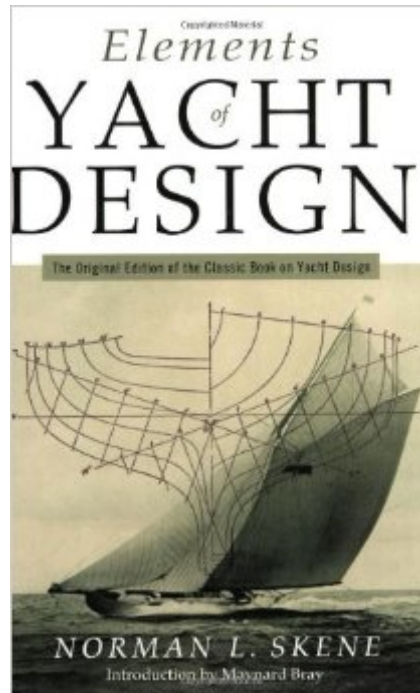


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Synopsis

Skene's is one of the most famous books on yacht design ever written. First published in 1904, Skene did several revisions, the last of which was published in 1938 and reprinted here in its original form. In 1962, the book was completely revised by Francis S. Kinney and re-published as Skene's Elements of Yacht Design. Kinney's last version was in 1973 and it is long out of print. While the experts are divided on the relative merits of the different editions, it appears that there is strong demand for Skene's original work. At last the book is again available to the many boatbuilders, aspiring naval architects and sailors who need it for frequent reference. The index has been completely revised and expanded to make it more useful for today's readers. "This book is intended to be a practical and concise presentation of some of the operations involved in designing yachts of all types. Cumbersome and impractical methods which are so often found in more pretentious works on naval architecture have been avoided. Those presented have been in everyday use by the author." Thus wrote Norman L. Skene in the preface to the fifth edition of Elements of Yacht Design.

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Word of warning, although this book is probably excellent as well in the elements of yacht design, the most current edition is the 8th edition, not the reprinted 6th edition. Please note that the 8th edition contains more modern construction methods and materials. Unfortunately the 8th edition is

out of print so it is kind of difficult to find. (Published in 1973 and later) Good luck and good designing.

This is the classic book on yacht design. The "Manual of Calculations" at the back of the book is worth the cost of the entire book. More detailed/scientific than most other books on the topic of Yacht Design. Tends to focus a bit too much on rules-based-sail racing (from my perspective) but otherwise excellent- a must have if you are planning to design anything that floats!

A proven book on Yacht Hydrodynamics, often out of Print but relatively recently available again. Note that emphasis is on Design, which in this case refers to the particulars of Hydrodynamics of Yachts and not as some might assume to mechanical engineering or even interior decorating.

Orig published in 1904 and re-issued in '27, '35, '38 and 2001. Heavy on math, (lots of formulas) excellent drawings and charts. Includes some on power yachts, including hydroplanes. The principles remain the same. Excellent reference, but probably a little much for the true beginner.

Although obviously dated, this gives me another resource for design theory, along with Kinney's update (Skene's Elements of Yacht Design, final edition) and "Principles of Yacht Design" by Larsson & Eliasson. Always room for more background when it comes to the art of balancing science and beauty for sailboat design.

This book was the bible on yacht design for many years. This revision enables one to read it and refer back to it without feeling guilty for destroying a priceless treasure.

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