

Dufour 385 GL
£74,950 Tax Paid
Cardiff, Wales

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Boat Details

Manufacturer:		Model:	385 GL
Hull Material:	Monohull	Year:	2005
Length:	38.5	LWL:	32.3
Beam:	12.10	Draft:	
Engine Type:	Diesel	Engine Fuel:	Diesel
Price:	£74,950	Location:	Cardiff, Wales

Boat Description

Aquila – Dufour 385 Grand Large (2005) | 40th Anniversary Edition

Aquila is a special 40th Anniversary edition of the Dufour 385 Grand Large, first unveiled at the 2005 London Boat Show. This desirable model features the popular three-cabin, one-heads layout, offering a generous owner's cabin with a true double berth and additional storage.

As the official show boat, Dufour specified Aquila with an extensive range of factory-fitted extras. Consequently, she benefits from a higher level of equipment than many comparable examples. These upgrades continue to enhance comfort, usability, and overall cruising enjoyment.

Since 2011, the current owner has used Aquila exclusively as a private family cruising yacht. As a result, she delivers safe, fast, and predictable sailing in a wide range of conditions. At the same time, her bright interior and practical layout create a welcoming space both underway and alongside.

Throughout current ownership, Aquila has been based in Cardiff. From there, she has cruised widely across the Bristol Channel and the English Channel. In addition, she has visited the Channel Islands, Isles of Scilly, and the UK south coast. Beyond this, her cruising history includes Brittany, Ireland, and the west coast of Scotland, clearly demonstrating her offshore capability.

Importantly, the owner has maintained Aquila to a consistently high standard. Over the years, they have invested in numerous upgrades, with particular focus on electronics, safety equipment, and cruising comfort. Therefore, her systems are well suited to extended coastal and cross-channel sailing.

Furthermore, Aquila is offered with a comprehensive documentation file. This includes the original sales brochure, owner's manual, engine and electronics manuals, full service history, and clear evidence of UK VAT paid.

Overall, Aquila presents an excellent opportunity to acquire a well-specified and carefully maintained Dufour 385 Grand Large, ready for immediate cruising.

Construction

White GRP hull and deck
Displacement hull form
Monohull configuration
Aft cockpit layout
Copper antifoul coating
Rudder recoated December 2024
Keel re-bedded with new keel bolts in 2021
SSR registered – SSR146749

Machinery

Volvo MD2030D diesel engine

30 hp

Original engine installation

Approximately 2,312 engine hours (recorded 28/08/2025)

Saildrive transmission

Bruntons Autoprop feathering propeller

Original Volvo propeller retained as spare

Rope cutter fitted

Additional engine monitoring gauges for water temperature and oil pressure

Diesel fuel system

Electrics

12V onboard electrical system

220V shore power system

2 x 105Ah sealed lead-acid domestic batteries

1 x 75Ah sealed lead-acid engine battery (new 2025)

Cristec 25A battery charger

100W solar panel with MPPT regulator

New electrical switch panel

Multiple USB and 12V charging outlets

UK mains sockets in all cabins

Fully integrated electrical systems throughout

Tankage

Fuel capacity 160 litres in 1 tank

Fresh water capacity 320 litres across 2 tanks

Holding tank capacity 55 litres in 1 tank

Full holding tank system installed

Accommodation

Eight berths in total

Three cabins

Three double cabins

Two saloon berths

One heads compartment

7-inch pocket sprung mattress in owner's cabin

Mattress toppers fitted to aft cabins

Domestic

Webasto Evo 40 diesel heating system (2023)

Quick 20-litre calorifier with engine and shore power heating

Nelson cooker with two burners, grill and oven

Fridge fitted
Smart TV
DVD player
Fusion stereo system
Saloon table converts to large double berth suitable for two adults or three children
Enhanced storage throughout

Deck

Quick 1000W electric windlass
Remote control and deck-mounted foot switches
22 kg Delta anchor
50 metres of anchor chain
30 metres of multiplait warp
Kedge anchor with short chain

Navigation

Raymarine Quantum radar
Raymarine Axiom Pro 9 chartplotter
Raymarine p70s autopilot
EV1 sensor
ACU-200 course computer
Raymarine ST60 speed log
Raymarine ST60 wind instrument
Raymarine ST60 depth instrument
Raymarine AIS650 Class B transceiver
ICOM M423G VHF radio
Cockpit command mic
ICS Nav6plus Navtex
Two binnacle compasses
One handheld compass
Onboard wireless network
Samsung 10-inch tablet at navigation station acting as wireless MFD repeater and controller
Primary navigation electronics installed new in 2019 and fully networked

Tenders

Tinker Tramp tender available by separate negotiation
Sailing kit included with tender
Oars included
ePropulsion electric outboard available by separate negotiation
Additional items such as paddles, galley equipment, bosunry, warps and fenders available
subject to separate agreement

Safety

Six-man liferaft (service required)
EPIRB fitted

Four lifejackets
Jackstays fitted
Two lifebuoys
One dan buoy
One electric bilge pump
One manual bilge pump
Radar reflector
Emergency tiller
Gas alarm system
Gas solenoid shut-off
Bubble leak detector
Gas system inspection certificate dated 2025
Two personal locator beacons (PLBs)
One fire blanket
Six fire extinguishers

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