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## FIRST 38.5 - BENETEAU



**Builder:**

Beneteau

**Model:**

First 38.5

**LOA:**

38' 0" (11.66 m)

**Hull Material:**

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

**Deck Material:**

Fiberglass

**Engines:**

1

**Manufacturer:**

Volvo

If you would like to buy a yacht **FIRST 38.5 - Beneteau** or would like help, please call +1(954)274-4435 or visit [shestakovyachtsales.com](http://shestakovyachtsales.com)

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# OVERVIEW

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Explore the First 38.5 from Beneteau — a versatile sail yacht presented within our sloops for sale portfolio. With 38 ft (11.66 m) LOA, a single Volvo engine, and a hull in fiberglass, it offers straightforward ownership and enjoyable sailing. For availability and expert guidance, contact Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales.

## Selecting a First 38.5

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If you want a well proven, easy to manage sail yacht with uncomplicated systems and widespread aftermarket support, the First 38.5 from Beneteau is worth considering. Included in our sloops for sale selection, it strikes a balance between manageable size and strong capability, appealing to sailors who prioritize simple handling and reasonable maintenance. Andrey Shestakov and the Shestakov Yacht Sales team are available to help you evaluate listings, examine service history, and match a purchase to your cruising or racing objectives.

## Features of the Model

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- LOA of 38 ft (11.66 m) keeps marina berthing and haul out requirements manageable.
- Propulsion: 1 x Volvo engine provides reliable power for docking and motoring.
- Hull in fiberglass for longevity and relative ease of upkeep.
- Deck built in Fiberglass combines structural strength with durability.
- Listed in our sloops for sale lineup as a performance minded sail yacht.

## Technical Specifications

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- Builder: Beneteau
- Model: First 38.5
- Classification: sail yacht; sloops for sale; Hull class: fiberglass
- Length overall (LOA): 38 ft (11.66 m)
- Engines: 1 x Volvo
- Hull material: fiberglass
- Deck material: Fiberglass

## Pricing and Ordering

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To obtain current pricing, find active listings, or arrange private inspections of a First 38.5, reach out to Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales. Our brokerage handles negotiations, surveys, paperwork, and delivery logistics. Whether you're weighing comparable sail yachts or focusing on our sloops for sale offerings, we'll support you through selection and the purchase process.

## Questions and Answers

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- Q: What type of yacht is the First 38.5? A: It's a **sail yacht** featured in our **sloops for sale** category and constructed by **Beneteau** .
- Q: What are the key dimensions? A: The boat's **LOA is 38 ft (11.66 m)** , giving it a practical footprint for slips and servicing.
- Q: What engine is installed? A: It is equipped with **1 x Volvo** — a **single engine** configuration that simplifies operation and upkeep.
- Q: What are the hull and deck materials? A: The hull is fashioned from **fiberglass** , and the deck is finished in **Fiberglass** .
- Q: How do I arrange a viewing or make an offer? A: Contact **Andrey Shestakov** at **Shestakov Yacht Sales** to discuss availability, pricing, and the

steps to acquire a First 38.5.

## Owner Experience Review

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Owners note that the First 38.5 adapts well to a variety of roles: club racing and mid to long distance events (with Chicago/Mac cited as examples), family coastal cruises and weekend getaways, and the occasional extended passage. Many regard it as capable offshore, while acknowledging that its performance oriented design sacrifices some interior volume and creature comforts compared with dedicated cruisers or Beneteau Oceanis style models.

Underway, owners commonly describe the boat as “reasonably quick” with a steady, seakindly motion; some comment that it feels confident and secure in a wide range of sea and wind conditions. One owner summed it up: “Downwind the boat reached like a bandit.” Upwind ability varies significantly with keel choice—shoal or wing keel versions tend to point poorly and show reduced performance, whereas deep fin keel examples demonstrate markedly better windward performance.

Aboard, cockpit ergonomics and control placement favor efficient sailing, and the interior presents genuine teak veneer with a distinctly 1980s character; however, headroom is more limited than on newer cruisers and the foam backed headliner and sideliner can be troublesome to replace. Maintenance notes reflect the realities of older yachts: confirm keel/ballast composition with a magnet (iron versus lead), some owners install a Mars cast ballast bulb (500 lb) to increase stability and upwind grip, watch for osmosis on aging fiberglass hulls, and set realistic budgets for refits—forum estimates include engine work (£8–10k), new sails (£4k), and rigging (~£2.5k). Surveyors should pay close attention to engine cooling and heat systems because a few boats have suffered from inadequate winterizing in the past.

## Pros and Cons

- Respectable club and offshore race capability, with particularly strong downwind speed and handling.
- Frequently described by owners as reasonably quick with a solid, seakindly motion and a secure feel.
- Attractive real teak veneer and a classic 1980s interior that appeals to many owners.
- Interior volume and headroom are tighter compared with contemporary cruisers, and the cockpit is optimized for sailing rather than lounging.
- Shoal or wing keel variants exhibit poorer upwind pointing and lower overall performance than deep fin keel versions.
- Older boats require thorough surveys for osmosis and potential engine/cooling defects, can incur significant refresh costs, and buyers should verify keel composition with a magnet.

## Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
First 38.5	38' 0" (11.66 m)				
Swift Trawler 42	44' 0" (13.49 m)	14' 0" (4.24 m)	11' 3" (3.42 m)		
Swift Trawler 41 Sedan	44' 0" (13.44 m)	13' 0" (4.19 m)	12' 4" (3.75 m)		
Swift Trawler 41 Fly	44' 0" (13.44 m)	13' 0" (4.19 m)			
473	47' 0" (14.33 m)	14' 0" (4.32 m)	18' 4" (5.58 m)		
Swift Trawler 41	44' 0" (13.44 m)	13' 0" (4.19 m)	12' 4" (3.75 m)	12 kn / 18 kn	
40	39' 0" (12.14 m)	12' 0" (3.91 m)	20' 6" (6.25 m)		

Oceanis 58	59' 0" (18.01 m)	16' 0" (5.11 m)	27' 11" (8.50 m)	10 kn	
Oceanes 46	49' 0" (14.94 m)	13' 0" (4.24 m)	18' 10" (5.75 m) – 21' 1" (6.42 m)		
Oceanis 461	46' 0" (14.02 m)	13' 0" (4.24 m)	18' 10" (5.75 m)		

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# GALLERY











# CONTACTS

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Shestakov Yacht Sales is a brokerage company specializing in the sale and service of yachts worldwide. The company offers services for buying and selling both new and used motor yachts, sailing vessels, and luxury superyachts. They also provide yacht registration, insurance, technical maintenance, crew selection, and charter organization services across the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Bahamas.

The founder and lead broker of the company is Andrey Shestakov, a licensed and certified expert with extensive experience in marine engineering and shipbuilding.

The company has an extensive network of partnerships with major yacht manufacturers worldwide and provides services in multiple languages, including Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, and English. The office is in Dania Beach, Florida, USA.

For more information and to view available yachts, you can visit the company's official website: <https://shestakovyachtsales.com>

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