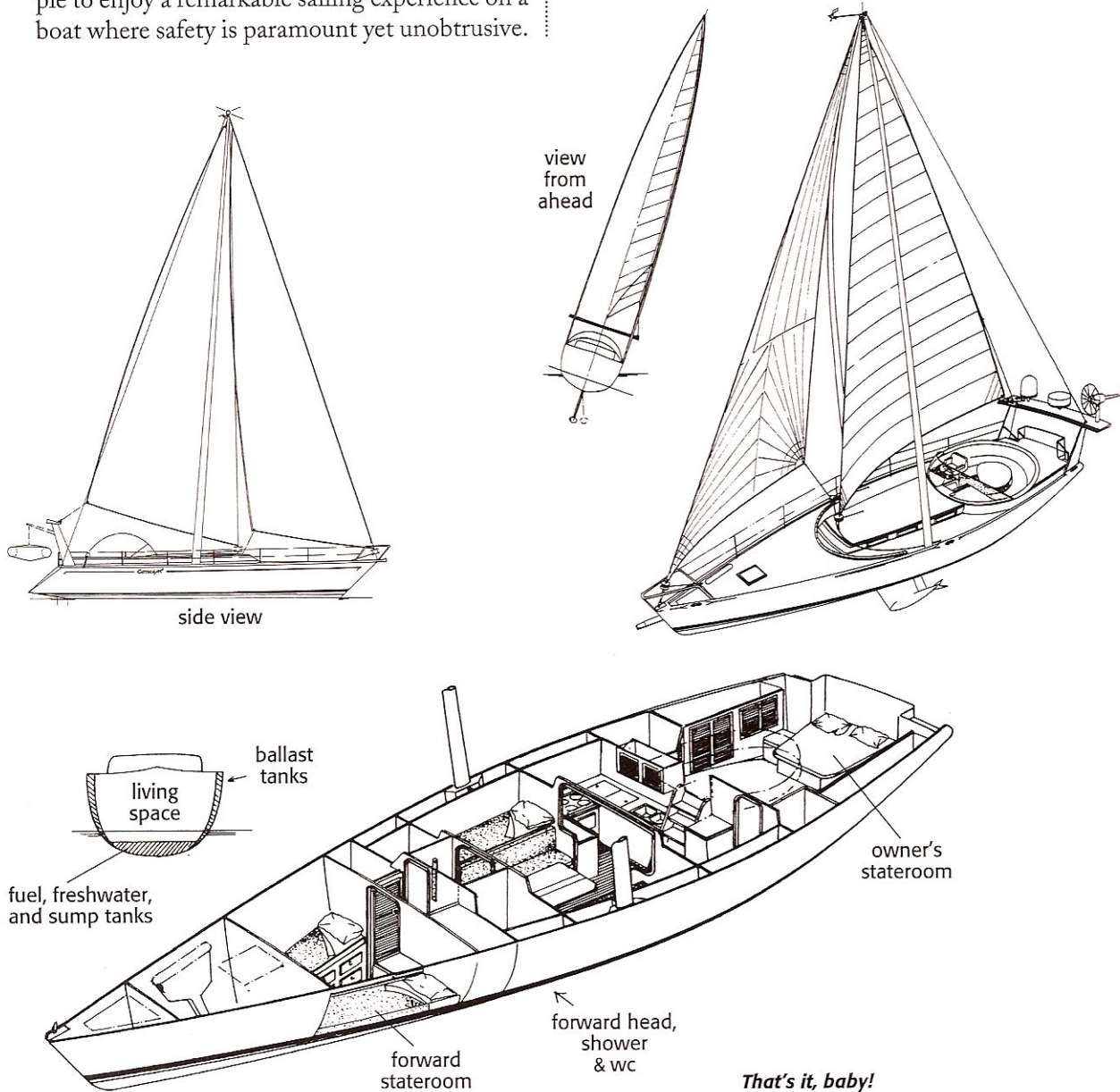


ing steps and ladder, and a man-overboard pole. We have also placed all cleats on the outside of the hull to eliminate chafe (from the chocks) if a sea anchor or drogue is deployed. The toerail is eliminated in favor of a curved deck edge to reduce windage.

This is a lot of equipment to shoehorn into a 54-footer, but it still leaves room for four people to enjoy a remarkable sailing experience on a boat where safety is paramount yet unobtrusive.

The ideas and designs laid out in this book are intended to give you an insight into what goes into designing several types of cruising boat. They are a product of my experience as a designer, as a lecturer (where I learn what other people like), and as a sailor. I hope this book has prompted some ideas as to what you would like in your next boat. Good luck, and good sailing.



*That's it, baby!*

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