

OVNI 37



ALUBAT OVNI 37

Aluminium Bluewater Cruising Yacht
Preveza, Greece



Überblick

Type: Sonate Ovni 37

Shipyard: Alubat (F)

Refit: 2004-05, 2016-17 - Built: 1987

Construction material: Aluminum, seawater resistant

Designer: Phillip Briand

Draught: 0.55m - 2.05 m

Length overall: 11.90 m

Maximum Beam: 3.60 m

Light displacement: 5.6 tons

Ballast weight: 2.3 t

Cabins: 4

Category: High seas

Engine: Yanmar 3GM30F/ 19.9 KW, Built: 2001

Upwind sail area: 85.5 sqm

Flag: Germany

EU VAT: Paid

Berth: Ionian Sea, Preveza, Greece

Built on the Atlantic by the French shipyard Alubat, the Ovnis have been synonymous with extremely solid and reliable blue water cruising yachts for decades. They are made entirely of aluminum with a welded hull and deck. The yachts are therefore extremely seaworthy and at the same time light and agile. The high-quality workmanship is completed by a retractable centreboard and rudder blade. The Ovni can also fall dry and has a minimum draft of only 55 centimeters - an unbeatable advantage when it comes to reaching the protected anchorages deep in the bay or to reach the last free berth in the shallowest corner. Even shallow areas such as the Bahamas are difficult to navigate with the normal draught of a boat this size and on our journey over rivers and canals the water depth was often less than 1 m.

As an Ovni 37 with a length of nearly 12 meters, DUDE is easy to handle by a couple or a single-handed sailor. "Smaller boat, smaller trouble" has come true for us and the joy of traveling and sailing has always accompanied us. Sailing with the Ovni, the "off-road vehicle of the seas", is simply fun. Especially on downwind and downwind courses the boat runs that it is a real pleasure. The Ovni is therefore the ideal synthesis of safety and sailing fun.

We undertook a complete refit of DUDE in 2004-05 prior to our Bluewater voyage and also in 2016-17. The boat has always been lovingly cared for by us and we have continuously invested in maintenance and equipment. The Ovni is therefore in a very good, ready-to-sail condition and can immediately set off to new horizons with its new owner.

For 20 years DUDE was our reliable companion and gave us countless unforgettable moments on our Bluewater voyages and especially on our two Atlantic crossings. We were always safe and secure on DUDE, even when the sea was rough and stormy. We now live far away from the sea. We have therefore decided to sell our beloved boat and give it into new good hands.

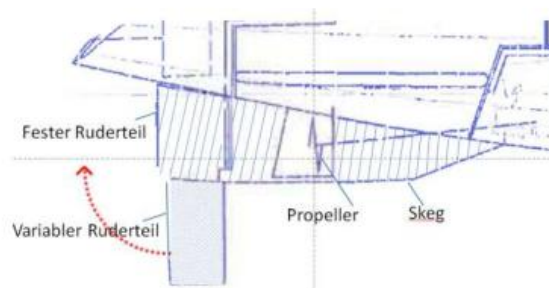


Hull and deck

A yacht made of aluminum provides security in all cruising destinations. At the same time, the light weight ensures good sailing characteristics even with little wind. With its centreboard and its fold-up rudder blade, the Ovni 37 has a minimum draught of only 55 cm, allowing it to reach safe and sheltered places that yachts of this size normally cannot access. An unbeatable advantage that we have appreciated countless times. For example, on our journey across rivers and canals, water depths of less than one meter were not uncommon. Aluminum as a boat building material requires little maintenance because it protects itself through oxidation. Unlike steel, there is no need to worry about chipped paint. DUDE's hull is therefore unpainted natural aluminium, the deck, bathing platform and foot rail are painted white.

Hull

- Aluminum hull with internal ballast and marine-grade aluminum alloy 5086 H111 AG4MC. Durable material, no risk of osmosis. There are minor dents in the hull due to age, but these do not affect the seaworthiness in any way
- Stable stringer and frame construction; Hull and deck are solidly welded (static unit)
- No leakage at hull deck connection possible due to aging
- Ballast 2300 kg fixed in the hull under the bilge. Sealed and insulated with polyester resin
- Centreboard made of solid aluminum 30 mm, operation via a low-maintenance tackle
- Foldable rudder blade made of solid aluminum 20 mm, hydraulic operation. Rudder lift hydraulics overhauled (2022). New hydraulic hoses (2022)
- Protection of the hull from electrolysis by Ampak 9-Z/AL 1kg zinc anodes on aluminum strips (special anodes for aluminum hulls)



Foldable rudder blade. An unbeatable advantage in shallow water and in tidal areas



On our journey on the rivers and canals: 1 m water depth in the Vosges Canal. No problem for the Ovni.



2019: Underwater hull - sandblasting and new antifouling system

DUDE's hull was completely sandblasted in the underwater area in 2019 and all old layers of paint were removed. The paint of the underwater hull was then rebuilt using the high-quality system from SEAJET. Detailed photos of the bare aluminum hull taken directly after sandblasting are available.

The following layers have been applied:

- 1 coat of SEAJET 017 Epoxy Bonding Primer for aluminum and aluminum alloys. Maximizes adhesion to aluminum and alloys and offers excellent properties for subsequent coatings. The primer was applied (sprayed) to the bare, cleaned aluminum immediately after sandblasting and before the oxidation process could begin, in order to achieve optimum adhesion
- 3 coats of SEAJET 117 Multi Purpose Epoxy Primer. Abrasion-resistant epoxy-based anti-corrosion coating for optimal protection of the underwater hull against corrosion
- 3 layers SEAJET 034 EMPEROR. High performance, self-polishing antifouling. Approved for aluminum hulls. Color: Black

DUDE's underwater hull is fit for many more years of sailing. An annual or multi-annual antifouling coat is sufficient, depending on the area and use.



After sandblasting before applying the first coat of paint



Seajet Epoxy Primer

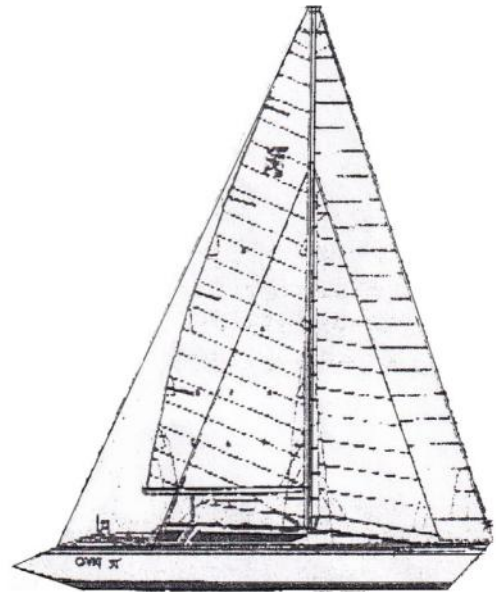


Deck

- Deck painted in 2016 & 2019: Deck and side stripes repainted in 2016. Anti-slip surfaces on deck repainted in 2019. 2-component primer and top coat: Mipa 2K Pur (PU 260-90). Anti-slip: Glass beads sprinkled into the wet paint ensure a secure grip. Painted over again after drying.
- Side windows renewed and newly sealed (2016). Maintenance joints renewed (2019/2021)
- Deck hatches by Lewmar (all new 2005)
- Stable, high sea railing, 78cm. Stainless steel stanchions with 2 passages mounted in feet welded to the deck. Plastic insulation sleeve between stainless steel and aluminum base.
- Bow- and pushpit mounted in feet welded to deck. Plastic insulation sleeve between stainless steel and aluminum base.
- Equipment rack for solar panels, wind generator, antennas
- Guide rail for self-tacking jib
- Halyard and sheets redirected to the cockpit
- 2 x 2-speed self-tailing deck winches (Lewmar, Bariant), 1 x mast winch (Bariant)
- 2 x Antal XT 48 2-speed self-tailing genoa winches, aluminum black anodized (new 2017)
- 2 x genoa guide rails. 2 x genoa car with roller from Pfeiffer Marine (new 2017)



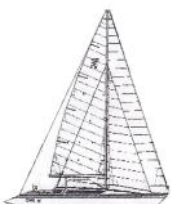
Sails and rigging



Sails

For the 2017 sailing season DUDE got a new mainsail and a new genoa.

- Mainsail: Lee Sails Premium, full battened, 30.60 m², Dacron High Mass Fiber 380g/m² with Antal slide cars for Antal 22 mast rail and 3 reef rows (new 2017)
- Zip pack with lazy jack system in dark blue canvas (new 2017)
- Genoa: Lee Sails Premium 42.87 m² Dacron High Mass Fiber 380g/m², foam doubling in the luff (so that the genoa does not distort when partially furled), UV protection edge on the leech and foot in dark blue (new 2017)
- Dacron self-tacking jib for 2nd forestay, 12 m²



Mast, boom, lighting

- Anodised aluminum mast 13.5 m with 2 pairs of spreaders
- Collapsible mast steps up to the top of the mast for easy access and control of the rig
- Antal mast rail 22 for Antal mainsail mast slide system (new 2017)
- Bariént mast winch
- Boom: Seldén ELFS BS171 with triple reefing lines in the boom (new 2017)
- Rodkicker: Seldén 20 - 1720 mm with gas spring standard for Rodkicker 20 (new 2022)
- Spinnaker pole and fittings for storing the spinnaker boom standing in front of the mast (new 2022)
- Spinnaker boom and fittings from Pfeiffer Marine (new 2017)
- High-quality LED navigation lights made in Germany and "Steering Wheel" certified. S64 series by K2W lights: 2-color lantern, combined 3-color lantern with anchor light, stern lantern, steaming light
- LED spreader spotlights from K2W lights
- LED deck lights from K2W lights

Rigging

- 10x19 stainless steel. The rigging was checked by a rigging company in 2017 and renewed where necessary. It's in good condition.
- Forestay - 10 mm (new 2017)
- Upper Shrouds - 10mm
- Center shrouds - 6 mm (new 2017)
- 2 x lower shrouds - 6 mm (new 2017)
- 2nd forestay - 6mm and 2 backstays give additional security.
- Backstay isolated 10 mm (as antenna for SSB or amateur radio)
- Furling system Profurl C 350 (new 2017)



Anchoring and mooring

Atlantic, Caribbean, South Pacific, Mediterranean. There is always a beautiful place for your floating home.



Mooring

- cleats: bow, midships, aft
- Dockline black (various lengths)
- 7 x fender Polyform size F-5

Anchoring

It feels good to stay relaxed even in difficult conditions. One can always rely on DUDE's heavy, safe anchor gear. It has always given us a good night's sleep.

- 18 kg Wasi stainless steel anchor "German Bügelanker"
- Wasi Powerball stainless steel anchor swivel
- Wasi stainless steel anchor claw to relieve the pull on the anchor winch
- Electric anchor winch Lewmar Pro Fish 1000 (new 2022)
- Electric foot switches up/down (new 2017)
- self-draining anchor locker. Fully lined inside to avoid contact with the stainless steel chain
- Strong welded aluminum bow fitting with 2 anchor rollers



Engine

- Yanmar 3 GM 30 F diesel engine
- 27/19.9 HP/KW
- Year of construction: 2001
- Operating hours: 2600 h (as of August 2023)
- The engine is isolated from the hull (with relay) to prevent corrosion
- Weather-protected instrument panel in the companionway
- Economical in consumption (approx. 1.8 l/hour at 2000 turns per minute)
- Very common model. Spare parts supply worldwide without any problems
- Engine manuals
- PSS shaft seal. Mechanical seal, seals reliably without grease (new 2022)

Tank and fuel supply

- Stainless steel diesel tank 105 l with anti-roll bulkhead
- Tank completely cleaned in 2022
- 2 x inspection openings: Vetus inspection cover 120 mm for diesel tanks. Easy tank cleaning and inspection (new 2022)
- Diesel lines renewed in 2019
- Filter and vent under starboard berth

Propeller

- G-Prop - feathering propeller (new 2017). 3 blades which feather easy into the sailing position. The blades automatically balance themselves into the position with the least drag. This is what creates optimal sailing characteristics and speed gain while sailing.



Reliable and economical - the Yanmar



Well protected - the feathering propeller



Steering

The boat gets steered by the power of the wind while the crew relaxes in the cockpit and enjoys sailing. This dream came true for us. Thanks to the reliable and strong Windpilot Pacific, we have many great memories, especially of our two Atlantic crossings.



Rough weather. You can always rely on the Windpilot

- Wheel steering with cables via rudder quadrants. Cables renewed and pulleys overhauled in 2022
- Rudder bearings renewed in 2022
- Emergency tiller directly on the rudder stock. Easy and quick to attach
- Windpilot Pacific Wind Vane. Selfsteering unit (new 2005). The steering lines are transferred to the wheel (Windpilot wheel adapter) via pulleys
- Rudder with skeg. Solid rudder blade. Safe and robust
- Special feature of the Ovni: Foldable rudder blade. Protects against loss of rudder in the event of grounding or flotsam



Cockpit/ Exterior

The spacious cockpit offers room for several people. The benches with a length of 2.34 m leave enough space to lie down comfortably and stretch out. The bimini top provides shade on sunny days, the spray hood protects against wind and waves. The bridgedeck offers a lot of security. Even in rough seas and storms, it stays dry inside.

- Ventilated paneling made from solid 1.5 cm thick teak strips. Renewed in 2005.
- Removable cockpit floor made of solid 2 cm thick teak planks. Renewed in 2017
- Length of cockpit benches 2.34 m
- Foldable deck eyes on the bridgedeck and on the helm for attaching the lifelines
- Teak cockpit table. Foldable, attached to the steering column. Drink holder
- Large storage space with a sealed aluminum lid in the cockpit floor, e.g. for diesel or petrol cans
- Three storage compartments on each side for small items and lines
- Two spacious cockpit lockers
- Log/Sonar display
- Generous bathing platform
- Fresh water shower. Whale pressure water pump Jetflo 18l/ 3 bar18l/ minute (new 2017) provides water from the main tank



Spacious cockpit



Storage space with a sealed aluminum lid in the cockpit floor



Self-sufficient and sustainable

Sailing across oceans, exploring coasts and islands, strolling from bay to bay. To be self-sufficient, not dependent on anyone - that's true freedom!



Electrics, power supply and charging technology:

DUDE is self-sufficient and equipped for long journeys without access to shore power and drinking water. The battery capacity is dimensioned in such a way that enough energy can be stored for sailing at night and to withstand even overcast days.

- On-board photovoltaic system with a total output of 420 W
 - 2 x solar modules each 110 W on equipment rack (new 2023)
 - 1 x solar module 100 W on bimini top (new 2017)
 - 2 x mobile solar modules, each 50 W with charge controller (new 2019). Waterproof junction box (Philippi) in the cockpit (new 2017).
 - 2 x charge controllers Victron Energy Smart Solar MPPT 75/15 (both new 2019) - with Bluetooth for monitoring via smartphone
- Wind generator: Superwind SW 350 (350 watts/ 12 V) with whisper blades and stop switch; Charge controller Marine CRM 12 V with load resistors.
- Generator Honda EU10i - 1000 W
- Power storage:
 - Supply batteries: 400 ampere hours - 4 x Accurat Traction T 100 AGM à 100 Ah (new 2022)
 - Starter battery: 95 ampere hours - 1 x Accurat Impulse 95 Ah AGM Start-Stop (new 2022)
- Inverter: Sterling inverter 1000 W- For the use of 220 V electrical appliances on board.
- Shore power charger: Philippi automatic charger ACE 12/60 (new 2017)
- Shore power unit: Philippi LAE 220 with RCD (new 2017)
- On-board power supply: 12V DC, unearthed
- High-quality electrical installation. Switch panel, components, plugs, cables etc. from Philippi (new 2005, partly renewed in 2017)
- Sterling Pro Digital high performance alternator regulator for 55 amp alternators
- Battery Monitor: Sterling Power Management



Water supply:

The on-board watermaker ensures that seawater is turned into drinking water. The energy required for this can be obtained from wind and sun.

Watermaker

Pure Water Sea Star Whisper 30 integral, 12V. Produces approx. 20l/hour of drinking water (new 2018)

- Quiet pump. Installed under the seat
- Current in operation is only about 15 amps and can be obtained from the solar panels and wind generator
- Generally, on sunny days producing water does not require to run a generator or the engine



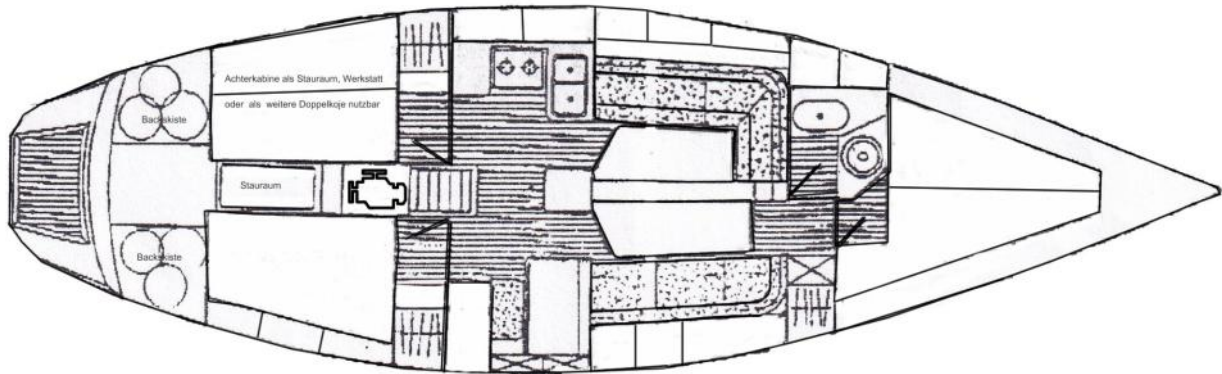
- **Stainless steel fresh water tank** 220 liters with Whale fresh water filter 4500 WX 12
- 10 inch water filter with activated charcoal cartridge for the treatment of shore water
- 2 x Whale Gusher Galley MK 3 foot pump at the sink and in the bathroom for drinking water, allows economical water withdrawal (new 2021)
- 1 x Whale Gusher Galley MK 3 foot pump for seawater at the sink. Good for pre-rinsing dishes with salt water (new 2017)
- 1 x Whale Jetflo pressure water pump 18l/ 3 bar for shower (new 2018)
- Water hoses with drinking water approval (new 2017)
- Thru hulls and seacocks renewed where necessary (2017)

Cooking and baking - gas supply:

- Copper pipe gas line with gas safety hoses
- Truma safety gas solenoid valve (remote gas switch) - ensures that the valve on the gas bottle itself is closed and no gas can get inside the ship
- Gas storage space in the rear for 2 gas bottles (Campingaz), vented to the outside of the boat



Inside



Ovní 37 - 4 cabin version with 2 aft cabins a bow cabin and bathroom

The light and friendly interior, the warm coloured wood and the cozy atmosphere of the cabin immediately create a feeling of home. A home that takes you to the most beautiful places in the world.

- Original furniture made of friendly honey-colored wood
- We have taken care to preserve the original shipyard interior and furniture as far as possible. Nothing has been tampered with, it has only been gently restored. The wood has always been cared for and if necessary, repainted. In 2005 the entire interior has been repainted
- Wood and teak laminate floorboards
- Wooden hatch frame to match the interior
- Headroom in companionway/ main cabin 1.88 m
- High-quality white ceiling panelling, set off with aluminum strips
- LED lighting in friendly warm white. Recessed ceiling spotlights can be switched individually. Light strips with touch switches.
- Upholstery made by upholstery shop from high-quality, durable furniture fabric and quality foam. All upholstery in perfect condition.
- The main cabin benches are long enough to lie down and stretch comfortably. The backrests can be folded up. This creates additional sleeping places in the center of gravity of the yacht. The benches are great as sea berths



The spacious main cabin with its large table offers plenty of space for cozy hours



The table is attached to the centreboard box. The tabletops can be folded away



Pantry

Well equipped, bright and friendly pantry. Plenty of space thanks to the foldable work space between the kitchen unit and the sink. Cleverly arranged handles and the separate kitchen block also ensure a safe standing and comfort when cooking and baking at sea.

- Stainless steel sink, water outlet taps with Whale Gusher Galley MK 3 foot pumps (new 2021) for sea water (for pre-rinsing etc.) and for drinking water
- 2 burner Techimpex stainless steel gas stove with oven, gimballed (new 2004)
- Built-in refrigerator with Waeco Coolmatic compressor, air-cooled. 4 cm insulation (new 2004)
- Engel compressor cooling box. Can be used as an additional fridge or as a deep freezer (new 2021)
- Plenty of storage space in kitchen block, drawers and compartments behind stove and sink
- DUDE is offered with pots and pans



Bright, friendly pantry, safe working while at sea



Plenty of work space

Bathroom

- Lavac Popular vacuum toilet (new 2017). Proven vacuum flushing system. The vacuum creates a strong suction that prevents the dreaded clogging of the toilet
- Whale MK 5 toilet pump. Reliable and strong (new 2017)
- Large storage compartments above the sink
- Cupboard under the vanity
- Stainless steel sink with foot pump and drinking water tap
- Deck hatch provides ventilation
- Ceiling covering new 2022



Bow cabin

Cozy and comfortable double berth. The large deck hatch ensures plenty of fresh air and a good night's sleep with a view of the stars.

- 7-zone cold foam mattresses. Customization of Calypso sleeping systems. High-quality washable mattress covers in blue from Calypso sleeping systems. A mattress cover as a reserve, unused (new 2017).
- Mattress ventilation made of polyester mesh
- Custom-made jersey sheets in mattress shape by Götzl Maritim in blue and anthracite. Several sets, some new and unused.
- LED reading lights



Bow cabin: dreaming under the stars



Starboard aft cabin



Port aft cabin

Aft cabins

The port aft cabin has two single berths that are installed offset. It is used by us as a generous storage space. The Engel cooling box has its place here and serves as an extended cooling option. There is a securely built-in safe under the bunk board. However, the cabin can easily be used as a double berth again. All original fixtures are preserved.

A double berth is accommodated in the starboard aft cabin.

- Generous storage space with drawer boxes and ample storage options for tools, spare parts and supplies
- Custom-made mattress with mattress base made of polyester mesh
- Custom-made jersey sheets in mattress shape by Götzl Maritim in blue and anthracite. Several sets, some new and unused
- Closet and base cabinet in both cabins. Multiple storage compartments
- White ceiling and partly side coverings (New 2017 and 2022)
- Each cabin has a deck hatch and an opening side hatch to the cockpit. This ensures good ventilation. A side window brings additional light into the cabin



Navigation and communication

- Chart table with large storage compartment for sea charts etc.
 - Storage compartments behind the seat and on the sides
 - Large open storage compartment next to the seat
 - Seat ergonomically covered with wooden slats. Good grip in strong winds and heavy weather
 - LED light red/warm white switchable
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- M-Tech SX 35 DSC VHF radio
 - Aircell 7 low-loss, double-shielded 50 Ohm coaxial cable, antenna in the masthead (new 2017)
 - SSB, Pactor: Yaesu FT 857 amateur radio with automatic Smarttuner SG 230 antenna tuner and insulated backstay antenna. Pactor 2 EX with license upgrade to Pactor 3 (2021)
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- AIS: Weatherdock easy TRX S-IS Class B transceiver with integrated splitter (new 2017)
 - Weatherdock easy CPA3 alarm external alarm box with covered PAN PAN button, silent mode switch CPA alarm, buzzer and switch (new 2017)
 - Own external GPS antenna for optimal operation of the AIS in metal boats (new 2017)
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- MSI Cube. Small built-in PC with 12 volt power supply and SSD hard drive (new 2017), Linux Navigatrix software for use as a chart plotter and much more
 - Energy-efficient Raspberry PI Mini PC with Open Plotter Software and its own touch monitor (new 2019)
 - Large rotating and tilting LED monitor (new 2017) - arranged for navigation but also good for watching movies from the sofa (new 2017)
 - OpenCPN navigation software, worldwide map material
 - Furuno GP 32 GPS with external GPS antenna
 - Furuno Radar M1623 (new 2017)



Safety

- Epirb: Ocean Signal RescueMe Epirb1, battery until 2027 (new 2017)
- Liferaft Ocean Safety type Ocean ISO, 4 persons - maintenance required. - (new 2017)
- Various signal flares (officially expired)
- 4 x automatic lifejackets - maintenance required
- Lifelines with carabiners
- 2 x grab bags
- LED signaling means ODEO Flare
- VHF handheld radio
- 2 x fire extinguishers
- 2 x fire blankets
- Nereus Overboard Rescue Sling
- Safety belts routed between cockpit and bow on deck
- High sea rail - 78 cm
- Security during thunderstorms. Metal ship as a Faraday cage
- ...and not to forget: The Weatherdock AIS (see above)! In our opinion, the greatest gain and one of the most important developments in the last few decades in matters of safety at sea

Miscellaneous/ Comfort

- Ubiquity Bullet M2 HP active WLAN outdoor antenna with router air gateway. Receives and amplifies the WiFi signal, e.g. from the marina, and provides its own WiFi network in the boat. The active antenna ensures strong WiFi reception even in the furthest corner of the marina
- Sony radio with Bluetooth, USB. Loudspeakers outside and inside
- Magma Gas Grill Marine Kettle Combination Stove and Gas Grill with Magma Original railing bracket and connection valve for separate gas bottles. Magma LED grill lights and cover (all new 2017). High-quality stainless steel on-board barbecue for relaxed evenings in the cockpit
- Wireless weather station
- Several USB charging sockets for smartphones, tablets
- Tools, small and spare parts, accessories
- Various sailing guides, specialist literature, handbooks, operating instructions, nautical charts



New 2022: Highfield Tender & Outboard

For the 2022 sailing season we have purchased a new Highfield dinghy with an aluminum floor and a new Yamaha 6 hp outboard motor. Long distances and dinghy rides in strong winds are no problem anymore. Thanks to the separate 24 l tank, longer trips and dinghy tours are also possible.

- Tender Highfield Ultralight 260 Valmex with aluminum floor (35 kg)
- Seat cover with bag new and unused
- 4-stroke outboard motor Yamaha F6 CMHS (approx. 30 operating hours)
- Stazo smart lock. High quality outboard security lock
- Petrol tank 24l, petrol hose 6 mm
- Of course, all papers and manuals are available



Longer trips are fun with the Highfield dinghy





You are interested or you have further questions?
Would you like to make an appointment to view the Ovni?

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Location of the Ovni is Preveza, Greece. Preveza Airport is only about 2 km from the marina.

More pictures and information can be found on our website www.planetdude.de

