

Formosa 51
€105,000 Tax Paid
Fethiye

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Boat Details

Manufacturer:	Formosa	Model:	51
Hull Material:	Fiberglass	Year:	1981
Length:	50.83	LWL:	39.58
Beam:	14.08	Draft:	6.17
Engine Type:		Engine Fuel:	Diesel
Price:	€105,000	Location:	Fethiye

Boat Description

1981 Formosa 51 Ketch – Proven Ocean Cruiser with Recent Investment

This 1981 Formosa 51 is a substantial, ocean-capable ketch built for serious bluewater cruising. Designed with the traditional strength and character that Formosa yachts are known for, she offers a solid cruising platform with the reassuring motion and stability expected of a long-keel yacht.

Her teak decks were renewed in 2021, and a comprehensive osmosis treatment was completed in 2024, providing long-term hull protection. The long cast iron keel and keel-hung rudder give directional stability offshore and a forgiving motion at sea.

Power is provided by a Ford Lehman 120hp diesel engine, recently serviced, supported by an 8.5kW Northern Lights generator. A bow thruster (installed 2016) assists with close-quarters manoeuvring. The ketch rig features a 65ft main mast (2019) and a 45ft mizzen mast (2024), along with a full wardrobe of North sails, offering flexibility and balance for passagemaking.

Below deck, KUAN YIN presents a traditional teak interior with accommodation for six across three cabins. The aft master cabin is generous, while the forward cabins provide practical space for guests or crew. The saloon features classic joinery and a wood/coal stove, creating a warm atmosphere in cooler conditions. The linear galley is equipped for extended cruising with a full-size electric oven, gas hobs, and ample refrigeration.

As with many yachts of this era, she offers a strong structural foundation alongside systems that may benefit from ongoing refinement and personalisation to suit a new owner's cruising plans. For buyers seeking a capable, traditionally built offshore yacht with recent investment in key structural areas, this Formosa 51 represents an opportunity to acquire a serious bluewater platform.

Available through Williams & Smithells International.

Construction

- Owners version
- White GRP hull with blue bootstrap
- Osmosis treatment completed in 2024
- Teak laid on GRP decks
- New teak laid in 2021
- White GRP Centre cockpit superstructure
- Long cast iron keel
- Keel hung rudder
- Wheel steering

Machinery

Ford Lehman 120hp, 6-cyl diesel engine
Borg Warner gearbox
Shaft drive to three-blade prop
8.5kW Northern Lights generator
Machinery recently serviced in 2024
Bowthruster (2016)

Electrics

12v and 220v onboard voltage
220v rewired 2020
3 x 200amp/h Engine and service batteries
200amp/h Generator start battery
Victron Energy 200amp battery charger
Fast cranking facility to main engine
75A alternator on the main engine
Manual regulator for auto charging

Tankage

800 liters Fuel capacity in GFK tank
700 liters Water capacity in GFK tank
2 x Holding tanks

Accommodation

Accommodation for six in three cabins.
Forward V-berth with twin bunk berths to starboard
Forward heads to port opposite twin cabin
Forward heads with shower and wash basin
Saloon with L-shaped seating to starboard
Additional seating to port, with TV unit behind.
Wood/coal free-standing, stainless steel stove with flue to deck.
Central companionway from cockpit.
Water, heater, engine, generator, and refrigeration systems housed in a separate engine room
Services/workshop below
Linear galley to port
Second access stairway to cockpit within center-berthed double stern cabin
Aft double master cabin
Master cabin heads with shower and wash basin
Double berth is 6ft square with additional single berths on either side.
Electric heads and macerators added front heads (2006), back (2010), all renewed in 2019 and maintained in 2024

Domestic

Hot and cold pressurized water system to the galley
Deck wash supplied by a saltwater pressure system

Double stainless-steel sink
Front opening fridge and top opening freezer
Full-size electric oven with 2 electric hobs
2 x Gas hobs renewed in 2016
Electric kettle, Toaster, and Sandwich maker
TV & audio systems

Advantage of electric galley - Every time the generator is activated, it automatically charges batteries, operates the 220v refrigeration system, and supplies the hot water system, if selected.

Deck

1500W 24V Lofrans Tigres horizontal Ø10mm windlass
80lb (36kg) Delta anchor
60lb (27kg) CQR anchor
300' 3/8" (100m) Galvanized chain
Deck lights on the main mast
Spotlights
Swim ladder
Passerelle
3 x 3 Warps
8 fenders
Mooring lines
Sun awnings, winter and summer cockpit covers
Davits on stern

Navigation

Tak Tik wind/speed/direction instruments
2 x Depth sounders
2 x Log/speed displays
Cetrek autopilot connected to hydraulic steering rams, with alternative wheel steering
Magellan GPS
Simrad Navi chartplotter, Touchscreen NSS8 (2014)
Simrad Broadband Radar 3G (2014)
Waeco Cold Machine Series 90 Type CU-96 (2014)
C.Plath Merkur Kompass No. 33345 (2015)
Raymarine Speedlog (2016)
Icom IV M23 marine transceiver (2016)
AIS VM-WMX850 Vesper Marine WatchMate 850 (2020)
Steiner Admirals Cup with Compass and light
Icom VHF transceiver
Fixed full-size chart table

Tenders

GFK Tender boat (fiber), 3m, 2 oars, white with blue stripes (2024)
4HP Suzuki outboard S/N 910685 (2018)
Inflatable boat 2.4m CN-HFU656215616

Additional 2hp Suzuki outboard

Safety

Plastimo 8-person liferaft (2011) mounted on deck

GPS/EPIRB McMurdo (2011)

Life jackets, harnesses for 6 persons

2 x Horseshoe life buoys

Dan buoy

Various flares and lifelines

Fire extinguishers

Emergency steering extension to rudder stocks and tiller

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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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