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Plenty of volume in the smallest Oceanis

BENETEAU OCEANIS 30.1

PRICE £105,600 inc VAT **LOA** 8.99m (29ft 6in)
LWL 8.65m (28ft 5in) **CABINS** 2 **BEAM** 2.99m (9ft 10in) **DRAUGHT** 0.95m-2.33m (3ft 1in-7ft 8in)
DISPLACEMENT 3,995kg (8,806lb)

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Builders rarely replace an existing model with a smaller one, but that's what Beneteau has just done. Although the Oceanis 31 has not been discontinued at the time of writing, by all accounts the new 30.1 is destined to take over this slot in the size range.

There's a reason why the new arrival is slightly smaller: she's designed to be trailable. You wouldn't keep a boat like this in your drive, hitch her up behind the family saloon and launch at the nearest slipway for a weekend's sailing, but her vital statistics open up all sorts of options denied to larger and heavier boats. Despite her relatively narrow beam there's a

surprising amount of space below decks. A pronounced chine running from stem to stern keeps the waterline reasonably slim while maximising volume inside the hull, the beamiest point of which is at the transom. The absence of a backstay allows the twin wheels (if you choose them instead of the standard tiller, as most owners inevitably will) to be right at the stern

A tiller is standard on the 30.1 but two wheels are the popular option



to create a large clear cockpit. Keel options are deep or shallow fin, a deep lifting keel, or a centreplate that retracts into a stub keel and is paired with shoes on

the twin rudders meaning it's possible for her to dry out unaided.

As long as the 30.1 sails as she should, Beneteau, Finot-Conq and Nauta (deck and interior design) have come up with a boat that looks set to fly off the shelves.



Sail fast with great views out from inside

BENTE 39

PRICE €199,200 inc VAT **LOA** 11.99 (39ft 4in)
CABINS 2/3 **BEAM** 4.10m (13ft 5in)
DRAUGHT 1.95m/2.55m (6ft 5in/8ft 4in)
DISPLACEMENT 6,500kg (14,330lb)

CONTACT www.benteyachts.com

The Bente 39 has what you might call a streamlined doghouse. Inside at the nav seat you have space for electronics and a view out in every direction as well as down into the galley and saloon.

Conceived as a fast offshore cruiser with racing potential, she has a T-bulb fin, twin rudders and hull lines from Judel and Vrolijk that suggest she won't hang around. The owner of boat No.2 is competing in some Fastnet qualifiers this season so we will soon see the boat in action.



A smart-looking 35-footer at a remarkable price

VIKO S 35

PRICE €60,000 **LOA** 10.88m (35ft 8in)
CABINS 2/3 **BEAM** 3.74m (12ft 3in)
DRAUGHT 1.60m/1.95m (5ft 3in/6ft 5in)
DISPLACEMENT 5,200kg (11,464lb)

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We weren't desperately impressed by the Viko 21 when we tested her a year or two ago, but – her size notwithstanding – this new arrival, designed by Sergio Lupoli, looks to be in a different league.

She's quite a handsome boat in the modern style, with a good cockpit, coamings that are comfortable to sit on when the boat's heeled, raised bulwarks for security on deck – and a very competitive price tag, which makes you wonder how the builder does it.



The new 48 promises speed and Italian style

GRAND SOLEIL 48 PERFORMANCE

PRICE £491,785 inc VAT **LOA** 14.90m (48ft 11in)
LWL 13.36 (43ft 10in) **CABINS** 3 **BEAM** 4.5m (14ft 9in) **DRAUGHT** 2.6m/2.8m (8ft 6in/9ft 2in)
DISPLACEMENT 11,500kg (25,353lb)

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This eagerly awaited addition to Grand Soleil's Performance range was expected to be shown in Düsseldorf but wasn't quite ready in time. She will now make her first public appearance at Genoa in September.

Slotting in between the GS 43 and 58, she looks like a potent performer with her light, easily driven hull and plenty of sail balanced by a T-bulb fin. She's no stripped-out race boat, however: a quick glance below decks makes that clear.