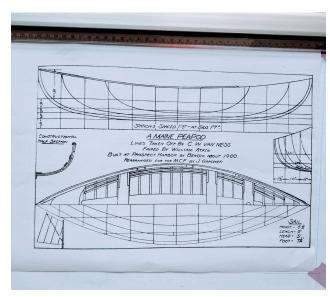
Crowns and Rockers

On the following page is an illustration of how various curves can be generated using just a straightedge and compass. These were the traditional artisan's methods for doing so.



(Drawing by Sam Manning)

In boatbuilding deck beams needed to be laid out to long arcs.



(Drawing by John Gardner)

In smaller boats, an ellipse might define the shape of the keel's "rocker".

