

Dieter Empacher

In 1963, Dieter Empacher came to the United States from Germany. The following year he joined Ted Hood's design team and for the next 18 years helped create some of the worlds leading offshore racing and cruising yachts.

As Design Manager for Ted Hood's Little Harbor Boat Yard his responsibilities were designing, supervising construction, and training young designers. His work included such well-known yachts as the twelve meter *Independence*, the Canadian Cup winner *Dynamite*, and several of Hood's famous *Robins'*. Other work included custom designs for experienced yachtsmen and standard designs for quality production builders as: AMF, Bristol, Gulfstar, Hatteras, Tartan and Hinkley. Sail magazine refers to him as "one of North America's most prominent designers."

Early in 1982 Dieter opened his own yacht design and consulting firm in Marblehead, Dieter Empacher Inc. Since then his work has been with boatyards from Maine to British Columbia and with such well known companies as Hood, Dions, Bristol, Concordia and Cooper Yachts. Dieter is also an avid sailor and currently races a Bristol 35.5, *Kismet 2*, which he finished from a bare hull.

I contacted Dieter and he was very pleasant and helpful. Someone told me that he had helped him or her find information to service his or her older boat (a Bristol 32), this is ample reason to recommend him. In today's boat building industry someone who stands behind work done 20 and 30 years ago is a rarity. I would consider him if as a consultant if I were to do any major projects to an older design. He also sent a package of his designs. I can forward information to anyone interested in moving on to a newer yacht. His designs seem to vary to the demands of the customer. I saw very well laid out small yachts- (Cape Dory 27), to very large, lavish yachts like his *Windward 52a* very beautiful boat.

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