

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 (2019-)

Brief Summary

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 is a boat designed for a couple to enjoy time together cruising the coast. To that end the builder has incorporated many lessons from the previous generation of this model (the Swift Trawler 34) and created a boat that’s easy to run short-handed, is manageable around the dock, and provides decent range for steaming from port to port or island hopping, yet can also entertain family or a few friends on day boating adventures.

Price

Base Price\$416700.00

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Key Features

- Helm side door
- Bow and stern thrusters
- Flying bridge
- Large windows
- Asymmetrical design optimizes interior space
- Available telescoping tender davit
- Fold-open transom with seating
- Moveable pedestal table
- Convertible saloon settee

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	4.1	3.6	0.3	11.9	10.3	2257	1962.4	65
1000	6	5.2	1	6.1	5.3	1151	1000.8	70

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1250	7.2	6.3	2	3.7	3.2	701	609.7	72
1500	8.1	7	3.1	2.6	2.3	495	430.8	73
1750	9.1	7.9	4.8	1.9	1.6	356	309.4	75
2000	9.4	8.2	7.4	1.3	1.1	242	210.5	77
2200	10.1	8.7	9.8	1	0.9	196	170.2	78
2400	10.9	9.4	11.7	0.9	0.8	176	153.1	78
2600	14.8	12.8	14.5	1	0.9	194	168.6	79
2800	17.2	15	17.3	1	0.9	189	164.7	80
3000	19.3	16.7	20.3	0.9	0.8	180	156.6	81
3075	20.6	17.9	21.8	0.9	0.8	179	155.7	82

[View the test results in metric units](#)


Specifications

Length Overall	37' / 11.29 m
BEAM	13' 3.96 m
Dry Weight	18,187 lbs. 8,249 kg
Tested Weight	20,057 lbs. 9,098 kg

Draft	3' 10" 1.17 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	6' 5" 1.96 m
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	211 gal. 799 L
Water Capacity	80 gal. 303 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	20,057 lbs. 9,098 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	7.3 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	24" 5 blades 24 pitch Copper manganese (bronze)
Load	4 persons, 5/6 fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	89 deg., 79 humid.; wind: 0-5 mph; seas: 0

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Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 profile

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 shows evolution from the model it replaces.

Mission

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 is a comfortable cruising boat for a couple. A flying bridge and cockpit offer al fresco dining, while a wide starboard side deck makes it easy for the crew to get around. With a two-stateroom, single-head layout and a convertible settee in the salon, she can accommodate guests or grandchildren for short hauls.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 profile

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 has a shippy profile, a substantial bowrail, a boarding door through the topsides, and an inventive transom.

Distinguishing Features

- **Asymmetrical design** optimizes interior space while creating a bulwarks-protected side deck for moving fore and aft.
- **Bow and stern thrusters** make her easy to handle in close quarters and eliminate the fear of single diesel control.
- **Helm side door** makes single-handed docking easy.
- **Fold-out transom** optimizes the cockpit space and a swim platform on the hook or at the dock.

Performance

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 has an LOA of 37' (11.29 m), a beam of 13' (3.96 m), and a draft of 3'10" (1.17 m). With an empty weight of 18,187 lbs. (8,249 kg), 85-percent fuel and four people on board, we had an estimated test weight of 20,057 lbs. (9,098 kg).

With the 425-hp Cummins QSB 6.7 turning a 24" by 24" 5-bladed prop and spooled up to 3075 rpm, we reached our top speed of 17.9 knots (20.6 mph or 33.1 kph).

Best economic cruise came in at 2600 rpm and 12.8 knots (14.8 mph or 23.7 kph). It was at that speed that the 14.5 gph fuel burn translated into 1 mpg and a range of 194 statute miles, all while still holding back a 10-percent reserve of the boat's 211-gallon (800 L) fuel capacity.

Since the Swift Trawler 35 is also a displacement cruiser, we also recorded numbers for 1000 rpm, where she came in at 5.2 knots (6.0 mph or 9.7 kph) burning 1.0 gph for a range of 1,000.8 nautical miles (1,852 km). At 1500 rpm, she hit 7.9 knots (9.1 mph or 13.0 kph), burning 3.1 gph for a range of 430.8 nautical miles (797 km). And at 2000 rpm, she had a speed of 8.2 knots (9.4 mph or 15.1 kph) with a fuel burn of 7.4 gph and a range of 210.5 nautical miles (390 km).

Beneteau and Swift Trawler 35 running
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 running

The 20 mph top speed is the “swift” part of Swift Trawler, and it means cruisers are able to beat nightfall into the next port or even get away from a storm.

For acceleration, she came up on plane in an average 7.3 seconds and continued to 20 mph in 15.5... almost her top speed.

Handling

With flat-calm conditions, we had no real way to test her handling characteristics, but we did find her to be responsive to the helm and steady crossing wakes. No matter how heavy-handed we tried to get she just wasn't having any of it and remained comfortable throughout.

Nothing happened quickly so that anyone would be grabbing for support. It was also easy to just take the hands off the wheel and let her run as there was no wandering of the heading whatsoever. She's clearly made for long runs and it seems the autopilot is more of a convenience than a necessity.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler 35 running
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On our test we ran through the wake of the camera boat just to see what she could do: She maintained a steady feel and knocked down the spray well.

Close-Quarters Maneuvering

When we got underway, it immediately became apparent that this boat was easily handled. We put her through her slow-speed paces, backing her up in the marina fairway, rotating her on her axis with the bow thrusters, and trying every which way to find a maneuverability weak point. She just refused to be a challenge at all. Soon we were lined up and headed out the fairway for open water.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler 35 idle
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 idle

The Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 was well-mannered in the fairway, thanks to her bow and stern thrusters. Coming back to the dock we had another chance to check out her docking capabilities, and it was without surprise. With the convenience of the helm door and bulwarks side door, she was easy to tie up single-

handed. As we've seen, Beneteau designs Swift Trawlers to be run with a small crew and can be operated alone with little effort.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 docking

Our test captain put her in her slip with ease and even tied her up by himself, thanks to the helm door and bulwarks door.

Features Inspection

Now let's have a closer look at the Beneteau Swift Trawler 35, starting at the lower helm.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 main deck

The main deck of the Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 has a helm station to starboard with galley opposite and a convertible settee aft.

Lower Helm

The helm station is to starboard at the forward end of the salon, with easy access to the side deck through a door in the house side. It's handy to the side deck and the cleats as well as the side door in the bulwarks, making docking short- or single-handed a much easier process.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 side door

Our test captain used the helm side door to improve the view as he backed the Swift Trawler 35 back into her slip.

On the helm console, the compass is mounted on the centerline on the flat top. The helm has a dashboard with an angled panel where the instruments are mounted just forward of the steering wheel. Across the top of the center section of the angled panel on the helm dash is a 4" (10.14 cm) VesselView display for monitoring engine systems, and analog gauges showing the tachometer and rudder-angle indicator.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm

The view from the helm console offers excellent lines of sight.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 dashboard

The helm dashboard has everything a cruiser may need, and may offer room for additional instruments.

Bow and stern thruster controls are mounted atop a raised section on the starboard side. Lenco trim tab controls with LED tab indicators are just below that, on the angled panel of the helm dash. Next we have the single-lever engine throttle and shift control.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm

Operational controls for trim tabs and bow thrusters are within easy reach of the single-diesel control binnacle.

On the lower section of the center panel is a standard 9" (22.86 cm) Raymarine Axiom Pro multifunction display (a 12" unit is optional). A bank of 11 rocker switches on the port side of the dash control electrical functions. A dedicated Raymarine autopilot control head is positioned below that, on the dash where it's easy to see and find, a good installation for a cruising boat. On the lower vertical surface beneath the dash, there's a Raymarine instrument with a 4" (10.14 cm) display.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 instruments

Additional helm instruments are placed where there's available space, but we like the prominent autopilot control head position on the starboard end of the main helm dash panel.

The vertically mounted destroyer-style wheel is wrapped for a better grip. To the starboard side of the wheel is a speaker for the VHF, as well as the full-control wired-remote mic for the VHF, a black-box-style installation that saves on helm dash space. Above are the ignition switch and an analog gauge showing the fuel level.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm console

The helm console is laid out neatly and can even accommodate a larger multifunction display, if desired. The entire angled panel of the helm dash is on hinges at the top and held in place with two bolts that have knurled heads, making it simple to access the backside of the electronics.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 electronics

Beneteau made it simple to check the connections for the electronics with a hinged dash panel.

The helm seat is 34" (86.36 cm) wide and has a single flip-up bolster. The seat is adjustable fore and aft, and has a tubular stainless steel armrest on the inboard side.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm seat

The helm seat offers numerous positions for onboard comfort.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 bolster

The flip-up bolster opens up the space between the wheel and the seat.

A wooden footrest is built into the cabinet of the helm console, useful for when the driver is seated. That footrest is mounted on a hinged panel, and that folds out to serve as a wooden helm platform. This setup works well for use with the seat bolster in the up or the down position depending on the height of the operator.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm

The helm console has a wooden footrest below the wheel.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 platform

The platform can help improve lines of sight from the lower helm.

The three-panel windshield offers excellent sightlines thanks to narrow mullions, which are reinforced with aluminum to support the weight of the flying bridge. There's also a brow over the windshield that reduces glare, a nice touch, and there's a mounting point for a remote-control spotlight, though it wasn't installed on our test boat.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35

This angle gives an idea of the sightlines through the large windshield and side windows, with narrow mullions that reduce blind spots.

Salon

The aft bulkhead of the salon has a double sliding glass door that opens to a 5'4" (1.62 m) width, opening up the salon to the outdoors. It's a 6" (.15 m) step up at the entry of the salon. The salon has a 6'4" (1.93 m) overhead with long grabrails on centerline – a feature that confirms she's a cruising yacht. The large windows have low sills to improve the lines of sight from the starboard seating area, and also reach very high up to the overhead to admit lots of natural light.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Salon

The grabrails on the salon overhead centerline are a safety feature.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35

The wide-opening double sliding doors open the salon to the cockpit.

On the port side is a credenza with joinery made of Alpi manufactured wood. Our test boat had a new teak finish. There's a cabinet above that houses the main electrical panel, including the generator start controls. In light of the large windows, the Swift Trawler 35 has three zones of air-conditioning.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 credenza

This credenza hides some onboard equipment, including a drawer freezer/icemaker behind the forward louvred doors.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 electrical panel

This electrical panel is found in a locker on the portside of the salon aft, positioned at eye level for easy use.

The couch comes in 30 different upholstery choices and converts into a double berth to accommodate overnight guests. Where are we eating tonight? The movable pedestal table can be placed in the salon or the cockpit, and it is expandable to add surface area once it's in position.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 salon

The salon is bright and airy with windows designed to provide good lines of sight to seated passengers.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Extra Berth

The foldout berth takes up most of the deck space in the salon, but folds easily out of the way.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 table

The expandable table adds to the dining options, either in the salon or in the cockpit.

Engine Room Access

Access to the engine room is through a hatch in the salon sole. The hatch lid is equipped with ¾" (1.91 cm) soundproofing foam. The engine is positioned on the centerline and some service points can be reached from the salon without stepping into the engine room. The all-aluminum 211-gallon (799 L) fuel tank is positioned just ahead of the engine.

The thru-hull for the engine cooling water is easily accessible and equipped with a clear hose so it's easy to see at a glance if water is flowing. Aft the engine is the ZF transmission with a 1:1 gear ratio.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 engine

The engine is nestled just beneath the cockpit sole, with a large hatch that offers a view of the space and all key components.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 engine room

Also in the engine room, it's easy to see the internal construction of the hull, where a drop-in stringer system with crossmembers is positioned in the hull and then bonded in place to enhance hull integrity.

Galley

The galley is to port opposite the helm and has a U-shaped counter on two levels. There's a two-burner electric cooktop and an electric convection microwave built into the cabinet below. Propane appliances are available as an option, and the propane tank stowage is amidships on the port side deck in a locker vented for the purpose. The sink is positioned forward, as is additional stowage.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Galley

A covered double sink is on the forward end of the U-shaped counter in the galley.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 cooktop

The optional electric cooktop (\$1,240) has two ceramic burners and is covered by a tempered glass lid that flips up out of the way.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 microwave

A combination microwave and convection oven (\$2,660) optimizes space in the galley.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 propane locker

A dedicated propane locker is built into the side deck, properly vented to stow a tank safely.

A refrigerator is in the cabinet beneath the helm seat, handy to the galley, and there's a freezer drawer in the salon's port side credenza abaft the galley that can do double duty as an icemaker, or do both jobs simultaneously. A slide-open section of the port window above the counter helps create cross-ventilation.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 refrigerator

The refrigerator beneath the helm seat has space for fresh food and cold drinks.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 freezer

The combination freezer/icemaker (\$3,400) is in the salon, technically, but it's not far from the galley on this pocket cruiser.

An aft section of the counter is positioned lower than the rest, and is a useful spot for serving or food prep. A cushion turns this seat into a companion seat when cruising takes precedence over cooking.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 aft counter

This aft counter is useful at mealtime...

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 seat

... But also as an additional seat for a cruising companion.

Accommodations

To port of the helm station forward is the companionway, which brings us to the accommodations.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 layout

The master stateroom is forward and the port guest stateroom share the head to starboard.

Beneteau and Swift Trawler
Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 battery switch

The main battery switches are accessed through a cutout in the riser on the second step of the companionway.

Master Stateroom

The master stateroom of the Swift Trawler 35 is in the bow, and it makes good use of the hull's volume that carries far forward in the beam, and has a 6'6" (1.98 m) overhead. Entry to the stateroom is through a double door, which makes sense as each folds to its respective side and gets out of the way – this is a 35-footer after all, and smart design makes the most of the space with solutions such as this. The door jamb is

gasketed to quiet any rattles while underway.

~~Beneteau and Swift Trawler~~ Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 door

This double door leads to the master stateroom forward, and it's a great solution for anyone who has ever dealt with a full-width door in a smaller space.

Inside the stateroom itself, there are large windows to both port and starboard admitting natural light, as well as an overhead hatch. The berth is 32" (81 cm) high, so it's not too much of a climb to get in and out in the middle of the night.

Hanging lockers to port and starboard have louvred doors. Additional stowage is located underneath the berth where a hinged lid opens with the aid of a gas-assist ram.

To either side at the head of the berth are reading lights, stereo speakers, a lipped shelf where the occupants of the berth can stow their devices.

~~Beneteau and Swift Trawler~~ Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Master Stateroom

The forward stateroom has large windows, and the berth has reading lamps, plugs and device chargers with shelves for personal items for each side.

~~Beneteau and Swift Trawler~~ Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Master Stateroom Locker

Lockers are concealed behind louvred doors. The berth has a hinged section at its foot that reveals even more stowage.

Head Compartment

The head on this model has evolved from the previous Swift Trawler 34 – it's no longer a wet head, and instead there is a walk-in shower with a glass door and a bench for sitting. The MSD is positioned in the shower stall, beneath the bench, which folds up. The compartment has a basin sink and lockers to stow toiletries, and there's a large mirror. Two opening portlights offer ventilation.

~~Beneteau and Swift Trawler~~ Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Head Compartment

The head is accessed through a door in the passageway, and has two opening portlights, plus lockers and cubbies for towels and toiletries.

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The toilet is tucked under the fold-down bench in the walk-in shower.

Guest Stateroom

Down the companionway into a passageway, we find the guest double stateroom to port. It features over-under berths. Two opening portlights provide natural light and ventilation. There is LED lighting in the overhead. Stowage for odds and ends are in upper and lower lipped shelves that are easy to reach from the respective berths.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Guest Stateroom

The guest stateroom is a cozy bunkroom with opening portlights.

The door on the guest stateroom has some innovative hardware. When the door is open, the latch is flush inside the door, with no sharp metal part to bump and either injure someone or leave a smudge of lubricant on one's clothing. As the door is closed, a magnet in the jamb pulls the latch into position.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 latch

The latch is flush with the edge of the door when it's open.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 latch

As indicated by the green arrow, the latch automatic pulls into place thanks to a magnet.

Exterior Features Inspection

Transom

The swim platform extends 34" (86.36 cm) from the transom, and it's covered in teak decking. The transom has two hinged sections that fold open aft, adding the deck space of the swim platform to the cockpit. Each swinging section has a folding seat in it that makes for a pair of inboard facing seats. A table on a base can move to the salon or aft to be served by these transom seats for a dining spot on deck, a cool effect.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Transom

The inventive transom lets the operator make the most of the available deck space on the swim platform. Note the curved inlay pieces showing the path of the fold-out sections, and containing the receivers for their latches.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Transom

Much more space is added to the cockpit, and with fold-out seats as well.

The transom to either side has a 12" (30.5 cm) cleat with chafing gear as well as an 8" (20.3 cm) cleat for securing the dinghy to a foldout davit system. To the port side of the swim platform, there's a single 50-amp shore power connection.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35

The mechanical davit is quite unobtrusive when not in use, as it telescopes and stows in the transom.

Davit System

On the transom are two telescoping, foldaway, tubular Besenzoni davits (\$4,170) that extend upward and then hinge aft to support a max load of 440 lbs. (200 kg). The davit system is not available as an aftermarket add-on. It must be specified when the boat is ordered, because the layup schedule in that section of the boat must be reinforced to accommodate it.

We recommend that all buyers of this boat opt for it, unless a Weber-type tender bracket system is planned for the aftermarket.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 davit

This Besenzoni tubular davit extends from the transom to manage a tender. There's another on the starboard side.

Cockpit

The cockpit has a single seat with backrest to port served by a pair of beverage holders. An extended overhang from the flying bridge shelters much of the cockpit and has a 7' (2.13 m) overhead height. The overhead has a grabrail on centerline, and speakers and LED lights set into its underside.

A cockpit enclosure is available as an option. A tinted air dam closes off the side deck at the aft end, blocking the wind from the cockpit. The teak sole for the cockpit, swim platform, and starboard side deck is an option (\$7,560).

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 Cockpit

The cockpit has a fixed seat to port and the ladder to the flying bridge.

Lazarette

In the center of the cockpit deck, there's a hatch with two turn-and-lock latches that's held open by gas-assist rams. The lid is gasketed all around. There's a diamond-plate aluminum step that makes access easy.

Here we find the 7.5-kilowatt Cummins Onan genset. Other equipment in this space includes the battery for the genset, which charges off the generator itself, a water pickup for the air conditioner, additional batteries that power the stern thruster, and there's dedicated stowage for an emergency steering tiller, which inserts in a receiver accessed through a pie plate lid in the cockpit sole aft.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 mechanical

This mechanical space beneath the cockpit places many ship's systems within reach, including the genset.

Side Decks

Getting around the Swift Trawler 35 is a simple proposition thanks to her asymmetrical design. Her house is shifted to one side, so the side decks measure 13" (33 cm) to port and 21" (53.3 cm) to starboard. The side rails are 29" (73.7 cm) high on the port side. The decks are treated with nonskid all the way forward for safe stepping and a channel directs water overboard to reduce the risk of flooding in the cockpit.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 port side

The port side deck is four steps above cockpit deck and offers access to the full length of the boat, protected by a bowrail.

The starboard side deck is on the same deck level as the cockpit and is protected by the bulwarks. There's a 12" (30.5 cm) cleat atop the caprail amidships. The deck is sheltered alongside the pilothouse by a hardtop overhang with LED lighting.

Decking on this side deck is teak from the cockpit to a section forward of the helm side door, where three steps lead up to the foredeck. The second step is hinged and beneath it are the concealed fuel fill and dockside pumpout.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 side deck

The starboard side deck is on deck height and protected by bulwarks.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 shelter

It's even got a bit of shelter from the hardtop overhang.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 fuel fill

The fuel fill and blackwater pumpout are side by side beneath a step on the starboard side decks.

Foredeck

The foredeck has a 3" toerail and a 29" (73.7 cm) bowrail, and it can serve as another social area. A recessed area atop the trunk cabin can accommodate a cushion measuring 5'7" by 7'4" (1.70 m by 2.23 m) to create a sun pad.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 foredeck

The foredeck is not a threatening spot in reasonable conditions thanks to the sturdy bowrail and extensive use of nonskid.

There's a vertical Lewmar windlass that leads through a roller to a 35 lb. (15.8 kg) Delta plow-style anchor in a roller on a stainless pulpit. The chain locker below has 90' (27 m) of 10 mm chain and 130' (40 m) of rope. The chain is secured by a lanyard, and there's good access to the locker to either side, to clear tangles.

The upper bowrail has a gap at the bow and is secured by a length of cable and there's a wooden step installed across the space on the lower bowrail.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 windlass

The ground tackle and windlass are positioned at the ready, though we would consider getting a cover for the windlass.

Flying Bridge

The flying bridge is accessed from a ladder in the cockpit, and is a gathering area for guests to enjoy the ride on pleasant days. There is open space astern, and was set up with a pair of deck chairs that come with the boat. It can also be used for much-needed storage.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 flying bridge

The flying bridge has a generous amount of space, thanks to the aft section that overhangs the cockpit. Forward of that, U-shaped seating wraps around the pedestal table and serves as companion seating for the helm station which is opposite. The teak table has a hinged leaf that is folded on top of the main surface. Unfold it and turn the helm pedestal seat around and the skipper can join the crew for lunch (at the dock or at anchor). The deck chairs can be moved over to the table as well.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 port side lounge

The portside lounge is served by a teak table with a folding leaf, and it's close enough to be true companion seating for the captain.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 helm chair

Even more handy, the helm chair can turn and act as an additional dining chair when the boat is at the dock or on the hook.

The PVC-upholstered cushions are weather-resistant and they're available in three different colors.

There's a Bimini top that provides a little shade to the top deck and it's secured by a couple of cables forward that don't really cause any problems for lines of sight. It can be folded back against a fixed arch aft. There's also a fixed Bimini available as an option. Both tops have LED lighting.

We recommend getting one or the other type of Bimini top.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 bimini

The optional flying bridge Bimini (and matching canvas dodger, \$5,050) folds aft and stows against the fixed arch.

The flying bridge helm is to starboard and is protected by a venturi windscreen of tinted acrylic. The compass is mounted to the top of the helm console, in line with the steering wheel. The upper panel of the helm dashboard has a 9" (22.86 cm) multifunction display (a 12" display is available).

Analog gauges are located to starboard on this same upper panel and include a large tachometer with an additional digital readout, a steering indicator, and a fuel gauge. On the lower dashboard panel are a dedicated autopilot control to port, and banks of rocker switches to either side of the steering wheel on its fixed base.

Thrusters. To starboard of the wheel are bow and stern thruster joysticks and Lenco trim tab controls with LED tab indicators. There's a single-lever engine control binnacle and a Fusion stereo control head.

Beneteau Swift Trawler 35 upper helm

Equipment-wise the flying bridge helm replicates the majority of what's available at the lower helm, but it's organized a bit differently.

Noteworthy Options

- **Mooring/Anchoring Kit** includes Delta anchor, 91'10" (28 m) 10 mm chain, 131'3" (40 m) 18 mm mooring line, six fenders (\$1,460)
- **Electronics Pack** includes IP aft camera with inverted image, Raymarine Quantum digital radar, 650 AIS receiver, windvane/anemometer (\$8,640)
- **Air Conditioning Pack** includes 7.5-kW generator (230 V, 50 Hz), 34,000-BTU reverse-cycle air conditioning (\$21,610)

Price

Pricing starts at \$416,700.

Warranty

7-year structural, 3-year parts and labor.

Observations

Obviously, this boat is not designed for world cruising or long offshore passages. Rather, she is intended for the couple who have had a lifelong dream of serious coastal cruising, but who do not need to pay several million dollars for a boat designed to go around Cape Horn.

By making the boat affordable, yet packing in everything needed for coastal work, Beneteau has created a vessel that has utility and is remarkably comfortable given her price and size. By including both bow and stern thrusters as standard, virtually anyone can dock this boat like a pro.

Finally, the Swift Trawler 35 is a big improvement over her ancestor, the Swift Trawler 34. Feedback from owners over the last few years has led to many changes that have fixed some minor, but annoying, problems of the 34 and added to the boat's overall functionality.