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With more than 60,000 copies sold, *Boatbuilding Manual* is one of the most widely read texts on the subject, and it has been used for years as a standard reference at both boatbuilding and design schools.

A builder and designer for more than 55 years, Robert Steward has rare abilities as a writer and draftsman. His phrasing is clear and easy, and he writes the absolute minimum necessary for a complete understanding of the subject. His drawings are detailed yet uncluttered; they reward each increment of study with further revelations.

This fourth edition, like its predecessors, emphasizes traditional wooden construction but also surveys plywood, wood-epoxy, fiberglass, steel, aluminum, and other boatbuilding methods. The chapters on interpreting plans, lofting, and moldmaking are common to all methods. New to this edition are several chapters arising from the "Miscellaneous Details" chapter of earlier editions; an appendix on sharpening tools; expanded tables of metric equivalents; an expanded and annotated source guide for plans, fasteners, hardware, wood, and other staples of boatbuilding; and a list of additional reading.

Throughout the book, the author recommends products, materials, and services that he has either used or regards highly. This cataloging saves the amateur (and the professional, for that matter) from the considerable time and expense of ferreting out such sources on his own. Thoroughly updated with respect to modern tools and materials, *Boatbuilding Manual* remains both a professional reference and the first book a budding amateur should buy.

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About the Author

The late **Robert M. Steward** spent more than 55 years in the boatbuilding business, working for various design offices (among them the highly regarded Philip L. Rhodes firm) and for numerous builders on both coasts. For 24 years he was a designer and engineer at Huckins Yacht Corporation in Jacksonville, FL, and served for a year as its president before his retirement in 1981. He remained active as a designer and marine consultant until his death in 1996.

Carl Cramer has been the publisher of *WoodenBoat* magazine for more than 20 years, during which time WoodenBoat Publications launched *Professional Boatbuilder* magazine (1989) and IBEX, the boatbuilders' trade show (1991), both of which Carl oversees. Prior to his career at WoodenBoat, Carl graduated from the Yacht Design Institute and apprenticed as a boat designer and builder in the early 1970s.

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