

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 (2019-)

Brief Summary

The Swift Trawler 47 is Beneteau’s recent addition to the Swift Trawler line. The vessel features an open deck layout, modular cockpit, fly bridge and sleeping accommodations for up to eight. This vessel is a cruiser ideal for couples or families looking to enjoy the simple life of enjoyable coastal and near-island cruising, and day boating around home.

Price

Base Price\$733000.00

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Key Features

- Fly bridge with helm, wet bar, and lounging space
- Accommodations include a master and two guest cabins
- Modular salon that can be converted to a guest room
- Asymmetrical deck
- Affordability

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	4.9	4.2	0.6	7.9	6.9	3620	3147.6	63
1000	7.6	6.6	1.8	4.2	3.6	1917	1666.7	69
1250	9.3	8.1	3.8	2.4	2.1	1116	970.4	73
1500	10.7	9.3	6.6	1.6	1.4	744	647.1	74
1750	12	10.4	10.8	1.1	1	509	442.2	77

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	14.1	12.2	14.5	1	0.8	444	386.1	77
2200	16.7	14.5	19	0.9	0.8	403	350.8	78
2400	20.2	17.5	21.3	0.9	0.8	435	378.3	79
2600	23.2	20.1	25.9	0.9	0.8	411	357	80
2800	26	22.6	32.1	0.8	0.7	372	323.1	80
3000	28.4	24.7	32.6	0.9	0.8	400	347.6	81
3090	29.9	26	42	0.7	0.6	326	283.8	84

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Specifications

Length Overall	48' 4" / 14.73 m
BEAM	14' 6" 4.42 m
Dry Weight	27,958 lbs. 12,682 kg
Tested Weight	31,935 lbs. 14,485 kg
Draft	3' 10" 1.17 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	

Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	6' 6" 1.98 m
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	16
Fuel Capacity	510 gal. 1,931 L
Water Capacity	169 gal. 640 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	31,935 lbs. 14,485 kg
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	

Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	7.0 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	N/A
Load	4 persons, 3/4 fuel, 2/3 water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	74 deg., 62 humid; wind: 15-20 mph; seas: 1

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The Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 continues the line's tradition of affordable vessels with functional design.

Mission

The Swift Trawler 47 was created for families, entertaining and mid-range cruising. To that effect, Beneteau designed the boat for practicality over style with a spacious flybridge, functional foredeck, and a variety of options for overnight accommodations.

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The Swift Trawler 47 is built for mid-range cruising, with a range of approximately 970 miles at an economical 8 knots with a 10% fuel reserve. She can carry up to 510 gallons (1,931 L) of fuel.

Major Features

- Steps to the flybridge can be stowed when not in use
- Berths for up to eight
- Day head
- Three boarding points; the bow, starboard side deck, and swim platform

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The boat has an asymmetrical deck layout, and despite the reduced width on the port side, the deck is still wide enough for the crew to set fenders and handle lines.

Performance

The standard power option is a pair of 425 horsepower QSB 6.7 Cummins diesel engines connected to straight shafts with four-bladed propellers. Onboard are two aluminum fuel tanks with a combined capacity of 510 gallons (965 L).

On our test, we had four people on board and fuel tanks that were three-quarters full, while holding back 10 percent reserve for fuel. This resulted in a test weight that was approximately 31,935 lbs. (14,485 kg).

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 diesels

The QSB 6.7 Cummins diesels produce 425-hp and have a high-pressure common-rail design.

Top Speed. The Swift Trawler 47 reached a top speed of 26 knots in twenty seconds at 3090 rpm, burning 42 gallons (159 L) per hour with a range of 283 nautical miles.

Best Cruise. Coming up on plane in seven seconds, the best cruise was achieved at 3000 rpm at 24.7 knots, burning 32.6 gallons (123 L) per hour for a range of 347.6 nautical miles.

At trawler speed, cruising at 8.1 knots at 1250 RPM, the 47 burned 3.8 gallons (14 L) per hour for an approximate range of 970 nautical miles.

Straight Shaft Drives. It seems that most boats we test these days in this size range are pod drives, but in the case of this boat they are not practical. First, they are very expensive. Second, they became popular 10 years ago because they were the only boats fitted with joysticks. But, with a bow thruster and large props, the boat can be easily docked. Our test boat had stern thrusters which make the task even easier. Third, pod drives are more effective in higher planning speeds not appropriate for this boat, and even at that, the fuel savings to be had will never cover the added cost of the pods themselves.

Sound Readings. Even though the engine room is right under the salon and adjacent to the lower helm where we took our sound readers – they were notably low. At 8.1 knots trawler speed, we recorded 73 dbA, at 2000 RPM it was 77, and 3000 RPM it was 81. All of these readings are relatively low and a testament to the sound-absorbing material used in the engine room.

Handling

The Swift Trawler 47 performed well during slow-speed maneuvers in tight conditions. With the big props and the bow and stern thrusters, the driver has precise control while pulling out of the dock. The big props

are an important control factor when docking and are much better than pod drives which have a smaller diameter and pitch dual props.

Underway, the Swift Trawler 47 is predictable and responds quickly, banking gently into turns and accelerating to planning and cruising speeds quickly. Once again, because the vessel has straight shafts and not pods, she has better turning performance, as pod drives are programmed not to turn sharply at speed.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 running

The Swift Trawler 47 has a classic trawler appearance with a displacement hull, waist high-bulwarks, and offset deckhouse.

Boat Inspection

The Beneteau Swift Trawler has an LOA of 48'4" (14.73 m), a beam of 14'6" (4.42 m), and a weight of 27,958 lbs. (12,685 kg).

Swim Platform

The full-beam swim platform can be either fixed or hydraulic. Both options have built-in chocks for a tender, and the platform can be equipped with an optional lifting system. When the hydraulic version of the platform is lowered into the water, swimmers can use a fixed swim ladder on the transom to climb back onto the aft deck.

The ladder is positioned to port and is built in line with the walkway. A re-boarding ladder folds out of a hatch on the starboard side of the platform that can be used when the platform is not in the water. A boarding gate closes off the aft deck when the platform is not in use.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 swim platform

Shown is the optional hydraulic swim platform. Note the foldaway chocks for a tender.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 teak beach

Adults and children will like sitting on the teak beach on hot summer days.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 ladder

The hatch to access the re-boarding ladder, which is wide, deep and has teak treads. Note the cleat to the left – it measured at 10" (.25 m).

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 transom gate

The remarkable transom double gate on the Swift Trawler 47 is wide enough for a wheelchair. Note that the swim platform and the aft deck are on one level, something highly unusual on this size boat.

Aft Deck

The aft deck features a bench seat that spans from the boarding gate to the starboard hull, and on the deck are mounts for a removable table. Stairs to the flybridge are opposite the boarding gate and to port. These can be manually compressed against the wheelhouse on a sliding mechanism to open more space on the aft deck.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 profile

Note that the flybridge deck extends over the aft deck, providing shade and making it possible to button up the aft deck with isinglass for three-season boating.

Overhead is an extended flying bridge deck that provides coverage for the aft deck.

Two hatches in the sole lift up to access the 9.5 kW generator as well as a diverter for exhaust water, a water strainer, and battery. A table can be placed here for al fresco dining.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 aft lounge

A view of the aft lounge. Note the wide opening to the swim platform and the double safety gate.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 table

The table from the salon can be moved out to the aft deck for cocktails as seen here. It can be expanded to serve six people with the addition of three deck chairs.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 ladder

The ladder up to the flybridge can be pushed against the wheelhouse wall on a clever track to open up more space on the aft deck.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 side doors

Port and starboard there are acrylic side doors to keep the breeze off of the aft deck. They are held open by a magnetic catch.

Side Decks

The Swift Trawler 47 has asymmetrical side decks, which can be accessed directly from the aft deck and through a side door, starboard to the helm. The port side deck is narrower and is accessed by stepping up from the aft deck. The port side deck is 14" (35 cm) and the starboard one is 22" (55 cm) wide. While 14" is adequate to port and as wide as on many boats in class, the starboard side deck is favored.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 fuel fill

The fuel fill, at right, and water fill, aft, are on the starboard side of the superstructure.

The starboard side deck has a wind dam door that can be closed to provide more shelter to the cockpit. Another door is built into the bulwark in line with the helm, ideal for boarding from a dock. The bulwarks are high, and moving forward to the foredeck are grab rails for security.

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The starboard side deck has overhead protection and sufficient width.

Foredeck

A wide sun pad with space for three is the main feature on the bow. A panel lifts out of the sun pad to allow for more ventilation below in the master suite, and there is a Bimini that can be unfurled to shade the bow. The middle of the sun pad can be lifted and set to create a backrest and convert the pad into a bench seat.

Fully forward is a split bow rail for boarding. For ground tackle there are dual anchor rollers, hatches to store fenders and line, and two 10" (.25 m) cleats.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 sun pad

The foredeck sun pad breaks into two parts, allowing it to serve two different functions, depending on the occasion. Here we see Captain Steve raising a section of it to create an adjustable backrest and seat on the forward edge of the trunk cabin.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 back rest

The raised backrest doubles the utility of the sun pad, a detail that makes the foredeck more functional for entertaining as well as sunning. We expect to see this feature copied by other builders.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 anchor

Shown are the anchor, boarding gate, windlass and hatches to the anchor locker and ground tackle storage. The large hatches allow easy access to unsnarl line and chain when necessary. We'd like to see a centerline cleat and the existing cleats placed on deck with fairleads of the toe rail.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 windlass

Under the port hatch is a Lewmar windlass remote and access to the anchor line. To starboard is an equally large compartment. Fenders can be stored here and will serve the double duty of keeping the chain and line in place when underway.

Fly Bridge

The flybridge is accessed by ascending the ladder on the aft deck. Immediately to starboard is an open space, enclosed by grab rails, ideal for lounge chairs and a small table for day boating. There is a wet bar

with an optional countertop grill and sink, as well as an optional refrigerator and waste bin in the cabinet below.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 chaise lounge

As seen here in Beneteau CAD, the builder suggests chaise lounges on the boat deck, and lots of seating forward.

Serious cruisers will want to use it for other purposes, such as stowing a small dinghy or storing gear, such as crab pots. It really is not a large enough space for a proper 12' to 13' (3.66 m to 3.96 m) tender, which requires the optional hydraulic platform that our test boat had.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 boat deck

The boat deck is 8' (2.44 m) fore and aft, large enough for a small dinghy, or even a 10-footer (3.04 m) if the aft rail was removed and 2' (.61 m) of the boat and the engine were allowed to hangover. Otherwise, it can be used for entertaining when day boating or storage for long-range cruising.

Forward is a dedicated social space with two L-shaped lounges positioned to port and starboard with seating for eight around an extendable, pedestal teak table.

There are two options for overhead shade: a canvas Bimini, or a hardtop with an electrically actuated shade controlled by a switch on the helm.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 grill

Our vessel was fitted with all of the available options for the flybridge, including a grill with sink.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 lounges

Shown are the opposing L-shaped lounges on the flybridge. Note the pedestal helm seat and the adjustable backrests on the forward ends of the lounges, permitting fore and aft seating.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 table

With the leaves fully extended, the table does not quite reach the bench seat to port. Perhaps an extra extension can be fitted.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 hardtop

Our test vessel came with the optional hardtop, which is supported by sturdy steel stanchions. We recommend this option and permits the installation of isinglass to enclose the bridge for three-season boating.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 sun roof

The sunroof is electrically actuated by a touch of a button.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 table

With the dual-directional seatbacks in the aft positions, three people can comfortably sit looking forward.

Fly Bridge Helm

The flybridge helm is fully forward of the lounge seating and centrally placed. A compass is positioned on the centerline of the console, above the analog gauges for the tachometers and fuel gauges and rudder indicator. These are flanked on either side by two 12" (.30 m) displays.

Below the screens and to the left is the Raymarine autopilot, the grid controller for the displays, and the remote spotlight controller. More electrical switches are to the right of the wheel, above the trim tab rockers. All the way to the right are the controls for the engine, bow, and stern thrusters.

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The layout for the flybridge helm is simple. Note that there is a special molding for the engine and thruster controls at the right to make their angle more ergonomically correct. We would move the autopilot screen to make it 100% visible by the captain.

The pedestal helm seat can swivel to face fore and aft. We liked that companion seats can be made by converting the forward sections of the lounge backrests to face forward. It is always advisable to have as many pairs of eyes look forward as possible. Plus, the captain likes the company.

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The view forward from the flying bridge will be compelling for guests. Isinglass can be installed with the hardtop enclosing the bridge when it's cool or rainy. We recommend it no matter what the use of the boat will be.

Salon

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The double sliding doors open to 6'3" (1.91 m) wide, making the salon bright and airy.

A sliding glass door separates the aft deck from the salon. The door fully opens to integrate the interior and exterior spaces, creating a wide-open feeling.

The salon is modular and features a starboard L-shaped lounge with a semi-folding, adjustable table, with storage cabinets to port. The bench seat can be transformed into another guest berth by converting the L-shaped lounge. A dividing rail and curtains add a sense of privacy. Overhead is a grab handle, convenient for moving forward and aft when the vessel is underway.

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A view of the salon looking aft. Note the adjustable table. An optional loveseat can be installed opposite the lounge. Note that the deck is a synthetic teak and holly treatment. The cabinetry and bulkheads are Alpi manufactured wood for durability. (And, it is renewable.)

Beneteau and Swift Trawler 47
Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 rail

We like to see the overhead rail which all boats this size should have, but usually, only trawler yachts seem to install them.

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Shown is the extra berth in the salon.

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Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 salon

An alternative layout to the one we tested has a love seat to port, rather than cabinets.

Galley

The L-shaped galley is integrated with the salon, with the double sink, oven and stovetop positioned forward and just behind the helm. There are compartments for storage in the counter and the port console. An optional microwave, which is not used much in Europe, can be installed. To port is a sliding window for ventilation. The refrigerator, which has a separate freezer section, is positioned opposite of the lounge against the aft bulkhead.

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Our vessel had all the options in the galley. Note the helm seat to the right. It rests on the counter but can be pushed forward when not in use to have more counter space. By flipping up the helm seat, more counter space is exposed.

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Shown is the Swift Trawler 47's extra fridge-freezer.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler 47
Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 sinks

The Swift Trawler 47 has two large stainless-steel sinks with covers that go over them to create more counter space for food prep.

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There is a sliding window over the galley to let in fresh air in the main cabin.

Lower Helm

The helm is forward of the salon and centrally positioned with excellent visibility. A compass is positioned at the top of the console and above the tachometers and fuel gauges for both engines. Below are two 12" (30.5 cm) touchscreen displays that show ship controls and systems. Beneath the screens and to the left

side of the console are the electrical switches, autopilot, a rudder indicator, and USB port.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 helm

By positioning the helm on the centerline and placed further aft than it is on conventionally-designed trawlers, the captain has excellent visibility. It is made even better by the narrow mullions, something we often don't see in a boat with a flying bridge.

To the right are the controls for the bow and stern thrusters as well as the engine controls. The wheel measures at 24" (60.9 cm), is wrapped in leather and is vertically mounted against the console. To the left is the VHF radio and an engine display.

The helm seat is extra-wide with a flip-down bolster. It may not be wide enough for a companion unless it is a child. Beneath the wheel is a flip-down step for a short driver. The seat is directly in line with the starboard door that opens up to the side deck and a well placed midship cleat.

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The main helm has a large steering wheel. Our test vessel did not have the optional joystick, an option, but it does not need one.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 screen

The screen at right has Ship Control which puts all of the boat's electrical systems at finger-tip control.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 screen

To the left of the helm is a complete engine diagnostic screen with function buttons on either side and a VHF radio.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 wheel

Under the 24" (60.9 cm) leather-wrapped destroyer wheel is a flip-down platform for giving vertically-challenged skippers a better view.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 starboard door

Although the helm is on the centerline, the starboard door is positioned close enough for the driver to make use of while keeping a hand on the controls, or making a quick exit to the side deck for a single-handed tie-up.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 controller

In the companionway to the accommodations is another controller for the ship's systems and a pad to control all of the 12V circuits.

Engine Room

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 hatches

Shown are the hatches to the generator and water management systems.

A hatch in the salon deck lifts for access to the engine compartment, with steps leading to a platform in between the two engines. Service points are easily accessed on the port hand side and space houses sea strainers, water tanks, and dual fuel tanks. The engine compartment has been soundproofed with high-density foam, and while underway, the decibels never exceeded more than a conversational level during our test.

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The engine room is functional and easy to access from the salon.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 fuel tanks

There are two aluminum fuel tanks strapped in place forward of the engines and up against the forward bulkhead. They total 510 gallons (1,931 L) and are cross-connected. Because the tanks are rounded on the top they will not trap water which can become corrosive.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 strainers

Seawater strainers are mounted on the aft bulkhead between engines coolant reservoirs and fuel filters for the engines.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 turbo

Forward of the aft engine room bulkhead, we see the starboard engine's turbo at left with its exhaust hose with single hose clamps, and below that the transmission and straight shaft going through a dripless shaft log.

Accommodations

Pass down the companionway, positioned to starboard of the helm, to access the three staterooms. Just before the landing, at the bottom of the stairs is a cabinet with a combination washer/dryer.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 washer dryer

Handy to all of the stateroom is this combo washer/dryer at the foot of the spiral stairway to the lower deck. Step through a sliding door to access the owner's cabin, which is fully forward. The cabin has a double berth with sliding shelves underneath and overhead shelving on both sides. The stateroom has a TV, a mirror, a hanging locker and a cupboard with shelving. The hull windows and a deck hatch provide ventilation and light.

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Note the overhead lights and all of the bulkheads covered in Alpi wood joiner instead of fiberglass or vinyl, as we often see in boats' forward cabins at all price points.

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Port and starboard, we find windows with opening portlights. Above, the builder has used bow flare for much-needed storage. Aft we see a reading light and a handy cubby for cell phones and wristwatches and the like. There is 12V and USB connectivity.

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Shown is the locker next to the master stairway.

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Here we see the storage under the berth as well as two steps up each side in order to get into and make up the bed.

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The head is split. To port, against the bulkhead is a water closet with toilet, sink, mirror and a portlight. The portlight opens and there is a storage bin behind the toilet and under the sink.

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The walk-in shower has a bench seat and opening portlight. The bulkheads are a one-piece fiberglass liner that will not leak and is easy to keep clean.

Guest Staterooms

Back at the landing, to starboard is a guest room with a double berth. Storage is beneath the bed and in a small bedside table. The room has an opening porthole and light wells. There is limited standing room, as the bed is positioned underneath the companionway, so this space may be more comfortable for a child or used for storage.

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At the entrance to the starboard stateroom, there is 6'7" (2.01 m) of headroom but that gives way to crawl-in headroom over the bed and access inboard.

Port Stateroom

Another guest room is immediately to port. It has twin berths that can be converted to a double. There is more standing room here with a large mirror, cupboards, shelving, and a large mirror. A hullside window with a porthole provides ventilation.

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These single berths can be converted to a wide double.

Guest Head/Day Head. Back in the companionway, forward and to port is a day head outfitted with a mirror, cupboards, two opening portholes, a toilet, sink and an enclosed shower with the toilet.

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The guest head has a section for the shower and toilet and another for the sink and opening portlight.

Optional Equipment

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 is delivered fully outfitted. There are options to customize or upgrade the interior and exterior decorations and there are some upgrades to the onboard conveniences, such as a watermaker, hydraulic swim platform, fiberglass hardtop, a rear camera, radar, and TVs for the cabins.

Price

The price starts at \$733,000.

Observations

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 47 is an economical cruiser for traversing or exploring coastlines, and day boating. For boaters planning long-distance voyages, such as the Intra Coastal Waterway, or the Great Circle Route around the U.S. east coast, this boat should certainly be a consideration.

Her hull length is 41'11" (12.77 m) with a beam of 14'6" (4.42 m), and she displaces 27,958 lbs. (12,862 kg). These are all specs that we might expect to see for express cruisers or flybridge cruisers, which have a different mission. The difference is that this boat is targeted to people who are thinking about more serious cruising – but not oceanic or more challenging cruising.

The fact that Beneteau has designed this boat mostly for day boating, indicates that they know their market pretty well. Most people who will buy this boat will be day boating, taking friends and family out for picnics, viewing yacht racing, and for short excursions. Then, perhaps, using the boat for a two-week to a month cruise along the coast.

With a displacement speed range of over 700 nautical miles, she can go almost anywhere in Europe or North America in reasonable conditions. She has a CE rating of B14 and C16.