

# First 235

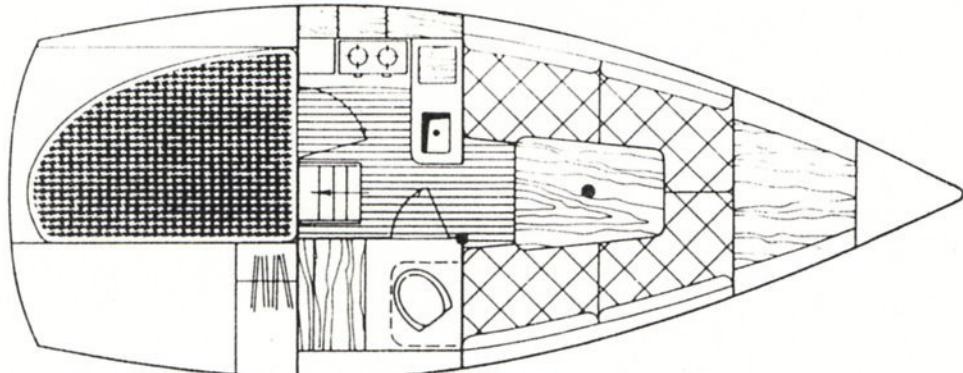
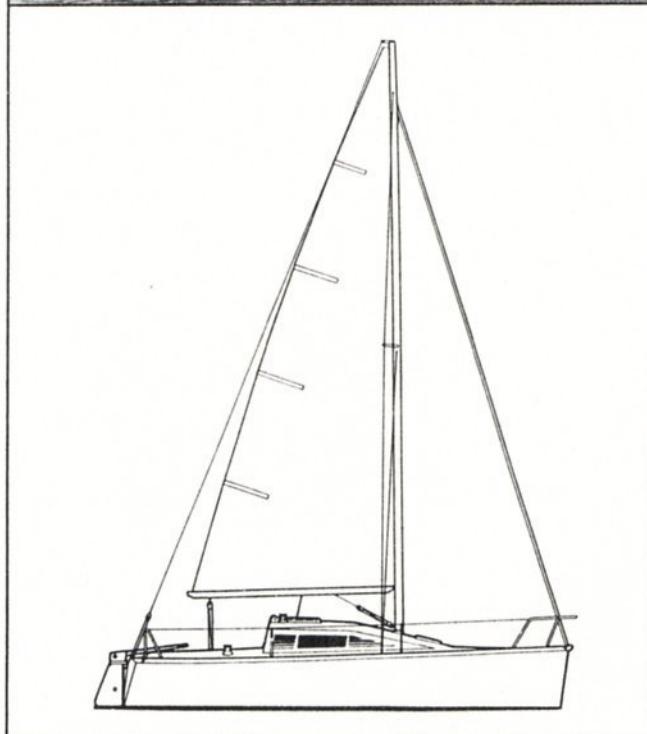
23'

**T**he First 235, designed by Groupe Finot, shows great excitement on all points of sailing.

All halyards and sheets are brought aft to the cockpit. The First 235 is fitted with a good light alloy toerail, a tough stemhead fitting, a chain locker, and fairleads with rollers; all fittings are worthy of a great First.

The cockpit is vast and well thought-out. Beneteau has put to use for the First 235 all the experience gained with the bigger boats. The hull structure combines an inner molding, ribs, and bulkheads. Transverse ribs, floors, and longitudinal ribs—all laminated—distribute the stresses of wind and sea.

From aft to forward, down below, you find: one double



berth (enclosed), lighting from a transom window; to starboard a big locker and a toilet compartment, which converts into a chart table; to port, the L-shaped galley with two-burner stove on gimbals, and sink with fresh water. Amidships is the horseshoe-shaped saloon, convertible into a comfortable double berth by lowering the table.

The opening hatch and two side windows plus two transparent deck hatches make the saloon light and airy.

Overall, the First 235 is a boat that pleases many. The daysailor and overnighter find all the comforts of home along with lively sailing. The performance sailor discovers a small yacht that is highly competitive on all points of sail.

**L.O.A. .... 23' 4"**  
**L.W.L. .... 20' 3"**  
**Beam. .... 8' 2"**  
**Draft: Deep Keel ..... 3' 8"**  
**Swing Keel ..... 2' 9"**

**Sail Area:**  
**100% Foretriangle 119 sq. ft.**  
**Main ..... 146 sq. ft.**

**Rig Dimensions**  
**Foretriangle:**

**I (Height) ..... 28' 7"**  
**J (Base) ..... 7' 10"**

**Main:**  
**P (Luff) ..... 26' 7"**  
**E (Foot) ..... 10' 4"**

**No. of Berths ..... 4**

**Water Capacity ..... 13 gal.**

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