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## ALDEN 78 - PALMER JOHNSON



**Builder:**

PALMER JOHNSON

**Model:**

Alden 78

**LOA:**

78' 0" (23.77 m)

**Min Draft:**

23' 6" (7.17 m)

**Beam:**

18' 0" (5.49 m)

**Max Draft:**

45' 11" (14 m)

**Cruise Speed:**

10 kn / 11.51 mph

**Water Capacity:**

1400 Gallons

**Fuel Capacity:**

1200 Gallons

**Total Heads:**

4

**Hull Material:**

Aluminum Yachts

**Deck Material:**

Aluminum

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## OVERVIEW

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The Alden 78 brings together storied naval architecture and solid offshore construction: a sail yacht arranged as a cruising ketch with a sturdy aluminum hull built by PALMER JOHNSON. Listed and represented by Andrey Shestakov of Shestakov Yacht Sales, this 78-foot vessel is designed to combine purposeful sailing capabilities with comfortable long-range living for committed voyagers.

### Selecting a [Alden 78](#)

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Opt for the Alden 78 when you require a centerboard ketch that fuses classic J.G. Alden lines with proven aluminum workmanship and practical systems for extended cruising. Powered by a single Caterpillar inboard diesel tuned for efficient passages, capable of a 10-knot cruise, and provisioned with significant fuel and water stores plus four heads, it's laid out to endure prolonged offshore stays and comfortable time at anchor.

### Features of the Model

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- Centerboard hull arrangement providing a wide draft range to suit diverse cruising areas (min 23.512 ft / 7.1666 m; max 45.932 ft / 14 m).
- Full aluminum construction: aluminum hull and aluminum deck crafted by PALMER JOHNSON.
- Hull penned by the respected naval architect J.G. Alden for seaworthy bluewater behavior.
- Ketch sail plan: a well-balanced and adaptable rig categorized under sail yacht, specifically a cruising ketch.
- Propulsion focused on dependability: single Caterpillar inboard diesel; typical cruising speed about 10 kn (11.51 mph).
- Designed for range and liveaboard capability with generous tankage and

practical accommodations: fuel 1200 gal, water 1400 gal, and 4 heads.

## Technical Specifications

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- Model: Alden 78
- Builder: PALMER JOHNSON
- Type: sail yacht / cruising ketch
- Hull: aluminum; configuration: Centerboard; designer: J.G. Alden
- Deck: Aluminum
- LOA: 78 ft (23.77 m)
- Beam: 18 ft (5.49 m)
- Draft: min 23.512 ft (7.1666 m), max 45.932 ft (14 m)
- Engines: 1 x Caterpillar, Inboard, Diesel
- Cruising speed: 10 kn (11.51 mph)
- Heads: 4
- Fuel capacity: 1200 gal
- Water capacity: 1400 gal

## Pricing and Ordering

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To obtain up-to-date pricing, check availability, or arrange inspections and transport for the Alden 78, please reach out to Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales. Our brokerage team will assist with offer preparation, survey coordination, refit oversight, and delivery logistics for vessels by PALMER JOHNSON.

## Questions and Answers

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- Q: What is the **type** of the Alden 78? A: It's a sail yacht laid out as a cruising ketch built on a robust aluminum hull.

- Q: Who is the **builder** and who designed the **hull** ? A: The builder is PALMER JOHNSON, and the hull was designed by J.G. Alden.
- Q: What are the principal **dimensions** and **draft** range? A: LOA is 78 ft (23.77 m) with an 18 ft (5.49 m) beam. The centerboard draft varies from 23.512 ft (7.1666 m) minimum to 45.932 ft (14 m) maximum.
- Q: What **engine** setup and **cruising speed** does it have? A: It is powered by 1 x Caterpillar inboard diesel; cruising speed is approximately 10 kn (11.51 mph).
- Q: What are the key **capacities** and onboard **amenities** ? A: Tankage includes 1200 gal fuel and 1400 gal water, and the layout provides 4 heads to support extended cruising. For acquisition opportunities involving a Alden 78, contact Andrey Shestakov and Shestakov Yacht Sales.

## Owner Experience Review

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Listings present the Alden 78 from PALMER JOHNSON as a true offshore cruiser built for serious passage-making. The ketch rig and hefty displacement are frequently described as seakindly and straightforward to balance, and the centerboard configuration (approximately 7'2" up / ~14' down) provides access to shallow anchorages while still delivering the bite of a deep keel offshore. Under power, brokers typically report around 10 knots on the main Caterpillar 3208N engine, a practical pace for long passages.

For liveaboard comfort and family cruising, the interior typically shows four cabins and four heads, including an owner's stateroom forward, cherry joinery throughout, and traditional teak & holly soles. The galley is U-shaped and opens to a roomy salon with settees, a hi/lo table, and an integrated bar; aft accommodations include crew or auxiliary quarters plus a fully equipped navigation station to support owner-operated or crew-assisted cruising. Tankage as listed—about 1,200 gallons of fuel and 1,400 gallons of water—offers substantial range and autonomy for extended voyages.

Maintenance demands reflect the expectations for a capable cruising yacht of this era. Typical specification sheets list the Caterpillar 3208N (210 hp) and a Northern Lights 20 kW generator, together with a Navtec hydraulic centerboard system—items that should have documented service history and hydraulic inspections. Recent listings often note upgrades such as fresh hull and deck paint, new dodger/bimini, refreshed HVAC, Dometic electric heads, and a Victron inverter/charger; engine-room access is standard via the companionway and under the cockpit for routine checks, though the age of mechanical and electrical systems makes thorough surveys advisable.

## Pros and Cons

- Generous fuel and water tankage combined with a ketch rig make it well suited to long-distance passagemaking.
- The centerboard shoal-draft capability grants entry to shallow harbors while still offering deep-keel performance when lowered.
- Four cabins, four heads, an open U-shaped galley, and a dedicated navigation center accommodate family cruising and liveaboard lifestyles.
- The Caterpillar 3208N main engine and Northern Lights generator are older installations, so expect age-related maintenance.
- The Navtec hydraulic centerboard and its hydraulic systems introduce additional maintenance considerations.
- Operation typically assumes an owner with crew assistance rather than effortless singlehanded.

## Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
Alden 78	78' 0" (23.77 m)	18' 0" (5.49 m)	23' 6" (7.17 m) – 45' 11" (14 m)	10 kn	

124 Sports Cruiser	120' 0" (36.58 m)	24' 0" (7.32 m)	21' 4" (6.50 m)	24 kn / 29 kn	
PJ120	120' 0" (36.60 m)	23' 0" (7.12 m)	6' 6" (1.98 m)	15 kn / 26 kn	197
SuperSport	162' 0" (49.50 m)	35' 0" (10.78 m)	6' 3" (1.90 m)	18 kn / 25 kn	490
SportYacht 170 Series	171' 0" (52.40 m)	29' 0" (9.10 m)	6' 11" (2.10 m)	17.5 kn / 31 kn	495
PJ 135	136' 0" (41.45 m)	27' 0" (8.38 m)	6' 1" (1.86 m)	24 kn / 28 kn	305
80 Sportfish MY	80' 0" (24.38 m)	21' 0" (6.48 m)	29' 10" (9.08 m)		
120	124' 0" (37.80 m)	24' 0" (7.47 m)	19' 0" (5.80 m) – 20' 4" (6.20 m)	19 kn / 28 kn	197
Motor Yacht	100' 0" (30.48 m)	23' 0" (7.01 m)	22' 12" (7 m)	10 kn / 21 kn	
Tri - Deck FB	121' 0" (37.03 m)	25' 0" (7.62 m)			

# SPECIFICATIONS

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**Engines:**

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**Deck Material:**

Aluminum

**Hull Designer:**

J.G. Alden

**Manufacturer:**

Caterpillar

**Fuel Type:**

Diesel

# 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.

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