



## Bristol 45.5 Aft Cockpit – Counterpoint

Make:	Bristol	Boat Name:	Counterpoint
Model:	45.5 Aft Cockpit	Hull Material:	Fiberglass
Length:	45 ft	Number of Engines:	1
Price:	\$ 125,000	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Year:	1982		
Condition:	Used		

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## The "Counterpoint"

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The Bristol 45.5 is one of the second generation designs by New England's Bristol Yachts, a continuation of the popular 35.5 Hood design. Clinton Pearson founded the company in 1966 after being ousted from Pearson Yachts which he co-founded with his brother Everett in 1959. Clinton purchased the troubled manufacturer "Sailstar" and renamed it Bristol Yachts after the production facility located on Popasquash Road, in Bristol, Rhode Island. After a successful decade of mostly Carl Albergh, full keeled designs, the company started producing high performance cruisers by Ted Hood's design office such as this 45.5. Dieter Empacher was the lead naval architect and deserves much of the credit for these fantastic yachts. Launched in 1979 and produced until 1990, the 45.5 is a good subject to study the features of Bristol's second generation which include centerboard keels, fine entries, and beefy aft sections

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**First Impressions** The handsome profile of Bristol Yachts such as the 45.5 attests to the first class tastes of our New England craftsmen. The teak trappings blend with a sweet sheer for a fine first impression. Like the Bristol 41.1 and others, the 45.5 comes in both aft and center cockpit versions though the aft cockpit model is rare with reportedly only 5 ever built according to brokerage records. Dieter Empacher did an excellent job of maintaining a low profile on the more common center cockpit deck mold, so the aft cockpit is only slightly sleeker looking to my eye. Finishing her off is a delectable rocket ship stern. Underneath she features a Hood centerboard fin keel arrangement with a partial skeg mounted rudder.

### Bristol 45.5 Galley

**Construction and What To Look For** Bristol used woven roving and polyester resins for a variable inch thick solid glass hull paired with a end grain balsa cored deck. The ballast is a 15,000 pound cast lead insert encapsulated in her keel cavity for a high proportionality to her 34,660 designed displacement. On deck, the toe rail, handrails, and combing tops are solid teak. The main mast is keel stepped and set in the same location whether she is sloop, cutter, or even ketch rigged.

### Bristol 45.5 Line Drawings

**On Deck and Down Below.** Down the companionway ladder, you are immersed in the lovely light teak interior. Her galley is the attractive and secure U-shaped style offset starboardside. Bristol Yachts was a semi-custom builder, so you may find lounge chairs or a straight settee in the saloon across from a dinette arrangement. Centerline is a folding table and inline with the forward bulkhead is the keel stepped spar. The aft head has a separate stall shower unlike the forward wet head.

**Engine and Underway** The original engine on these yachts was either a Westerbeke in the range of 60 to 70 HP, 6 cylinder. Access is available from the port passageway and through the aft head. Fuel is located in two 100 gallon stainless steel tanks. She comes in sloop versions drawing 4' 11" with the board up, but when sailing windward having the board down to 11' significantly improves her pointing height and stability. The sailing performance of these heavy displacement 34,000 pound yachts is a prime attraction for both passage making and coastal cruising. Her long lines, fine entry, and meaty aft sections give her a PHRF of 111.

**Conclusion** The Bristol 45.5 is one of Bristol's second generation designs attributed to Ted Hood along with the 41.1, 47.7, etc. She has traditional New England looks with a high performance keel centerboard under body. These yachts are usually lavished with attention by owners who demand perfection as well as extravagantly equipped with all the latest and greatest accouterments.

## Measurements

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Fuel Tanks #:	11
Fuel Tanks Capacity:	100 gal
Fresh Water Tanks #:	1
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Number of single berths:	2
Number of double berths:	1
Number of Cabins:	3
Number of Heads:	2

## Propulsion

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### Engine #1

Engine Make: Westerbeke    Hours: 550  
Primary Engines: Inboard    Power: 60 hp  
Drive Type: Direct Drive

## Features

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### Electronics

- Depthsounder
- Wind Speed and Direction
- Log-Speedometer

## Electronics and electrical

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Xantex Battery monitor

ICON VHF IC-M58

ICON - HF IC-M802 SSB

GFix EPERB

Raymarine E80 at helm

Raytheon

Wind, Speedo and Depth read outs

LP Gas control, Marinetics

Radar

200 amp alternator

3 AGM batteries

Westman VHF 250 Hand held

30 ampshore power

Sony stereo with cockpit speakers

## Extras

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Dingy available

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Honda 2hp two stroke engine

2 Propane tanks with monitoring

Force 10 stove and burners

Davits

Spin and Whisker pole

Navtec hydrollic back stay adjuster

Espar heat

8 Man life raft

Sea Frost refrigeration

Bimini frame only

Cruise Air Con

Thurston dodger

## Winches

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Barient

86's Jib (2)

28's Primary (2)

27 Main Hayard

Center board winch

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## Sails

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North Sails main and Jib, 2004

Asymmetrical spinnaker

#4 never out of bag

Storm sails never out of bag

## Ground gear

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200 ft. of chain with plow anchor

Danforth with 20 ft. chain and 200' 3/4" nylon rope

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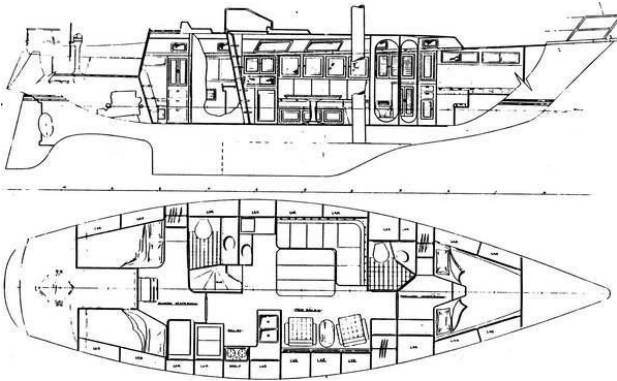
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