

New Boats

CALIBER 47LRC: BUILT TO GO TO SEA

Edited by Charles Mason

A long keel and sturdy rudder and skeg combination aft, along with spacious accommodations, give this midship cockpit cruiser good seagoing capability and cruising comfort.

The Caliber 47 Long-Range Cruiser combines the storage requirements of long ocean passages with the practical realities of coastal cruising and living aboard.

Like many modern cruising boats, the 47 has a relatively shallow but long keel and a sturdy rudder/skeg combination aft. Hull construction is solid fiberglass with vinylester resin in the first layup, after the outer gelcoat, and GP polyester



resin in the remaining laminates. The deck and cabintop are both cored with 3-inch squares of 3/4-inch plywood for lightness and strength.

The midship cockpit is ample, with a large steering pedestal in its center. The steering wheel is in front of the pedestal's instrument pod: its spokes are curved aft, bringing its outer rim outside the pedestal and making the engine and instrument controls easily accessible without having to reach around, or over, the wheel.

Belowdeck, the layout provides luxurious and comfortable accommodations for four people. The forward cabin has a head, a separate shower stall, and two spacious stowage lockers.

The main saloon, which is amidships, has a large fold-down table with an L-shaped settee to port, seating to starboard and a forward-facing nav station at the foot of the companionway to starboard. The master head (with shower) is immediately aft to starboard, just forward of the master stateroom.

The long L-shaped galley, with freezer and fridge, is in the portside walk-through to the master stateroom. The engine room, between the galley and owner's head, is large and well



laid out.

Water and fuel controls and filters are grouped together and have back-up systems in case of clogs or failures. A sea chest handles all water intakes and requires only one through-hull below the waterline.

We sailed the 47 off Clearwater, Florida on flat water in winds of 8 to 12 knots, with gust up to 18. In the puffs the boat heeled a little before accelerating, but weather helm was not excessive. The boat tracked well on all points of sail and was maneuverable under both sail and

power.

Most boats are compromises, but the Caliber 47LRC is built to go either to sea or harbour-to-harbour in comfort. Its base price of \$389,250 FOB Clearwater, includes a mainsail and a 110 percent jib. -Will White

SPECIFICATIONS

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LOA 48'7" **Ballast** 13,000 lbs.

LWL 39'6" **Sail area** 1,014 sq ft

Beam 13'2" **Fuel** 277 gal

Draft 5'2" **Water** 225 gal

Displ. 33,000 lbs

Auxillary power Yanmar 75-hp diesel

Displ.-length ratio 237.61

Sail area-displ. ratio 17.17

