

Contessa 32
£21,000 Tax Paid
Itchenor, West Sussex

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Boat Details

Manufacturer:		Model:	32
Hull Material:	Monohull	Year:	1972
Length:	32	LWL:	24
Beam:	9.5	Draft:	
Engine Type:	Inboard	Engine Fuel:	Diesel
Price:	£21,000	Location:	Itchenor, West Sussex

Boat Description

1972 Contessa 32 | Exceptional Single-Owner Example of a True Offshore Classic
COSANTES is a truly special example of the legendary Contessa 32 — built in 1972, launched in 1973 and remarkably still in her original ownership from new. Few Contessa 32s can claim such provenance, making her an increasingly rare find. Designed by David Sadler and built by Jeremy Rogers, the model earned an outstanding reputation for offshore capability and seaworthiness, becoming one of the most respected cruiser-racers of her generation. COSANTES has clearly been carefully maintained throughout her life and remains presented in good, tidy condition with maintenance fully up to date.

Her classic navy-blue hull, encapsulated lead keel and skeg-hung rudder deliver the balanced sailing performance for which the Contessa 32 is renowned. Upgrades include Z Spars mast and spars, 2020 Dyform standing rigging and chainplates, Furlex genoa furling system and Sailtec hydraulic backstay tensioner. Power comes from a well-maintained 1997 Beta Marine 20hp diesel engine with annual servicing and winterisation, most recently completed in 2026. Below decks, the traditional teak interior with original cream upholstery offers comfortable accommodation, excellent headroom and a practical cruising layout.

COSANTES is well equipped for coastal cruising and offshore passages alike, with Raymarine navigation electronics, autopilot, Furuno GPS, sprayhood, sun awning and Avon Redcrest tender with Mercury outboard. Her seacocks were serviced in 2023, antifouling renewed in May 2026 and previous osmosis treatment completed, reflecting the attentive ownership she has enjoyed for over five decades. Combining genuine pedigree, original ownership history and the timeless appeal of the Contessa 32, COSANTES represents a rare opportunity to acquire one of Britain's most iconic yachts in thoroughly cared-for condition.

Construction

- Navy Blue GRP hull
- Pale Blue GRP integrated non-slip deck
- Pale Blue and White GRP superstructure
- Fin keel with encapsulated lead ballast
- Skeg-hung rudder
- Tiller steering
- 2016 last structural survey
- 2 coats Micron 350 antifouling May 2026
- Osmosis treatment completed late 1990s / early 2000s
- 2023 serviced and checked seacocks

Machinery

- 1997 Beta Marine BD 722 20 hp diesel engine
- Freshwater cooled
- Shaft drive transmission
- Fixed propeller

2026 last engine service
Annually serviced and winterised engine

Electrics

12v onboard system
Battery monitor
2 x Varta batteries 2020
Engine charged battery system
Combined domestic and engine battery arrangement

Tankage

30 litre stainless steel fuel tank
55 litre GRP water tank

Accommodation

Sleeps 2 in forward cabin, 3 in saloon and 1 in pilot berth
Heads with Manual flush WC
1.98m approximate headroom
Teak varnished interior joinery
Cream original upholstery
Navigation desk

Domestic

Plastimo gas cooker
2 Burner hob
Oven fitted
Grill fitted
Fitted fridge
2 x stainless steel sinks

Deck

Plough anchor with 30m anchor chain
6 x mooring warps
6 x fenders
Sprayhood fitted
Sun awning fitted
Boat hook included

Navigation

Raymarine speed/log system
Raymarine depth sounder
Raymarine Smartpilot autopilot

I-Com VHF radio
Furuno GPS Navigator 30/35
Clipper GPS repeater
2 x Plastimo bulkhead compasses
2017 Raymarine i50 and i60 speed/depth/wind system

Tenders

Avon Redcrest tender
6 person tender capacity
Mercury 2.5hp outboard engine
2020 last outboard service
Dinghy with hand trolley included if required

Safety

2 x Fire extinguishers
Fire blanket
Manual bilge pump
Jack stays
Life buoy
Radar reflector
Emergency tiller
Gas alarm fitted

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Should you become the new owner of this yacht then the responsibility to re-register or update official bodies for items such as EPIRB, VHF, MMSI or AIS becomes yours.

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