New Willard 50

Willard Marine announces a new addition to its fleet of Willard pleasure boats. Long a builder of commercial and military vessels, Willard is no stranger to offshore boating, and the Willard 30 and 40 have proven popular with owners around the country.

This new boat, a 50-footer, looks very competent indeed. It is a ballasted, full displacement double-ender, and fits squarely in that middle ground between large passagemaker and smaller trawler cruiser.

Specs for the new boat include: LOA of 50', LWL of 46', beam of 16', and a 5' draft. The displacement at half load is 60,000 lbs, of which over 20 percent is ballast.

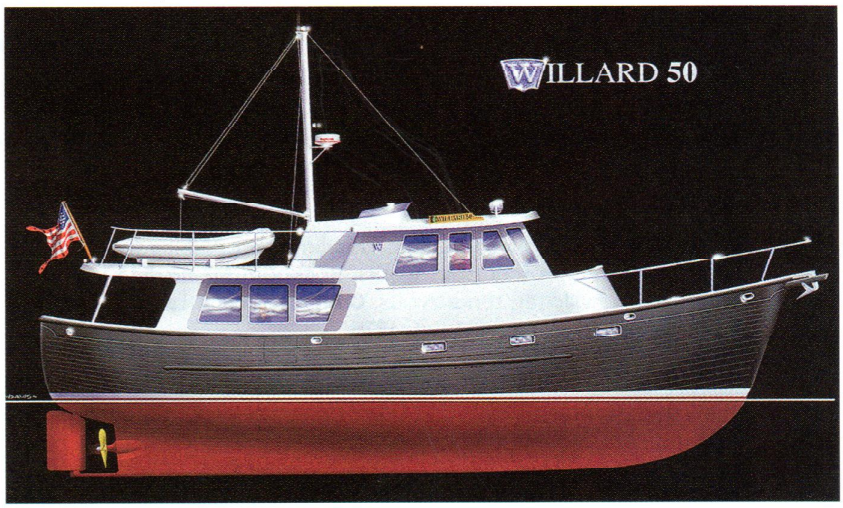
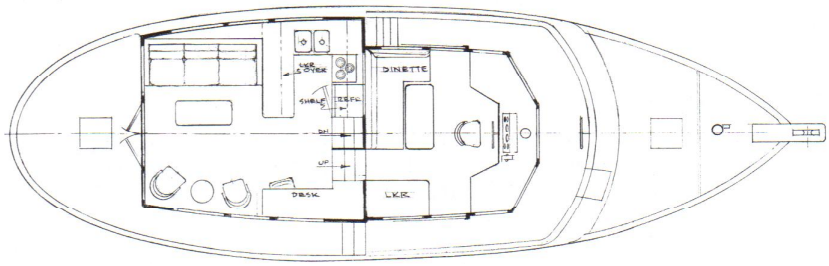
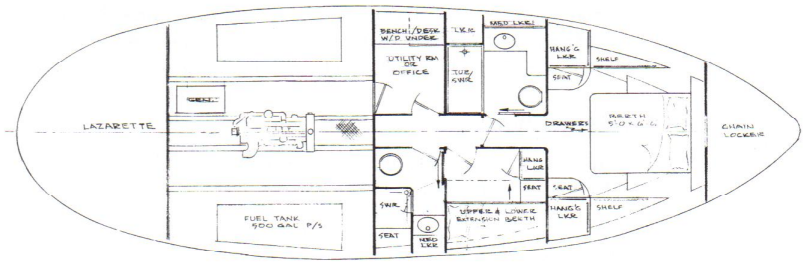
Standard power is a single 155-hp naturally-aspirated diesel engine. With 1,000 gallons of fuel aboard, she will cruise at 8 knots, and have a range of 2,900 NM.

Like all Willards, the boat will be a veritable floating brickhouse, with a heavy, solid-glass hull.

The Rod Swift-designed yacht has two staterooms, with master forward. The master stateroom enjoys an island berth, ensuite head with shower/tub, and two hanging lockers.

While there could be room for a third stateroom, Willard thankfully chose to keep things more realistic, so there is space for a dedicated utility room or office.

The saloon is a widebody design, with a side deck on the starboard side of the boat.

The Willard 50 is a good example of a classic offshore boat, and will appeal to those wanting a true bluewater trawler—preferring seagoing hull shape and accommodation plan over a multi-level, maximum-volume trawler yacht with lots of staterooms for dockside living. And with Willard's reputation for heavy construction, the low profile passagemaker should make waves.

No price was available at press time, but Willard Marine says it is offering special introductory pricing. Call Willard Marine at 714.666.2150, ext 211, or email Willard at trawlers@willardmarine.com.