

53 – LITTLE HARBOR



Builder:

LITTLE HARBOR

Model:

53

LOA:

53' 0" (16.15 m)

Min Draft:

18' 1" (5.50 m)

Beam:

15' 0" (4.60 m)

Max Draft:

37' 2" (11.33 m)

Cruise Speed:

7.5 kn / 8.63 mph

Max Speed:

8.5 kn / 9.78 mph

Gross Tonnage:

25.4 Pounds

Water Capacity:

160 Gallons

Fuel Capacity:

240 Gallons

Total Heads:

2

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OVERVIEW

Crafted by LITTLE HARBOR, the 53 is a 53-foot sailing yacht in the cutter segment, built on a fiberglass and plastic hull with a fiberglass deck. Presented by Shestakov Yacht Sales and represented by broker Andrey Shestakov.

Selecting a 53

Opting for the 53 balances substantial interior volume with manageable handling and dependable sea manners. With a length overall of 53 ft (16.15 m) and a beam of 15 ft (4.6 m), it yields comfortable living space without excessive beam. The centerboard hull permits a wide draft envelope—ranging from a minimum of 18.045 ft (5.5 m) to a maximum of 37.183 ft (11.3333 m)—while propulsion is provided by a single Yanmar diesel outboard. Interior arrangements sleep up to 7 people and include two heads, supported by fuel and water capacities of 240 and 160 gallons respectively, making the design well suited to extended cruises. Shestakov Yacht Sales and broker Andrey Shestakov are available to arrange inspections, surveys, and the purchase process.

Features of the Model

- Centerboard hull configuration with a wide draft range (min 18.045 ft / 5.5 m; max 37.183 ft / 11.3333 m)
- fiberglass and plastic hull with fiberglass deck
- Propulsion: 1 x Yanmar, outboard, diesel
- Performance: cruising 7.5 kn (8.63 mph); max 8.5 kn (9.78 mph)
- Capacities: fuel 240 gal; water 160 gal
- Accommodations for up to 7; 2 heads
- Gross tonnage: 25.4

Technical Specifications

- Builder: LITTLE HARBOR
- Model: 53
- Classification: sail yacht; cutter configuration; hull: fiberglass and plastic
- Hull configuration: Centerboard
- Hull material: fiberglass and plastic; Deck material: Fiberglass
- LOA: 53 ft (16.15 m)
- Beam: 15 ft (4.6 m)
- Draft: min 18.045 ft (5.5 m); max 37.183 ft (11.3333 m)
- Gross tonnage: 25.4
- Engines: 1 x Yanmar; Type: Outboard; Fuel: Diesel
- Speed: Cruise 7.5 kn (8.63 mph); Max 8.5 kn (9.78 mph)
- Capacities: Fuel 240 gal; Water 160 gal
- Accommodations: 7; Heads: 2

Pricing and Ordering

For up-to-date pricing, current availability, and to schedule a personal inspection of the 53 from LITTLE HARBOR, contact Shestakov Yacht Sales. Broker Andrey Shestakov will set up viewings, coordinate surveys and sea trials, and assist with the documentation and closing procedures.

Questions and Answers

Q: What kind of yacht is the 53? A: The design is a sail yacht within the cutter category, featuring a fiberglass and plastic hull and a fiberglass deck. It is built by LITTLE HARBOR.

Q: What is the draft and hull configuration? A: The 53 is equipped with a

centerboard hull arrangement that gives a minimum **draft** of 18.045 ft (5.5 m) and a maximum draft of 37.183 ft (11.3333 m).

Q: What are the engine and performance figures? A: Propulsion is provided by a single **Yanmar diesel outboard** . Typical **cruising speed** is 7.5 kn (8.63 mph) with a **maximum speed** of 8.5 kn (9.78 mph).

Q: How many people can stay aboard comfortably? A: The yacht offers **accommodations** for up to 7 people and includes 2 **heads** , backed by a freshwater capacity of 160 gallons and fuel capacity of 240 gallons.

Q: How do I purchase through Shestakov Yacht Sales? A: Contact Shestakov Yacht Sales and request **Andrey Shestakov** . He will organize showings of the 53, advise on offers, coordinate surveys and sea trials, and manage the transaction through to closing.

Owner Experience Review

Owners stepping aboard the 53 from LITTLE HARBOR frequently employ the yacht for long-distance passagemaking as well as exploring shallow coastal waters. Conceived by Ted Hood and produced in relatively small numbers for private owner operators, the layout and systems are typically configured for offshore, bluewater capability; simultaneously, the centerboard which reduces draft to around 5'6" allows access to places like the Chesapeake and the Bahamas.

Sailors and experts commonly report the [53] handles like a serious cruising boat: relatively stiff with good upwind speed and an ability to perform in lighter airs, delivering a heavy displacement, sea friendly motion and predictable behavior in a seaway. Deploying the centerboard enhances windward ability and refines low speed steering, and the center cockpit arrangement places most sail and helm controls within reach of a solo helmsman.

The downsides reflect the era and materials used in many examples: varnished joinery and teak decks demand ongoing maintenance; centerboard pennants, sheaves, and lifting mechanisms are known wear items. On older boats, surveys commonly recommend comprehensive electrical system reviews and updates to early hydraulic or furling installations, and inspectors sometimes uncover concealed problems—such as corroded tanks or wiring routed beneath cabinetry—that require removal of interior joinery to remedy.

Pros and Cons

- Bluewater capable with a sea kindly, well mannered ride suitable for long passages.
- Centerboard provides roughly 5'6" shoal draft for shallow-water cruising and enhances windward performance when lowered.
- Abundant interior volume and center cockpit layout support family liveaboard lifestyles and efficient short handed sailing.
- Teak decks and varnished woodwork demand continual upkeep and can be expensive to refit.
- Original electrical, hydraulic, and early furling gear are aged on many boats and typically need inspection and modernization.
- Centerboard components (pennant/sheaves) are maintenance items, and some hidden-system repairs may require removal of interior cabinetry.

Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
46	46' 0" (14.02 m)	13' 0" (4.17 m)	16' 11" (5.17 m) – 34' 12" (10.67 m)		
38 Whisper Jet	38' 0" (11.58 m)	12' 0" (3.81 m)	6' 0" (1.83 m)	25 kn / 35 kn	

Aft Cockpit LH42	42' 0" (12.80 m)	13' 0" (3.99 m)	14' 9" (4.50 m)	6.5 kn / 7 kn	
44 WhisperJet	44' 0" (13.41 m)	13' 0" (4.14 m)	8' 2" (2.50 m)	22 kn / 24 kn	12.5
38 CB	38' 0" (11.58 m)	12' 0" (3.63 m)	14' 9" (4.50 m)		
44	44' 0" (13.51 m)	13' 0" (4.17 m)	16' 5" (5 m) – 33' 4" (10.17 m)	7 kn / 7.75 kn	13.7
54	53' 0" (16.28 m)	15' 0" (4.57 m)	19' 8" (6 m) – 39' 4" (12 m)		22.3
63 Ketch	63' 0" (19.46 m)	17' 0" (5.26 m)	21' 1" (6.42 m) – 41' 0" (12.50 m)		35
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Deck Material:

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Manufacturer:

Yanmar

Fuel Type:

Diesel

GALLERY











CONTACTS

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.

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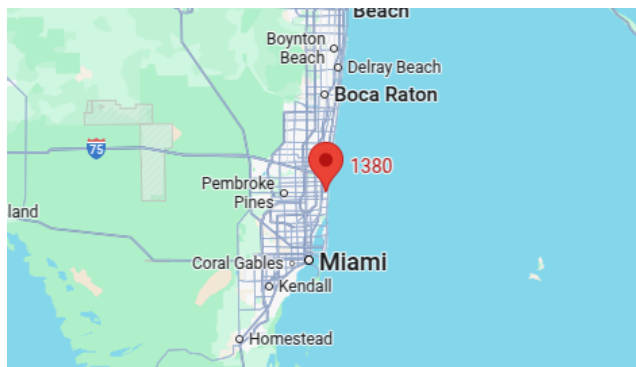
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