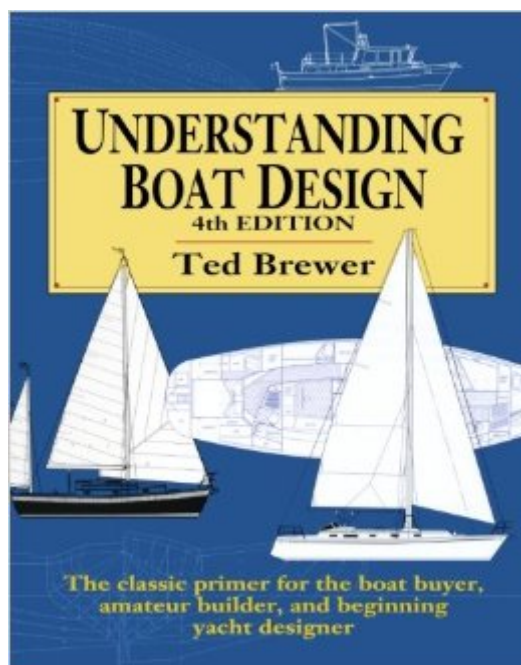


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orty years ago I stupidly sold my last boat. I have missed it every day since. It was my sixth and best boat, a Chrysler Lonestar. Three of these six boats I built myself, one I shared the work with my father. Building a plywood boat is a bagatelle particularly using the stitch and glue method. The seventh boat is built by this method. In the process I have bought six books from though all of the information that I needed was free on the internet. The books are • Go Build Your Own Boat • and Build The New Instant Boat by Harold Payson, • Boats with an open Mind • by Philip Bolger, • Boat Building For Beginners • by Jim Michalak, • Ultra Simple Boat Building • by Gavin Atkin and • Understanding Boat Design • by Ted Brewer There are separate reviews for each of these books. • Understanding Boat Design • by Ted Brewer was a something of a disappointment. I give it three stars. I found it unhelpful, as the cover stated, for the • amateur builder. • A suitable amateur project boat apparently does not interest the author. Brewer is a big boat guy. If I am wrong then he should read, for inspiration, the other five books mentioned above. I have seen an example of his Cape Cod Cat and it is a wonderful boat. I wish I had one but I would not attempt to build it myself. It is not, as stated, a boat for the amateur builder unless that builder is equipped to handle 1800 pounds of ballast, a hell of a lot of construction, has many devoted helpful friends and a lot of heavy equipment. I seriously doubt that it could be sailed safely single handed. If he is serious about a boat for the amateur he should bend his mind to a smaller, lighter Cat with a much smaller sail. He could have included information about his sailing dinghy in this book.

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