

Very seaworthy long range 44 ft. steel trawler, also set up for isolated live-aboard.

The Santa Catalina de Guale is a Bruce Roberts design trawler that I built, often out of junk yard materials, when I was not satisfied with the seaworthiness of Grand Banks type boats and could not afford one that was. She is of rough finish, more a miniature ship than a yacht, but is set up for long range cruising and incorporates numerous safety features. Since some functions that might be automatic in a yacht are manual on her, she requires an owner of some agility and physical strength. My strength has diminished with age and is time to say goodbye to her. She is also set up for at-anchor live-aboard, with full sized galley (really apartment sized kitchen), generator, water maker, and washer/drier.

Included are her dinghy and kayak plus all tools, tableware, spares, and even AA batteries; she will come to you ready to leave port.

The basics:

44' by 15', 5' draft, 65,000 lbs, ballasted to Class A standards

DD 4-53 engine, single left-hand screw. No bow thruster. You have to learn to dock.

Two heads/basins/showers, one in forward cabin, one in salon that converts to a private cabin.

Raised wheelhouse with extensive electronics

Hydraulic steering with destroyer wheel and double reclining pilot chairs. You can steer with your feet.

Fully galley with apartment sized refrigerator, full size propane stove and oven and microwave.

Walk-in engine room.

Apartment sized washer/dryer

Universal M25 5.6 KW genset

Small but pretty propane cabin heater

Three 5,000 BTU house type air conditioners

Smoke, propane, and CO detectors

Several extinguishers including 40 lb CO2 "sprinkler" system in engine room

3000 watt inverter

Large nav table/desk

6 type 27 batteries in main bank, plus separate batteries for engine, genset, and backup.

Sophisticated battery charger/maintainer

Balmar alternator on engine for main bank.

Electric and manual anchor winches

2 5/16" 250' chain rodes

Two spare 3/4" nylon rodes with chain leads

Four anchors, two plow, two Dansforth, moderate and monster sizes.

Coastal Commander life raft in shell with barometric release, up to date

Mast with fore and aft booms. The aft (over the boat deck) boom has an electric winch

Walker Bay 10 ft dinghy with Tohatsu 6 hp engine and inflated collar (does not plane)

Electronics:

Engine gauges

OpenCPN on Lenovo Thinkpad in front of wheel

Furuno wireless radar on iPad

Garmin Back-up GPS used as electronic compass and speedometer. Includes nav.

Garmin depth sounder

AIS with nav

Weather station

VHF radio

Spare VHF and antenna in storage

Simrad autopilot (needs repair; suspected compass failure)

Electrical gauges

HF amateur radio. Opened, so can transmit on Marine SSB frequencies, but you may PO the purists when you do.

HP printer (may not be working)

Tools:

The Catalina has a very complete tool set adequate for all maintenance. Since we are not transferring to another boat, everything we carried on cruises is included. Power tools include:

1/4" Dewalt battery impact driver

1/2 " electric drill

3/8" Dewalt battery drill

4 1/2" Porter Cable grinder

4 1/2" Porter Cable Battery wire wheel (chasing rust)

Small compressor

Negatives:

The wiring is a rat's nest

Raising the anchor is not automatic.

You have to chase rust above the waterline.

There's always a squawk or two pending.

Single screw and no bow thruster

Because her steel came from the Netherlands, she cannot be used for commercial fishing in the US.

Fall 2023 new bottom paint, hull paint, and recycled aluminum anodes. Nothing below the waterline rusts.