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Boat Details

Price	Sold	Boat Brand	Cavalier
Model	32 CRUISING YACHT	Length	9.75
Year	1979	Category	Cruiser / Racer
Hull Style	Single	Hull Type	Fibreglass
Power Type	Sail	Stock Number	PWCL322996
Condition	Used	State	New South Wales
Suburb	NEWPORT	Engine Make	

Description

1979 Cavalier 32 now for sale with DBY Boat Sales.

The Cavalier 32, affectionately known as the Cav32, is perhaps the best production cruiser to be produced in New Zealand, and certainly one of the most successful. This 1979 model is now for sale and ready to go. A credit to the current owner, she is in great shape.

Right from the get go, when Sea Spray magazine in July 1971 took the first production boat for a sail they were impressed by both the spacious interior, berthing up to eight, and its on-the-water performance; noting it was fast, responsive, incredibly close-winded and with good acceleration.

The boat went on to compete very successfully as an ocean racer with a half ton rating, eventually finding its place among the cruising community as a comfortable and reliable blue water vessel. Many have cruised the South Pacific extensively, while others have circumnavigated.

History

Designed by Bob Salthouse in 1969, the prototype Cavalier 32 made its debut at the 1970 Auckland Boat Show. The concept was for a hull with high racing potential; a boat that would be satisfying to race inshore as well as offshore, yet have family-size cruising accommodation. It immediately proved popular with 14 boats sold by the time the first boat was launched in Jul 1971.

The Cavalier 32 became the first boat offered by a relatively new partnership between John Salthouse and respected boat builder Peter K. Smith. The venture was known as Cavalier Yachts, which incidentally, at its peak in the 1970s became the largest production boatbuilder in Oceania.

Shortly after its introduction the boat's rig was revised with a shorter mast and boom to rate under the half ton racing rule. As a half tonner, the Cav32s were formidable competition that the boat stacked up many victories in the mid-70s.

The racing tradition of the Cav32 is alive and well today, each year a team of RNZYS skippers compete with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron aboard Cav 32s both in Auckland, NZ and Sydney, Australia. In the 30 year history there has never been a protest; in grand Kiwi-Aussie spirit, all altercations have been settled in the bar.

Bullet proof...

Andrew Fagan recounts the maiden delivery voyage of Tingara in 1975, skippered by none other than builder Peter Smith himself. The boat was caught in extreme conditions passing Castlepoint; wind speeds were clocked at a sustained 100 knots with gusts of 120knots. A nearby 55ft fishing boat floundered with the loss of 2 lives while Tingara, running on bare poles, was broached and rolled multiple times by breaking waves. Remarkably the rig stayed put, and the crew did not send a mayday (the radio quit), and after riding out the rough stuff, the boat made its way into Wellington harbour a little wet inside and some staved in washboards.

Sailing Characteristics

By modern lightweight racer/cruiser standards the Cavalier 32 is considered a substantial all-rounder with excellence in heavy conditions and downwind performance. Helped by its 50% ballast ratio, expect to hold up full canvas well after other boats have to reef.

When Sea Spray magazine tested the boat during its debut, they described the boat being particularly stiff, "when a gust hits, the boat accelerates forward and does not lay on her ear and fight to round into the wind". They noted the boat being fast off the wind without the tendency to broach and summed it up by saying, "At all angles of sailing the boat is superb. When ghosting she carries her way and makes miles; in the fresh she is truly exhilarating"

The boat is well balanced and easy to sail and single-hand. Expect finger-light steering at all times.

Boat Configuration & Layout

The Cavalier 32 has relatively modern lines for a boat conceived in the early 1970s. There is a moderately raked bow tapering out to a relatively narrow beam and a powerfully shaped aft quarter, reminiscent of successful Sparkman and Stephen cruiser/racers like the S&S34. The overhangs are nicely balanced and the sheerline attractive.

Under the waterline is a fin keel drawing 5ft 6 inches and a skeg hung rudder which is controlled by tiller.

The cockpit has space for three and is adequately protected by substantial coamings and a coachroof that is just the right height. Side decks offer easy passage. Five crew can quite happily get about the decks in sailing mode.

Up above is a masthead rig with a small high aspect ratio main and a large genoa. A handful of the earliest NZ boats had taller rigs, as did all of the Australian built boats.

Inside, the cabin feels spacious for a 32 footer of its era with 6ft 1 inch of headroom. There are twin sea-going quarter berths in the space below either side of the cockpit. The galley is small and functional on the port side of the boat. Refrigeration is under the port quarter berth. Across from the galley on starboard side is a nice sized navigation station.

Further forward is the saloon with settee births on either side of the keel-stepped mast. The saloon table on most boats can be put away by sliding it up the mast to the cabin top.

On the other side of the forward saloon bulkhead is the head.

Accommodation layout offers up to eight berths. The interior is finished in white, mahogany trim and mahogany veneer giving an overall feel that is light and spacious.

Construction

The boat was one of the early pioneers of cored fiberglass construction. The hull is built incredibly strong with hand-laid GRP with end grain balsa coring.

The layup from the exterior moving inwards starts with the gel coat which is reinforced by 1oz matt, then followed by 10oz cloth and two layers of 2oz matt. The balsa coring is 19mm thick in the bilge and 13mm thick above the waterline. Then comes 2oz matt and 24oz woven rove which forms a strong impact resistant layer.

All through deck fittings are backed by wood and glassed over. The hull-deck join is epoxy glued, then pop riveted with Monel rivets every 6 inches and stainless steel bolts every 12 inches. The join is glassed over forming a gusset equal to the hull thickness.

Inspections welcome.

Features

Designer	Bob Salthouse
Builder	Cavalier Yachts
Water (Potable) Capacity (l)	200
Hull Construction Material	GRP
Hull Type	Mono
Deck Construction Material	GRP
Country Origin	Australia
Length (feet)	32
Length (m)	9.75
Length Waterline (m)	7.32
Beam/Width (m)	2.97
Draft (m)	1.62
Draft (feet)	5'6
Keel/Ballast	Lead fin keel
Dry Weight (kgs)	4082
Number of Helms	1
Displacement	4082
Engine Notes	Bukh DV20ME shaft driven diesel
Number Of Engines	1
Engine Standard	Bukh Diesel shaft driven
Stroke	4
Engine Hours	1800
Horse Power (hp)	20
Drive Type	Shaft
Engine Room	Under companionway steps, heat and sound insulated.
Number of Batteries	2
Fuel Type	Diesel
Number of Fuel Tanks	1
Fuel Tank Capacity (L)	40
Propeller	Fixed 3 blade
Steering System	Tiller
Accommodation Notes	V berth double, 2 quarter berths which are large singles, settee converts to double.
Number of Berths	6
Number of Showers	1
Number of Toilets	1
Toilet Type	Electric
Galley Notes	2 burner gas stove and grill, well laid out inline galley, twin sink, pressurised water.
Stove	2 burner gas stove and grill
Refrigeration	1 large
Number of Sinks	2
Anchor / Winch	New anchor and chain plus a spare anchor.
Bilge Pump	Auto plus manual.
Mast/Rigging	New boom, new running rigging, standing rigging is 10+ years old,
Sail Inventory	1 new Main by Precision sails, 1 spare Quantum main, both dacron. 130# genoa on seldon furler with UV strip. Symmetrical spinnaker and pole.
Electrics	12v electrics, mostly new.
Electronics Navigation	Raymarine wind, depth, speed and temp. ST 2000 auto tiller pilot, Chartplotter is Axiom 7 Raymarine

with AIS receiver.

Dinghy	2.4m Sirocco 3 months old plus 4 stroke air cooled outboard.
Covers	Large shade cover for at moorings, winch covers, boom bag with lazy jacks, UV strip on genoa.
Safety Gear	4 man liferaft in service, flares, EPIRB Cat 4 first aid kit, life ring, life jackets, AIS, jackstays.
GPS	Raymarine R70
Has Navigation Lights	Yes
Radio	Raymarine VHF
Number of Life Jackets	4
Remarks	Sought after yachts!
Vessel Name	MANOLIN
Anti-foul	11.2018
