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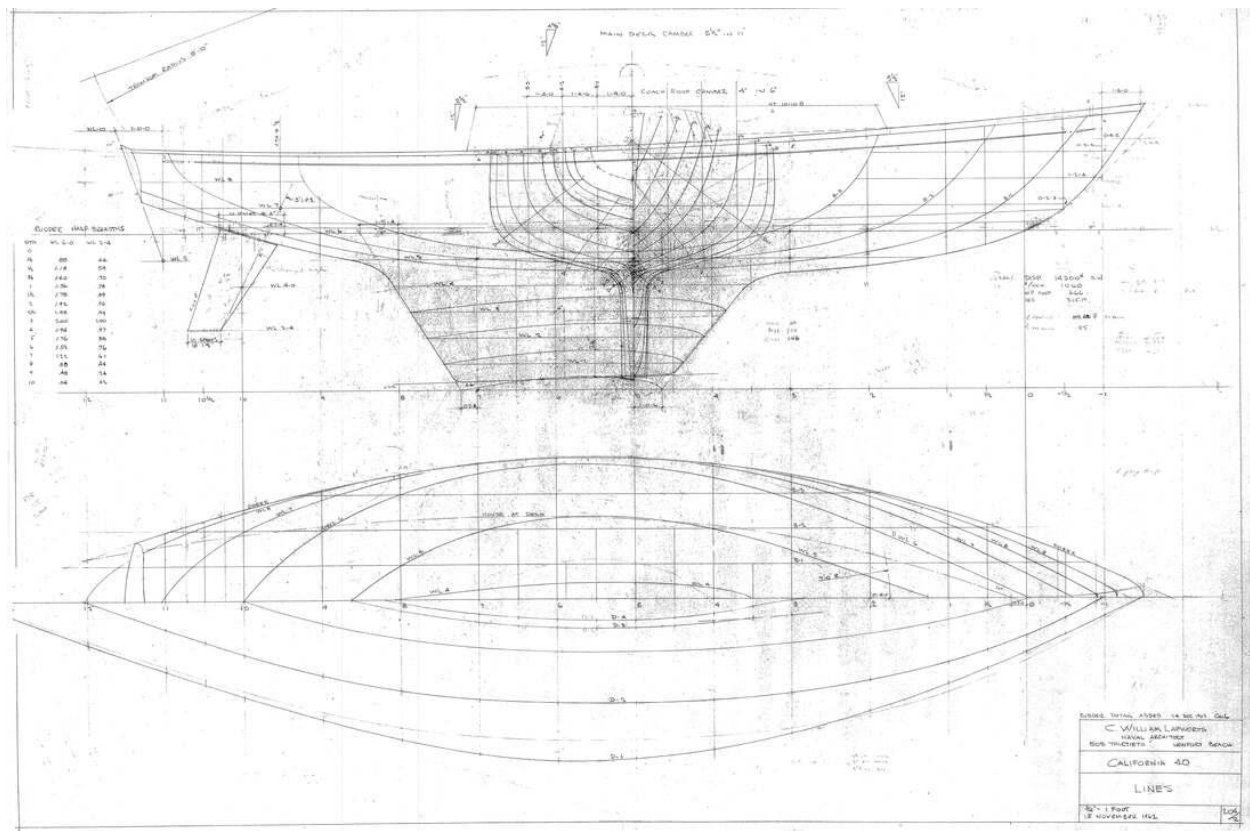
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General Meeting Announcement

Lapworth Designs

When: Thursday October 7th, 2021
Where: Southwestern Yacht Club
Time: 7:00 pm

The October 2021 AMSS meeting features a presentation by the well-known Bob Steel in which he will share the work of the famous Southern California Yacht Designer Bill Lapworth. See the below for a snap shot of Bill's design accomplishments.

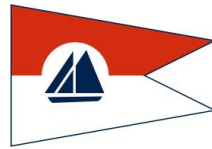


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About Bill Lapworth

Born on 12 December 1919 in Detroit, Michigan, he was named Charles William Lapworth, but went by the diminutive "Bill". He went to the University of Michigan, completing a degree in marine engineering and naval architecture.

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He created a series of custom boat designs for light displacement racers that quickly developed a reputation for winning races, or at least placing highly in them. His early boats included Flying

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Scotsman and Nalu II, a 46 ft (14 m) boat that won the Transpacific Yacht Race Class C four times and overall once, in 1958. He designed the second-place overall Transpacific winner in 1961, named Ichiban, a 50 ft (15 m) sloop. By 1958, 70 of his wooden Lapworth 36 design had been produced, but the age of wooden sailboats was at its end.

The new material to construct boats from was now fiberglass and Lapworth started drawing boats taking advantage of its strength and lightness. His skills attracted the attention of Jack Jensen of Jensen Marine, who walked into Lapworth's office and asked him to design a new line of fiberglass sailboats. The deal was closed with just a handshake and became one of the longest and most successful commercial sailboat building relationships, lasting until after Jensen died in 1980.



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