

Dear
Fellow
Sailor:

When I built my first boat, my goal was to build a boat that sailed well, looked good and met my high personal standards of quality. That was in 1963. What was then a one-man workshop is now a modern, highly efficient boatbuilding facility in East Taunton, Mass. It is here that we produce our "full-keel" boats for sailors all over the world.

My ideal has not changed in all these years. The basic "quality control" principles upon which I originally founded Cape Dory Yachts are still rigidly adhered to today. Every step in production is carefully controlled and engineered; all work is closely inspected. Each yacht is a credit to her owner and her builder. Every Cape Dory yacht is built with careful attention to detail to provide years of satisfaction and pleasure for the most demanding sailor.

There is another man behind the success of Cape Dory. Our association with naval architect Carl Alberg has been a long and mutually satisfying one. Carl's "full-keel" with attached rudder designs have withstood the tests of sea and time. The Carl Alberg/Cape Dory team has succeeded in creating safe, comfortable vessels, without compromising quality or sailing performance. The graceful lines of a Cape Dory yacht are timeless — they will be as contemporary in another decade as they are now. I am truly proud of our boats, and the reputation for quality and design that our dedicated people have earned for Cape Dory from the very beginning. Join the Cape Dory fleet and sail with pride.

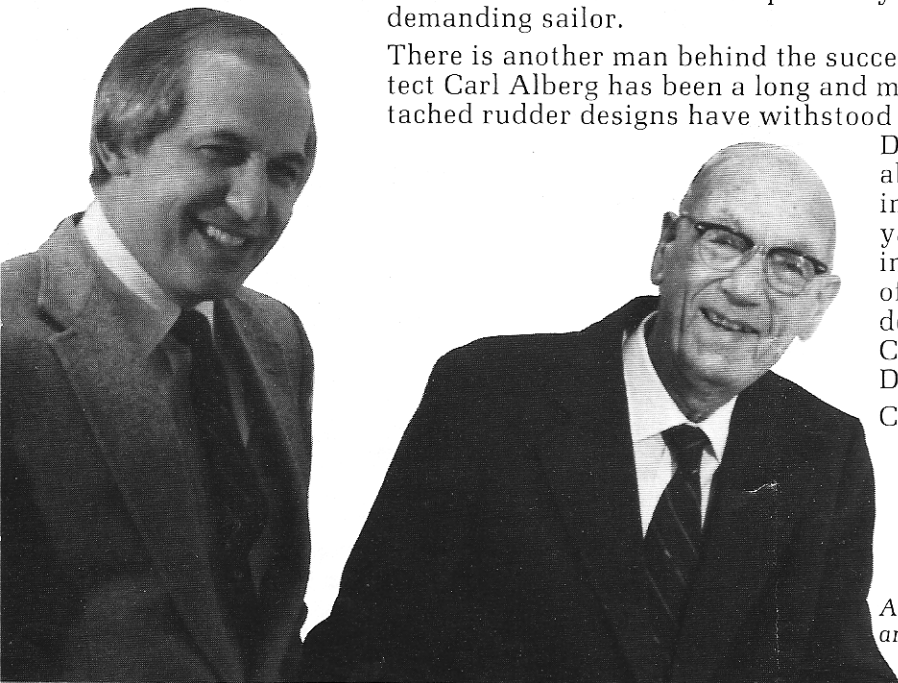
Cape Dory...a standard of value.

Sincerely,



Andrew C. Vavolotis

Andrew C. Vavolotis, President, Cape Dory Yachts Inc. (left)
and Carl Alberg, Naval Architect and Designer



Unseen engineering that adds value, safety and fun to every Cape Dory

Buying a sailboat can be a confusing process. The wrong choice can seriously reduce the enjoyment, value and safety of your investment.

At Cape Dory Yachts, our philosophy of building yachts to a "standard of value" has proven itself time and again. Quality construction, timeless designs.

Hull Design, fin or "full-keel"?

Of major concern to the new yachtsman is the basic design of a yacht. Fin keel or "full-keel"? We feel a proper cruising hull must be capable of carrying weight . . . hull weight, crew and gear without increasing wetted surface.

Another aspect of the weight is the ballast.

A cruising hull must be designed to be stiff enough to sail with its own ballast and not depend on the ballast of a large crew to windward.

A yacht must also be solidly built.

It must be capable of withstanding impacts and heavy weather. Cape Dory's construction has held up over many extreme cases. A "full-keel" configuration sails with a very steady tracking. It is an easier boat to sail and less fatiguing to the helmsman.

More "full-keel" advantages

If a grounding should occur, a "full-keel" is much less vulnerable to damage, and will settle in a predictable manner. The rudder is protected as well.

Another advantage of the "full-keel" is that bilge water stays where it belongs, in the bilge.

Sail Plan and Rigging

A cruising rig should be easy to handle, strongly built and securely attached to the hull. The mast head design gives you a greater headsail area for close upwind performance. A cutter rig makes sail handling easier on a large boat, by using two smaller headsails.

Carl Alberg...the dean of "full-keel" designs

Cape Dory Yachts are designed by world renowned naval architect Carl Alberg, with a career spanning 60 years. With over 10,000 sailboats produced from his thoroughbred designs, Alberg is unquestionably the finest designer of "full-keel" yachts in the world. Alberg has produced yachts capable of impressive maneuverability and unexpected speed.

Boats that are fun to sail, built of consistently high quality.

The story of Cape Dory is the story of its owner and president, Andrew C. Vavolotis and his goal to build fiberglass sailboats of consistently high quality. It is Andy's commitment to enduring quality that makes Cape Dory yachts an outstanding value.

Engineering, research and testing

Also contributing to the quality of each Cape Dory