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Mason 53 – $245,000

Boat Details / Inventory

Price	$245,000	Boat Brand	Mason
Model	53 Ketch/Cutter	Length	16.30
Year	1983	Category	Cruising Yacht
Hull Style	Single	Hull Type	GRP
Power Type	Sail	Stock Number	DBY00162
Condition	Used	State	New South Wales
Suburb	NEWPORT	Engine Make	Perkins

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Description

Mason 53 "SEQUOIA" - Exclusively for sale with DBY Boat Sales

PRICE REDUCED, MOTIVATED SELLER

The Mason 53 is one of the most respected blue water cruising yachts ever built. Designed by Al Mason and constructed by Ta Shing in Taiwan, the Mason 53 is renowned for its robust build quality, exceptional sea-kindly motion, and timeless Sparkman & Stephens–inspired lines.

Over the past 12 years, Sequoia has sailed halfway around the world, proving herself as a capable and dependable passage maker. She has been maintained to a very high standard and is offered in “step-on-and-go” condition, carefully prepared by experienced owners for safe, comfortable offshore cruising.

Legendary Bluewater Pedigree

The Mason 53’s heavy displacement hull, full keel with cutaway forefoot, and encapsulated lead ballast deliver excellent tracking, directional stability, and balanced helm that inspire confidence at sea.

Effortless Shorthanded Sailing

The cutter/ketch rig significantly reduces sail loads, making Sequoia exceptionally manageable for a couple or short-handed crew. Four roller furling sails—including in mast furling for both main and mizzen—allow all sail handling to be done safely from the cockpit, day or night.

Extended Passage Making Range

An efficient 85hp naturally aspirated Perkins 4.236 diesel, combined with generous fuel capacity, provides excellent range at low cruising RPM. A versatile fuel polishing system allows tank to tank transfer, continuous filtration, and safe refuelling from jerry jugs.

Dependable Navigation

A fully integrated NMEA 2000 network with redundant B&G electronics provides confidence offshore and in high-traffic areas. The system includes dual radars, dual sonars, three multifunction displays, advanced Class B AIS, and three instrument panels. Steering redundancy is ensured with both an integrated autopilot and a Fleming self-steering vane mounted on the stern.

Outstanding Self Sufficiency

Abundant water and storage capacity support extended off-the-grid cruising. Four large stainless steel water tanks provide redundancy and capacity for long periods away from marinas. A simple, electronics free Spectra watermaker

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produces potable water with minimal power draw. Converted pilot berths now serve as secure storage for a large quantity of provisions, spares, and safety equipment.

Comfortable Liveaboard Interior

Sequoia's warm and inviting teak interior is well suited to full time living aboard. The bright main salon with mid-ship companionway, well-appointed galley with generous refrigeration and freezer capacity, and spacious private cabins offer comfort without sacrificing offshore practicality.

Sequoia represents a rare opportunity to acquire a proven Mason 53 that has already completed serious offshore miles and has been thoughtfully prepared for the next adventure. She is fully equipped, well maintained, and ready to sail.

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Features

Designer	Al Mason
Builder	Ta Shing Yacht Building Co. Taiwan
Water (Potable) Capacity (l)	800 plus watermaker
Hull Construction Material	Solid GRP - Fibreglass hull and superstructure
Hull Type	Mono - Aft cockpit
Deck Construction Material	Teak laid over fibreglass
Country Origin	San Diego, California
Length (feet)	53.5 feet LOD
Length (m)	16.30
Beam/Width (feet)	14'4
Beam/Width (m)	4.40
Draft (m)	2.20
Draft (feet)	7
Keel/Ballast	Encapsulated lead cruising long keel
Number of Helms	1 x Wheel with autopilot and emergency steering plus independent windvane
Displacement	20 tons
Colour	White
Engine Notes	Engine: Perkins 85hp diesel, model 4.236, shaft driven, naturally aspirated. Mounted low in bilge area with plenty of room around it for servicing. Gearbox: Borg Warner Velvet Drive. Engine Alarms: Oil pressure, water temperature, exhaust temperature, and high bilge water.
Number Of Engines	1 primary plus 1 x genset

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Engine Standard	Very clean
Stroke	4
Engine Hours	Removed and overhauled in 1999, 4025 hours on meter.
Horse Power (hp)	85
Drive Type	Shaft driven with dripless seal
Engine Room	Under salon flooring with easy access all sides
Generator	Northern Lights 6 KW
Number of Batteries	4 x 6V AGM (830 Ah) plus 1 x 12V AGM (55 Ah) backup.
Fuel Type	Diesel
Number of Fuel Tanks	: 3 tanks - two main engine plus one for gen set. Fuel polishing system with transfer pump, Racor filter, and manifold (supports tank cleaning and jerry-jug transfer).
Fuel Tank Capacity (L)	650L - main tanks; 75L - gen tank.
Propeller	MaxProp 20â€• three-blade feathering plus spare Austral 20 x 14 fixed-blade. Propellor is protected by keel and rudder.
Steering System	Primary: Wheel, chain and cable to quadrant. Secondary/Emergency Steering: Autopilot on separate quadrant. Fleming servo-pendulum wind vane. Emergency tiller.
Accomodation Notes	3 private cabins, 2 heads, stall shower, 6'8â€• headroom throughout boat ; 2 companionways (aft cockpit and midships); 4 deck hatches; 11 opening portlights with screens (new Lexan).
Number of Berths	3 x state rooms
Number of Showers	2
Shower Type	Hot and cold pressurised x 2. 1 shower is very large stall style
Number of Toilets	2
Toilet Type	Lavac Manual Vacuum toilet
Air Conditioning	Webasto hydronic diesel heating with outlets in all staterooms; Isotemp hot water heater .
Number of TVs	0
Holding Tank (L)	2 x 40 litres
Galley Notes	Corian benchtops with abundant pantry storage and food preparation areas. Full set of Corelle dinnerware, SS cookware, cutlery, etc. Force 10 three-burner stovetop and oven. Large chest style fridge plus separate freezer. 1200 watt Microwave.
Stove	Force 10 three-burner plus oven and grill.
Refrigeration	Deep chest style 12V fridge with top and front-opening doors.
Number of Freezers	Deep chest style 12v freezer
Number of Sinks	3 stainless steel (galley plus two heads).
Entertainment and Appliances Notes	AM/FM/CD sound system with surround speakers
Anchor / Winch	Nilsson electric winch

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Bilge Pump	Bilge Pumps (all pickups in keel well): Rule 3700 electric/automatic â€“ 3,700 GPH. PAR diaphragm electric/automatic â€“ 475 GPH. Whale Gusher Titan manual â€“ 28 GPM. Henderson Mark V manual â€“ 17.5 GPM
Deck Gear	Forespar spinnaker pole mounted on mast, 10 Lewmar deck winches, Winchrite electric winch handle, FRP mast lazarette for dingy equipment, BBQ, dock lines, stainless steel boarding ladder.
Mast/Rigging	Aluminium mast and booms, stainless steel wire rigging replaced 2014; Forestays replaced in 2019. All chainplates replaced 2012 in 316 stainless steel. Dutchman boom brake. Last Rig Survey: 2025.
Sail Inventory	Main - in-mast furling electric, Mizzen - in-mast furling manual, Genoa-Profurl 43 roller furling, Staysail â€“ Profurl 32 roller furling. Extra sails: Storm trysail, asymmetrical spinnaker and pole.
Electrics	DC: 12 V; AC: 120 V/220 V Chargers: Magnum 120 V inverter/charger - 125A; ProMariner 120 V/220 V charger - 60A; Alternator: Balmar 165A (with new spare); Solar: Seven panels with MPPT controller - 675 W total.
Electronics Navigation	Chartplotters: 12" B&G MFD (cockpit), 9" B&G MFD (helm pedestal), 7" B&G MFD (navigation station). Instruments: Three B&G cockpit displays (wind, depth, speed). Dual radars: B&G 4G broadband radar on main mast (36 mile range) & Simrad HD digital radar on mizzen mast (36 mile range). Dual sonars: B&G broadband with Airmar 1 kW transducer & B&G side scanning with twin transducers. AIS: Simrad SOTDMA Class B;. Autopilot: Simrad autopilot computer, B&G Triton controller, and B&G wireless remote.
Dinghy	Tender: Taurus aluminium bottom RIB, 10.5 ft (new 2013). Wheels: Large transom wheels, swivel up and removable. Outboards: Johnson 15 HP two stroke (2005) and Suzuki 2.5 HP four stroke (2020).
Covers	Dodger, bimini, full cockpit enclosure, and main hatch awning.
Safety Gear	Fire Protection: HFC 227EA automatic engine room system; Halotron manual extinguisher (25 lb); five dry chemical extinguishers (4â€“8 lb); fire blanket; smoke and CO detectors (3). Life Saving Equipment: Viking four-person self-righting life raft (new 2018); two 406 MHz EPIRBs; two AIS/DSC MOB beacons (in PFDs); four inflatable PFDs (two hydrostatic, two tablet activated); LifeSling with tether; SOLAS lifebuoy; MOB pole with strobe.
Ground Tackle	Anchors: Rocna 40kg; Bruce 60lb; Danforth 20lb. Anchor Rode: Primary - 10 mm G70 high-tensile chain, 100 m (new 2018);

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	Secondary - 60 ft of 10 mm chain with 300 ft of 1" rope
	Bow Roller: AnchorLift self-launching.
Watermaker / De-Sal	Spectra 380c 12 v - 75 lph
GPS	GPS / Compass: Airmar NMEA 2000 GPS / fluxgate compass
Number of Fish Finders	1
Has Navigation Lights	Yes
Radio	Radios: ICOM HF transceiver with tuner and modem;
	Two fixed mount VHF radios (cockpit and nav station);
	Two handheld VHFs
	Satellite Communications: Iridium Extreme satellite phone;
	Iridium Axcess Point Wi Fi hotspot.
Number of Life Jackets	4
Remarks	Outstanding condition with extensive inventory of cruising equipment and spares.
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