

Mahina Offshore Cruising Workshop - 2026

Featured Boats - Condensed from "Boats to Consider for Offshore Cruising" from
OFFSHORE CRUISING COMPANION

Boat & (add'l models)	Mkt	Used	Sold	Change	Comments
Morgan 382, 383, 384	8	\$20-65	\$33,000	-\$8k	Brewer design, good value, but old
Pearson 424 (385, 422)	4	\$29-45	\$64,300	-\$33,210	Cutters most desirable, good value, old
Moody 419 & 425	9	\$64-150	\$79,800		Good value, three-cabin model exc. for kids
Island Packet 350 (380)	7	\$105-130	\$96,250	-\$22,583	Better performance than 35, well-built, good.
Beneteau Oceanis CC 44	2	\$131-159	\$118,000		A breakthrough design, ahead of its time
Beneteau 423 (393, 473)	14	\$99-172	\$118,538	-\$17,319	A modern design at a reasonable price
Catalina 42 Mk II (400)	15	\$80-169	\$139,500		Lead keel, good components & systems
Valiant 42 (39,50)	1	\$239	\$208,222	-\$36,778	Solid boats, newer the better, V-drive is a neg.
Ovni 395 (400, 435, 455)	2	\$234-293	\$209,000	+\$7,500	Proven, innovative, solid value, high resale
Amel 52, 53, 54 (50, 55)	10	\$116-287	\$246,000	-\$31,143	Unusual but good choice, SOLID!
Hallberg-Rassy 43 (39+)	7	\$316-505	\$388,285	+\$285.00	Highest quality, fast! Hardtop is excellent
Outbound 44/46	7	\$279-580	\$466,625	+\$66,475	Well-built, attractive and fast. High quality.
Allures 45.9, (45)	4	\$430-674	650,000		High quality, innovative composite decks
Hallberg-Rassy 40 (40C)	5	\$280-392	\$315,125		Highest quality, perfect for a couple
Sirius 40 DS			571,223	(New)	Highest quality, innovative deck-saloon.
Garcia Exploration 45	3	\$971-1,1	\$941,761	+\$246,761	Quality, go-anywhere SUV yacht
Multihulls					
Fountaine Pajot Belize43	6	\$186-293	\$238,800	-\$29,860	Newer models not as sturdy as older ones.
Manta 40, 42	6	\$209-249	\$176,333	-\$84,417	Solid, heavy boats with ok resale value.
Leopard 44 (46, 47, 48)	13	\$354-399	\$443,000	+\$11,667	Great choice, particularly non-charter models
Outremer 45	6	\$325-385	\$717,142	-\$59,258	Fast, well-built. Less volume than slower boats
Catana 471,472	2	\$410-526	\$446,000	+\$8,600	Quality, lousy customer service on new builds
Nautitech 46 Open	12	\$499-838	\$571,222-		Great design and quality
Antares 44i	9	\$475-875	\$740,750	+\$49,250	One of the best constructed cats, not fast

The boats on this list are a small example from the 147 builders listed on my "Boats to Consider for Offshore Cruising" list in the Offshore Cruising Companion. "Mkt" refers to the number of boats currently listed on www.yachtworld.com. The number and price of listings is as of January 5, 2026. The selling prices are a one-year average from soldboats.com. "Change" denotes the change in average selling price from the previous year.

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Why Some Boats Are More Expensive Than Others

Component	Lower Quality/Charter/Local Cruising	Higher Quality/Offshore
Structure	No or minimal grid reinforcing system Bulkheads & decks glued in place	Substantial grid system Bulkheads & deck glassed (tabbed) in place
Ballast	Cast iron: rusts & doesn't absorb impact	Lead, which absorbs impact, more expensive
Keel	Poor impact absorption and distribution, keel may fall off with serious grounding	Able to withstand 6+kt grounding without structural damage
Sailing Ability	Great downwind	Equally good upwind & downwind performance
Bilge	Shallow & flat; <20 gallon capacity	Deep; >50 gallon capacity
Tank Material	Aluminum, plastic or black iron	Stainless steel or fiberglass
Tank Location	Under settees	Above keel, under cabin sole
Fuel Tankage	<60 gallons, <600 miles	>100 gallons, >1000 miles
Interior Storage	Space under settees taken by tankage	Substantially more storage available
Deck Storage	Minimal storage lockers	Substantial deck storage lockers
Deck Core	Balsa or non-marine ply	Inorganic closed-cell foam or none
Rig	Lower strength or complex (B&R)	Simple & strong, ideally w/ fore & aft lowers & removable cutter stay for storm staysail
Battery Capacity	<300 amp hours	>500 amp hours
Charging Output	<100 amps	>100 amps

Refit and Maintenance Costs

Initial Refit and Outfit Budget:

Percent of original purchase price to prepare a stock 10+ year old 40'-46' boat for extended cruising: 30 – 100% depending on quality and condition of vessel.

Maintenance Items to Budget For:

(Approximate prices for 40' – 46' boat)

- Replace main engine at 5000 to 20,000 hours or after 25-30 years 30,000 - 40,000
- Remove antifoul paint and epoxy bottom job every 8 -10 years 15,000 - 20,000
- Pull mast, replace rigging, repaint (if not anodized) every 10 years 15,000 - 25,000
- Replace sails every 20,000 - 30,000 miles 25,000 - 40,000
- Replace batteries every 2-6 years 2,000 - 20,000
- Repack liferaft (1-3 years), replace at 12-15 yrs 1,500 - 6,000
- Regalvanize or replace chain every two years (tropical waters) 600 - 5,000
- Rebuild or replace windlass every 4-8 years 500 - 4,000
- Drop rudder for inspection & repair every 5 years 3,000 - 5,000
- Replace tender and motor every 5-10 years 4,000 - 15,000
- Replace failed or outdated electronics every 2-12 years 2,000 - 30,000
- Replace fresh water and head hoses every 5 yrs 300 - 1,500
- Replace thru-hulls and ball valves every 8-10 yrs 2,000 - 10,000
- Replace solar panels and regulator every 4-8 years 3,000 - 10,000

Maintenance Costs While Cruising

First 1-4 years after refit: 3-5% of purchase price annually, 5-10 years: 6-8% annually, over 10 years: 10% annually. The older the boat, the higher the annual maintenance costs and the more time required for maintenance.

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