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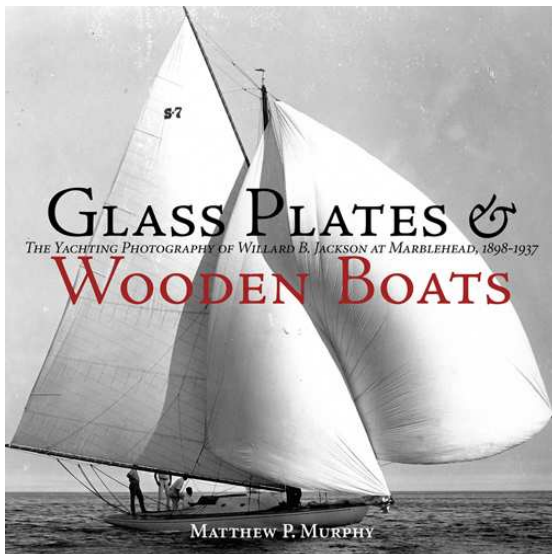
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**MIT Professor George Owen:  
Eminent Designer and Yachtsman**

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**Cambridge, MA** -- Innovative yacht designer George Owen, (b. Cambridge, MA 1877) surprisingly, began his career in the textile mills of Lawrence, MA in the 1890's. His love of yachting, however, and his fine artistic and engineering talents took him to manufacturers and shipyards in both Canada and the U.S. where over a 50 year period he created more than 200 designs for a variety of oceangoing vessels. His designs of small pleasure boats, commercial ships and the first oceanographic research vessel for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the *Atlantis*, reside in the Hart Nautical collection here at the MIT Museum. Selected plans and photographs are on display July 22, 2006; color facsimiles of certain Owen plans will be for sale in the Museum store beginning in August.



Author and *WoodenBoat Magazine* editor, Matt Murphy will speak at a book signing on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. (free)