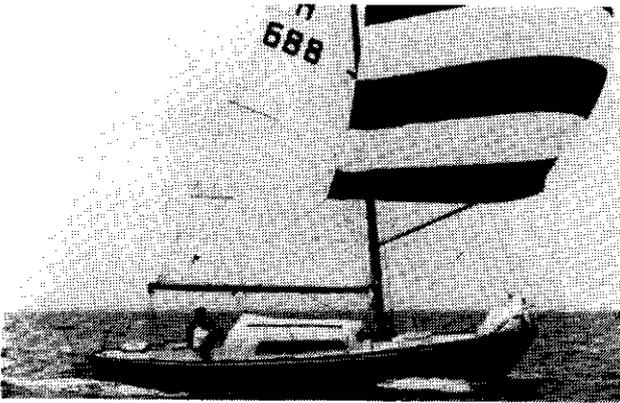
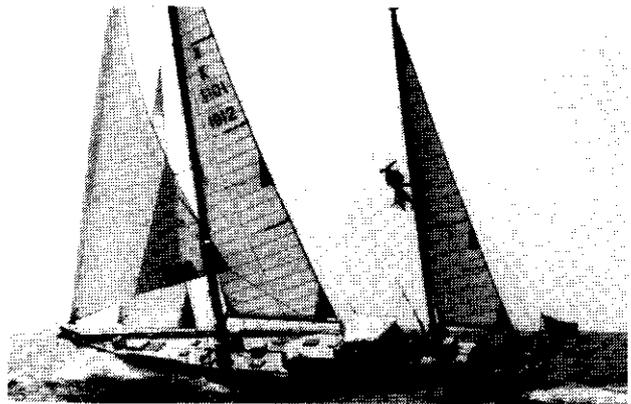


History



1959 9 m (30 ft) PIONIER was the first really successful European designed and built polyester production boat. Her new and efficient design has guided many builders to successful polyester boat-building. Pioniers have sailed on every ocean and even today they are popular vintage yachts.



1968 22 m (70 ft) OCEAN. To this successful British built Van de Stadt design, the largest polyester production yachts ever built, were produced in regular series. They are clearly members of Stormvogel's family.

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1960 21.50 m (70 ft) STORMVOGEL. This large Van de Stadt design can be considered to be the first Maxi. She surprised the world of 1960 by having nearly half the weight of her competitors. She had a four-layer glued wooden hull and the Van de Stadt keel and rudder concept. Her owner sailed this yacht in nearly every important race in the world. He rounded Cape Horn twice and covered 260.000

miles in 10 years. When she crossed the line, first home in Honolulu, in the 2225 miles Trans-Pac of 1967, she was proclaimed to be the fastest big boat on the U.S. West-coast. During that race, speeds of 13.2 Knots (25 km) were logged. She really was the - harbinger - of the modern Maxi's.