

Boats to Consider for Offshore Cruising

borrowed from: John Neal at Mahina Expeditions

Able 32, 42, 48 USA Superb quality, expensive. Chuck Paine designs.

* Alajuela 33 USA Good value, well built.

* Alberg 30, 35, 37 USA Early f /g boats. Well proven, not expensive. Narrow, short waterlines, graceful overhangs.

Alden 38, 43, 44, 46, 48, 54, 58 USA Classy, well built, beautiful & expensive.

* Allied 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 42 USA Good value. Functional, practical.

Amel 36-53

<http://www.amel.fr> FRA Strong, well designed. Excellent passagemaker, great value. Low maintenance.

* Amazon 29, 37, 44 CAN Steel boats, attractive modern designs.

* Amphitrite 43 FRA Waquiez built, strong & roomy with good storage. Odd deck design, but great boat and good value.

* Annie 28 USA Every boat built by Morris is a work of art!

* Bayfield 29, 30-32, 40 CAN Good value. A bit "plasticity" interiors but ok.

* Bluewater 60 USA Modern, top quality Chuck Paine design.

* Bowman 36-58 ENG Strong boats. Excellent passagemakers.

* Brewer 42 CAN Improved version of Whitby 42.

* Bristol 27-45 USA Good boats. Later models were better quality.

Bristol Channel Cutter 28 USA Well built, not my personal choice. Good company.

* Cabot 36 CAN Ted Brewer design.

* Cal 2-30, 34, 36, 39, 40, 2-46, 3-46, 48 USA Bill Lapworth designs. Many 2-46's have circumnavigated. Comfortable, reasonably priced but look very carefully at bulkhead attachment.

Caliber 28, 33, 35, 38, 40.

<http://www.caliberyacht.com> USA Fairly well-built. Michael McCreary designs. The 47 are not an attractive boat.

* Cambria 40, 44, 46 USA Fast, well-built, gorgeous and expensive.

* Camper Nicholson 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 43, 47, 56, 58, 70 ENG Out of business except for shipbuilding. Watch for serious blister problems on all models.

Cabo Rico 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45, 47, <http://www.caborico.com> CRI Crelock and Paine designs. Expensive, semi custom.

* Cape Dory - all models USA All models are well designed & built.

Cape George Cutters 31, 36, 38 USA Some owner completed. Strong & fast.

Cascade 36, 42 USA 1965-67 design still being built. Fairly narrow.

*Centurion 41, 42 FRA Modern attractive boat with limited tankage and storage

Cheoy Lee Offshore 41 ? Ketch

Cheoy Lee 44 – added by DC

* Cherubini 44, 48, 62 USA Semi-custom boats. Beautiful, great sailing & expensive

* Contessa 26 & 32 CAN, ENG Tania Aebi & B.J. Caldwell both circumnavigated in 26's.

Contest 31, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 55, 60

<http://www.contestyacts.com> HOL More common in Europe. Well built, new boats are very attractive.

* Countess 44 by Pearson USA Ancient John Alden design. Will need to be repowered & rewired.

* **Corbin 39 CAN Roomy and strong, but watch for hull blisters.**

Crealock 31, PH 32, 34, 37, 40, 44 by Pacific Seacraft USA One of the best US companies building cruising boats. Good value. Graceful overhangs, short waterlines.

* CSY 37, 44 USA Sturdy, roomy & reasonably priced.

Dana 24 by Pacific Seacraft

USA An expensive (for the size) pocket cruiser capable of ocean passages.

Deerfoot Yachts * VAR Fast & innovative, aluminum & fiberglass hulls.

* Dickerson 36, 37, 40, 41, 50 * USA Nicely proportioned & well-built boats. Earlier 36's are very reasonably priced.

* Durbeck 46 * USA Big and roomy, long overhangs, short waterline.

Endurance 35, 38, 40

VAR Peter Ibold design, some owner completed. Built by various yards in ENG, SCT, USA & CAN.

* Esprit 37 by Nordic * USA Perry design. Comfortable, well proven, good value.

* F & C 44 * ARG Modern Frers designed cruising ketch.

Farr Pilot House 50, 56, 60, 63 SWE Sexy, powerful, fast and glamorous. Excellent quality. First boats were built by Najad.

<http://www.farr-pilothouseyachts.com>

Fast Passage 39 USA Some built in Canada, some by Tollycraft. Now being built in Anacortes, WA. Excellent boat.

Fisher 30-46

ENG Sturdy motorsailers. Great for high latitude cruising.

Flicka 20 USA Solidly built Mini-ocean cruiser, but slow, slow, slow.

* Francis 26 * USA Beautiful design from Morris, an excellent yard.

Fantasi 44 pilothouse SWE Modern attractive pilothouse.

<http://www.fantasi-yachts.se>

* Fraser 41, 46, 50 * CAN Good modern cruisers.

* Freya 39

USA Good value. Many owner-completed, so quality varies. FAST, full-keel design capable of 200 mpd!

Garcia 46-50+ Gorgeous, semi custom aluminum.

* Gladiateur 33

FRA Very sturdy, short on tankage, Waquiez built.

* Goderich 35, 37,41 CAN Attractive Brewer steel boats.

Gozzard 31, 36, 44 CAN Good design & construction.

Hallberg-Rassy, 31, 312, 33, 35, 352, 36, 38, 382, 39, 41,42, 42F, 43, 45, 46, 49, 53, 62 SWE Well built, comfortable, with good tankage & storage. Newer Frers designs have better sailing performance than earlier Enderlien boats. Excellent resale value. Excellent systems integration and detail.

<http://www.hallberg-rassy.com>

Halmatic 30 ENG Similar to Nicholson 31.

Hinkley 30-64 USA Attractive, well built, and expensive. Hold their value well. Modest tankage & storage.

* Hood 38 FRA Waquiez built, Hood design. Strong, fast, & attractive. Short on tankage. Centerboard rattles downwind.

Hylas 46,49, 54, 54 raised Saloon TAI Frers & S & S designs. Good sailing qualities, tankage & storage. Quality better on later models.

Island Packet 32, 35, 350, 37,38, 40, 420, 44, 45 <http://www.ipy.com> USA Roomy & comfortable with good tankage & storage but some odd features. Improving every year. Good value.

J/32, J/42; J/44, J/46, J/160 USA Fast, light. Excellent sailing performance. Minimal tankage and storage.

<http://www.jboats.com>

Jason 35 from Miller Marine USA Some owner-completed. Several have cruised extensively.

Jongert 50, 55, 60, 67, 73 HOL Heavy, expensive, extremely well-built steel and aluminum yachts. Not going to win any races, though!

Justine 36 USA Gorgeous Paine design, Morris built cruiser.

Kaiulani 34, 38 USA Lovely steel Brewer & Yohe designs.

Kanter 42, 45, 60, 65 CAN Steel & aluminum boats, semi-custom. Highest Quality. Chuck Paine & Ted Brewer designs.

<http://www.kanteryachts.com>

LM 27, 28, 290, 30, 315, 32, 380 DEN Some have inside steering. Well-built.

Linda 28 USA Gorgeous design, Morris quality.

Leigh 30 USA Very well built, attractive Morris.

Little Harbor 42 - 90 TAI & USA Ted Hood designed, heavy displacement. Semi-custom. Production returned to U.S. from Taiwan. Expensive and solid as a rock.

* Luders 33, DOVE USA Older, well built by Allied.

Malo 36, 38, 39, 45 Strong company, good service.

<http://www.maloyachts.se> SWE Quality offshore boats. Attractive, reasonably priced.

* Mariah 31 USA At least one circumnavigation. Pacific Seacraft built.

Mason 33, 43, 44, 53, 54, 63 TAI Some of the very best Taiwan built boats.

Mercator 30 USA Inexpensive, obscure. One has circumnavigated

Moody 38, 42 , 47, 54, 64

<http://www.moody.co.uk> ENG Good designs but some quality-control issues.

Morris 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 42, 44, 45, 45.4, 46, 48.6, 52

<http://www.morrisyachts.com> USA Chuck Paine design. Superb quality, highest quality US yard building cruising boats. Expensive. Semi-custom.

* Mystic 57, 60 ENG Dubois design, Bowman built, beautiful.

Najad 330, 361, 370, 390, 420, 490, 520 <http://www.najad.com> SWE Quality, attractive boats. Excellent sailing performance. Good tankage, storage and high level of craftsmanship.

Nauti-Cat Motorsailers 35, 40, 43, 53, <http://www.nauticat.com> FIN Later S & S designed models are much better performers than earlier tubby models.

* Niagara 31, 35, 42 CAN Well-built & roomy. Superb value.

* Nordic 34,40,44,45 USA Attractive boats, some solvable problems with mast step deflection on the 40 & 45.

* Norseman 400,447 TAI Strong, fast, and attractive. Have held their value well.

North Wind 43,50, 58

jawod@northwind.es SPA S&S designs, quality construction, good company.

Ocean 60, 71 ENG Powerful boats, many have had blister problems

* Ocean Cruising 42 USA Only a few built by Hank Hinkley. Classy.

* Orion 27 USA Offshore capable. Pacific Seacraft built.

Oyster 42, 45, 485,49,53, 55, 56 61, 62, 63, 66, 70, 82, 100 NZL Some have inside steering. Attractive, expensive and first class! Strong resale value.

<http://www.oystermarine.com> ENG

Pacific Seacraft 34, 37, 40, 44 USA Well built boats, good resale. Graceful overhangs.

* **Pearson** 35, 365, **385?**, 424, 520 USA Fairly well built, not flashy but reasonably priced.

Passport 41, 415, 435, 44, 456, 470, 50 [www.wagnerstevens](http://www.wagnerstevens.com) TAI Modem Perry cruising design. Good storage/tankage.

Peterson 44?

Pretorien 35 FRA Strong, fast & attractive. Built by Waquiez. Best value for a boat under \$85,000. Modest tankage.

* Rhodes Bounty II USA Ancient Pearson fiberglass design, classic but very old, so will need tons of upgrading. Is it worth it?

Regina of Vindo, 38, 43, 49

<http://www.reginayachts.se> SWE Attractive, well-built, quality deck saloon.

* Rival 36-41 ENG Strong, good-looking and sailing boats.

Sabre 34, 362,38, 402, 42, 402, 425, 452, <http://www.sabreyachts.com>
USA Built in Maine, great quality, but limited tankage.

* Sadler 34 ENG Unsinkable, fast, great performance. Good choice.

Saga 35, 43

<http://www.sagayachts.com> CAN Modern Perry design. Fast innovative and narrow.

Santa Cruz 52 USA Strong, fast and fun!

* Saturna 33 CAN Attractive, Bill Garden designed pilothouse cutter.

* Scanmar 35 SWE Limited production but good design.

Sceptre 41, 43 CAN Modern pilothouse with good performance.

* Seawind 30, Seawind II 32' USA Excellent boats. Good value. First f /g boat to circumnavigate the world. Built by Allied Yachts.

Seguin 44, 51 USA S & S design. Excellent boats. Semi-Custom.

Shannon 32, 36, 39, 43, 43 II, 47, 53. <http://www.shannonyachts.com> USA Good reliable boats. Hold their value well.

Skye 51 TAI Similar in appearance to Swans. Deck problems.

Southern Cross 28, 31, 35, 39 USA Good boats. Attractive designs. Fairly well built.

Spencer 35, 42, 44, 54 CAN Older, solid boats, built in Vancouver, B.C.

Stellar 52 TAI Total quality S&S design, well built, great detail work.

Sundeer 56, 64 USA Excellent & expensive. Innovative design & incredible performance. Good systems layout. Built by TPI.

Swan FIN Newest designs aren't well suited for ocean cruising.

Shearwater 39, 45 RSA Strong, traditional and attractive.

Sweden Yachts,

<http://www.swedenyachts.se> SWE Expensive & well built. Racer-cruiser designs, short on tankage and storage.

Tartan 3500, 37, 3700, 41, 4100, 4600, <http://www.tartanyachts.com> USA Well proven several 37's have circumnavigated. Some designs have centerboards.

Taswell 43, 49, 56, 58, 60, 72,

<http://www.yachtworld.com/taswell> TAI Quality, attractive, good sailing performance. Excellent tankage, storage and design.

Tashiba 31, 36, 40 TAI Perry designs. From the best yard in Taiwan.

Topper Hermanson 40+ USA Semi custom steel or aluminum Van de Stadt designs.

Trintella HOL Roomy and well built. Newer designs are aluminum.

Triton 29 by Pearson USA Good value, sturdy. Earliest F/g production boat.

Valiant 32, 37, 39, 40, 42, 47, 50.

<http://www.sailnet.com/valiant> USA Major blister problems on Valient 40 hull numbers 116-250. No problems with any of the excellent Texas built boats. Proven designs, strong company.

Vancouver 27 CAN Also built in Taiwan & England.

Vangard 32 USA Good value. Alberg design, built by Pearson.

Vega 27, by Albin Marine SWE At least six have circumnavigated. Inexpensive, fast.

Victoria 30, 34 ENG Chuck Paine design, Morris built.

Vindo 29, 34, 38, 39 SWE Attractive, well built, but high maintenance.

Vineyard Vixen 30, 34 USA Attractive design.

Westerly 26 - 36 ENG Not flashy, but fairly well-built boats.

Westerly SeaLord 39 centre cockpit

Westsail 28, 32, 39, 42, 43 USA Sturdy boats. 39's are rare & attractive. Perry designs.

Whitby 42, 44 CAN Brewer designs that sell for \$85-120k. Good value. Roomy and fairly well built.

Windship USA Expensive custom boats.

Yankee 26, 30 USA S & S designed. Inexpensive and capable. Great value.