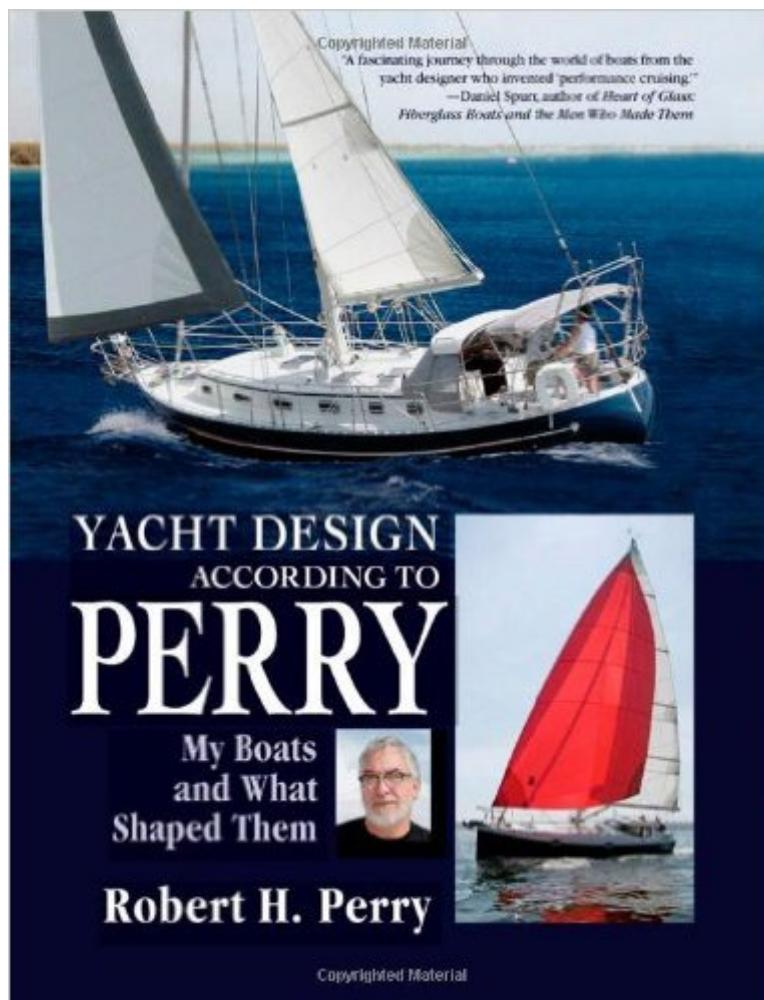


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# Yacht Design According To Perry: My Boats And What Shaped Them



## Synopsis

A great designer offers you a virtuoso tour through the world of sailboats Bob Perry initiated the trend toward fast voyaging sailboats with his world-famous Valiant 40, which has been in production longer than any other cruising sailboat in history. But Perry is not only a leading yacht designer--he is also an accomplished wordsmith whose blunt, insightful, irreverent, and always entertaining boat reviews have captivated readers of Sailing magazine for 24 years. This book is vintage Perry, a no-holds-barred tour of the world of yacht design through the benchmark boats of his 30-year career.

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While Bob's book is filled with really great anecdotes describing the coming of age of the performance cruiser, the technical presentation is the best I've seen for the intended audience (people like me). I have a modest collection of yacht/boat design books and Bob's is hands down the book I turn to when I need a REAL answer to a design question. Sure, there are the academic approaches to yacht design that require a 4 year degree and decades of experience to understand. Then there are the common sense approaches that Bob has given that ultimately arrive at the same conclusion, often with better results. Bob's been around and you cannot beat experience. He's seen the transition from the old ways of lofting lines full scale on the floor to designing in 3D and sending the data to a CNC milling machine. Unlike a lot of folks who are stuck in the 'old' ways, Bob has kept pace with the times and his designs and methods are state of the art. As an owner of a Perry Designed Sailboat (Baba 30 mentioned in his book in the double-enders chapter), it was great to

read about the history of the type. Any Perry boat owner should read this book. It will answer a lot of questions. For those of you who know how prolific Bob has been, stay tuned for his second book which he has threatened to publish. As a friend and colleague of Bob's I may be a bit biased, but as yacht designers go, Bob stands out as an exception in the boating community. His willingness to share his insight into all things boat related (mostly sail, but powerboats too) has done more to advance boating than I think he realizes. Don't get me wrong, he's not humble. But that hasn't stopped him from sharing his enthusiasm for boats and he's always willing to listen to others' ideas.

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