

First 285

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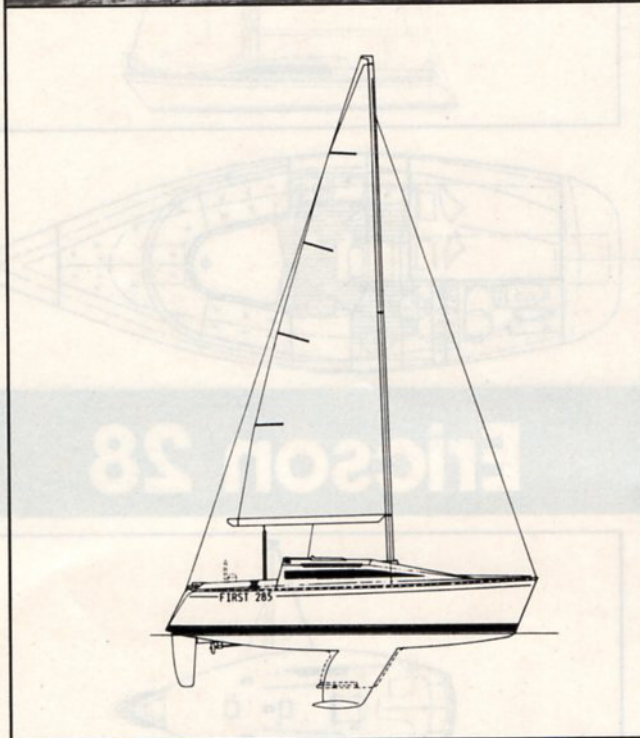
First and foremost, the First 285 is a First: a swift and sensitive sailing yacht that is a delight to steer and a rewarding performer upwind and down. Her performance pedigree is bred from a long waterline, reduced wetted area, and $\frac{9}{10}$ fractional rig. Her semibalanced rudder allows the helmsman to "feel" the boat along and makes steering always a pleasure.

The bulb keel (5.25') lowers the center of gravity and makes best use of what designers call "endplate effect." Alternatively, the wing keel, like those of the big racing yachts, gives improved stability for less draft (3.94').

First 285 is an easy boat to handle. The cockpit is vast, with plenty of room for the helmsman and three crew. The deck is clear; the halyards, lines, and sheets all lead aft to the cockpit.

Going below it's hard to remember the boat is only a little over 28 feet long. The owner's aft cabin is spacious and comfortable, with its dividing door, settee, hanging locker, and stowage space.

To starboard, forward of another hanging locker, the head



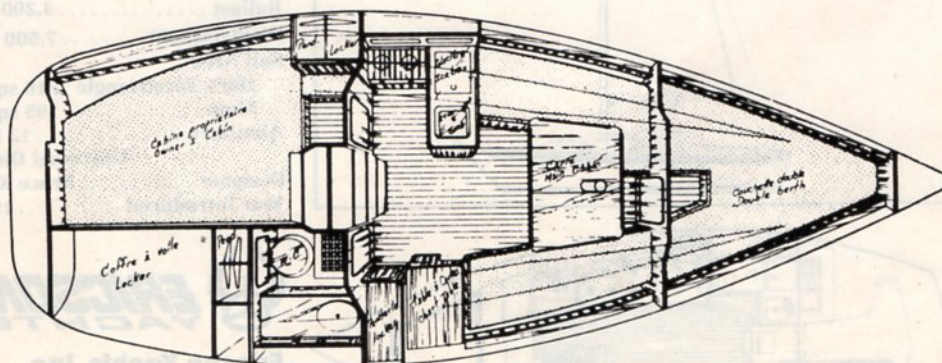
compartment has a shower, pressurized water system, and full-standing headroom. A hot-water system is available as an option. The galley is to port, with stove, icebox, and sink. The chart table is to starboard. In the saloon, the sense of space and airiness is enhanced by the light teak woodwork, the plentiful supply of light, and the pale decor. There is another double cabin forward.

Two separate cabins, a big saloon, separate head compartment—all on board a fast 28-footer. It's a tall order, but Beneteau has taken up that challenge with the First 285. Here she is!

Like every First, the 285 is built using a grid-reinforcing system bonded throughout the hull, which reinforces every high-load area.

Roomy and with a generous sail area coupled with moderately light displacement, she is nevertheless soundly built. The First 285 optimizes the shared philosophy of Chantiers Beneteau and Groupe Finot on what good racing and cruising yachts should be.

L.O.A.	28' 2"
L.W.L.	24' 3"
Beam	9' 8"
Draft:	
Deep Keel	5' 3"
Shoal Keel	3' 9"
Sail Area:	
100% Foretriangle	167 sq. ft.
Main	184 sq. ft.
Rig Dimensions	
Foretriangle:	
I (Height)	32' 6"
J (Base)	10' 4"
Main:	
P (Luff)	31' 3"
E (Foot)	11' 1"
No. of Berths	5
Water Capacity	27 gal.
Fuel Capacity	7 gal.
Auxiliary	Volvo



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