, Maine, Roberts returned to B.C. to open his own design studio. With Bruce King, he worked on the creation of many large custom sail and fast power yachts, including the 100' ketch *Signe*, the 90' sloop *Sophie*, the 134' ketch *Alejandra*, the 124' ketch *Hetgaios* and fast powerboats from 34' to over 100'.

The new Memory 44 is the fourth Tad Roberts design for Memory Yachts. According to Roberts, all have had strong historical ties, economical performance, and of course, beauty.

The 44 has less beam than most contemporary yachts, although its 12' would have been considered a little fat for a 44-footer in the 1920s. Moderate beam makes for less weight, and it means the entry can be kept fine, so the boat is easily

LOA	43' 5"
LWL	42' 6"
Beam	12'
Draft	2' 10"
Displ	25,000 lbs
Fuel	291 Imp. gals (1325 L)
Water	125 Imp. gals (568 L)
Power:	2 Cummins 6BTA 5.9 diesels, 260hp @ 2,600RPM
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driven. Roberts reminds us that narrower hulls don't have the trimming problems so familiar in our modern short, wide hulls, so the Memory 44 will maintain her elegant appearance at any speed.

The bottom is a modified-V with dead-rise flattening out from 23° amidships to 12° at the transom. Shallow propeller pockets reduce draft, and a moulded keel protects the running gear.

The boat is designed to be most efficient at semi-displacement speeds, with standard power of twin 260hp Cummins 6BTA 5.9M engines. Cruising speed is expected to be around 17kts with top end of 21. Memory

Yachts intends to series-build this hull in fibreglass with interior layout and bulkhead placement to suit owner's needs. The standard layout provides good accommodations for two, with room for two occasional guests.

The deckhouse has large opening windows on all four sides and double doors opening onto the covered aft cockpit. The windows incorporate roof overhangs. A transom gate lowers to form a platform almost level with the waterline.

The deckhouse offers lots of space for dining and lounging. A guest cabin with double berth and lockers is opposite. Next forward are the separate head and shower, port and starboard respectively, and the master stateroom is in the bow. This cabin has the full beam of the boat, and has seating, lockers, a double berth and access to a private forward cockpit.

For Canadian prices and other information, contact Dan Morris at Memory Yachts in Wilmington, North Carolina, 910-251-1684, or Tad Roberts on Gabriola Island, 250-247-9315. Roberts E-mail is tadroberts@home.com. Further details on this and many other designs are on his website at www.tadroberts.com.