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RIGHT hand photos, top to bottom: further shot of *Avenger Too*: the 33-footer built by Souters for Ralph Hilton; and, bottom, interior of the Keith Nelson *Horatio*, one of the race's best prospects.