



51' oceanic sloop - 1986

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140 000 EUR incl vat



General

Builder : Exploration
Length : 51.84 Ft
Draft : 9.84 Ft
Area : Nivillac, France

Subtype : Pleasure
Year : 1986
Beam : 15.09 Ft
Life Raft : Yes
Leasing in progress : No

Engines

Fuel : Diesel
Power Unit. (HP) : 84

Engine Brand : Perkins
Engine(s) : 1

Facilities

Head : 1
Helm : No

Sailor Cabin : 2
WC : Sailor
Flybridge : Yes

Electronics

Autopilot : Yes
GPS : Yes
VHF : Yes
Watermaker : No

Radar : Yes
Sounder : Yes
Chartplotter : No
Converter 12/220 : No

Bridge equipment

Hydraulic Gangway : No
Bath platform : No
Winter cover : No
Sprayhood : No
Teak cockpit : No
Furling mainsail : No

Gangway : No
Davits : No
Electric windlass : No
Cockpit awning : Yes
Teak deck : No
Furling genoa : No
Spinnaker : No

Main equipment

Stern thruster : Yes
AC : No
Black Water : No
Tender : No

Bow Thruster : Yes
Marine Generator : Yes
Hot water : No
Flaps : No
Tender Engine : No

Household appliances

Fridge : 1

Oven : Yes

Gas stove : No

Heater : Yes

Dishwasher : No

TV : Yes

IceMaker : No

Freezer : No

Microwaves : Yes

Electric stove : No

Washing machine : No

TV antenna : No

SAT-TV : No

Various

This sailboat is the crowning achievement of a lifetime, handcrafted in 1986 by its sole owner—a master shipwright driven by passion. A testament to exceptional craftsmanship, its molded mahogany epoxy-laminated hull (West System) embodies unmatched strength and resilience, proven time and again over 50,000 nautical miles, including an Arctic passage. Inside, the same devotion to detail shines: exquisitely carved solid woodwork and original artwork create an atmosphere of warmth and sophistication. It is with deep regret that its creator parts with this companion of voyages, adventures, and life itself, hoping fervently that its next owner will continue the extraordinary story of this vessel.

Key Specifications

| Dimensions | Length: 15.80 m (51') ? Beam: 4.60 m ? Draft: 1.20 m / 3.05 m (lifting keel) |

| Construction | Hull: Molded mahogany epoxy laminate (West System) ? Deck: Fully rebuilt 2005-2009 (3 layers: marine ply + red cedar + marine ply, fiberglass/epoxy laminated) |

| Insulation | Full: 60 mm blue polystyrene panels + polyurethane foam (optimal thermal comfort) |

| Engine | Perkins 4.236 (84 HP, fully rebuilt in 2022, 300 hrs) ? Cruising speed: 6-7 knots at 1,700 RPM |

| Range | Fuel: 2 tanks (300 L) ? Fresh water: 2 tanks (1,200 L) ? Energy: 6 solar panels (400 W) + 400 W wind generator |

| Maneuverability | Lifting keel (shallow-water access) ? Lewmar 5.4 HP bow thruster ? Single-handed sailing possible |

| Performance | Avg. 10-12 knots over 24 hrs (higher peaks) ? ARIES windvane + autopilot |

An Exceptional Interior: Art, Comfort, and Functionality

Breskell was designed to live aboard like a home, with generous spaces and rare comfort for a sailboat of this size.

Layout

Forward Owner's Cabin: Large double berth (starboard), wardrobe, vanity/desk with swivel stool and mirror, marquetry flooring, 12 V fan.

Aft Guest Cabin: Convertible double berth + single bunk, bookshelf, private head (shower, Lavac toilet, wood/epoxy vanity).

Main Saloon: Solid maple expandable table (converts to extra berth: 99 x 127 cm), seating for 7.

Galley & Saloon

Ultra-functional linear galley: Ample storage (drawers, bread box, integrated trash), spacious countertop.

Warm ambiance: Hand-painted ceiling (trompe-l'œil by artist Corinne), solid wood paneling, soft LED lighting.

Navigation & Helm

Large chart table with sliding seat, full instrumentation (Garmin GPS, Furuno radar, VHF, OpenCPN).

Centerline helm with laminated wood wheel, 360° visibility.

Quarter berth at the companionway (single bunk).

Heads (2)

Forward Head: Shower, Lavac toilet, wood/epoxy vanity with sink, teak grating.

Aft Head: Shower, toilet, storage, marquetry flooring.

Technical Spaces & Storage

Engine compartment with folding workbench, solar/wind controllers.

Watertight sail locker (chain locker, bow thruster, dedicated batteries).

Optimized storage: Solid wood cabinets, lockers, shelves (no veneers).

Rigging & Sails: Ready for Adventure

Z-Spar aluminum mast (17.80 m), boom, 2 spreader levels, cap shrouds + intermediates.

Electric genoa furler (24 V, remote-controlled from the helm).

Sails:

Mainsail: 45 m² (3 reefs, traditional battens)

Genoa: 90 m² (~120%)

Staysail: 30 m²

Symmetric spinnaker: ~90 m² + asymmetric spinnaker: 140 m²

High-end hardware: Lewmar/Barient winches, mainsail/staysail/genoa tracks, spinnaker pole, bowsprit.

Energy & Autonomy

Production: 6 solar panels (400 W) + 400 W wind generator ? full off-grid capability.

Batteries:

House: 4 × GC2 (12 V, 120 min at 75 A)

Starter: 1,000 A MCA / 800 A CCA

Auxiliary (windlass, thruster): 4 × 800 A MCA (12/24 V)

Inverters: 12 V ? 110 V (600 W) and 12 V ? 220 V (1,000 W).

Heating: Wood stove + 60 mm insulation (comfort even in cold climates).

Safety & Equipment

Anchoring: Simpson Lawrence electric windlass, Rocna 35 kg + CQR 15 kg anchors, 95 m of 10 mm chain.

Safety Gear:

Plastimo 6-person liferaft

8 auto-inflating life jackets, 9 double tethers, harnesses, boarding ladder

5 fire extinguishers, flare kit, long-range spotlight, cable cutters

Bilge pumps: 2 electric + 1 manual Anderson MK V

History & Refits

2005?2009: New keel and lifting keel, full deck rebuild, added coachroof (headroom: 2.15 m).

2020?2023: Complete refit (electronics, engine, interior).

2022: Perkins 4.236 fully rebuilt (300 hrs since).

Why This Boat Stands Apart

Solid wood construction (no veneers) by a master shipwright.

Artist's interior: Sculpted woodwork, mural paintings, custom furniture.

Versatile: Perfect for coastal cruising, bluewater voyages (Arctic, Caribbean), or liveaboard life.

Full autonomy: Solar/wind power, large tanks, wood stove.

Proven robustness: 50,000 nautical miles, Arctic-tested, comprehensive safety gear.

A Boat Like No Other

This is not just a sailboat—it is the culmination of a lifetime's passion, a one-of-a-kind vessel born from a shipwright's artisanal skill and its owner's 50,000 nautical miles of experience, including an Arctic crossing. Its molded mahogany epoxy-laminated hull (West System) combines strength, lightness, and timeless elegance.

Every detail—from the solid wood joinery in noble hardwoods (cherry, walnut, maple, cedar) to the artist's touches (trompe-l'œil ceiling, decorated doors)—tells a story. A true floating masterpiece.

