

54' LUDERS 1965 AUXILIARY YAWL - LUDERS



Builder: [LUDERS](#)

Year Built: 1965

Model: N/A

Price: \$29,500 USD Subject to change.

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Location: New London, United States

LOA: 54' 0" (16.48 m)

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OVERVIEW

CURRENT PRICE IS INDICATIVE; ALL SERIOUS OFFERS GRACIOUSLY INVITED.

On rare occasions a yacht of distinguished lineage appears for sale. Tara is such an offering: a custom racing sailboat commissioned by John “Don” McNamara and penned by the eminent Bill Luders. McNamara—an Olympic bronze medalist in the 5.5 Meter class, co-captain of the 12-Meter Nefertiti, and later Tara’s skipper in SORC campaigns—understood exactly what a thoroughbred required. The outcome is a CCA-era racer-cruiser yawl of undeniable presence: a vintage sailing yacht whose grace and performance remain intact and whose lines continue to command attention.

A refined embodiment of 1960s CCA-rule design, Tara marries the taut efficiency of a competitive racer with the seaworthiness and comfort of a true cruiser. The yawl rig affords exceptional balance and ease for shorthanded crews, making her equally suited to buoy work or extended coastal passages. As a Bill Luders design, she is a bluewater-capable performance cruiser with pedigree—an authentic Luders 54 that will appeal to the connoisseur seeking a collector-quality offshore classic.

Her current sail inventory underscores her racing heritage: a new 13 oz 105% jib, a new 10 oz 150% jib, and a new 8 oz 1705 jib, accompanied by a substantial older mainsail that is heavy, double-stitched, and still notably robust. The headstay and backstay were renewed in 1994, supporting a rig that presents as strong and ready. On deck, self-tailing winches and a coffee grinder speak to her regatta-oriented setup, while ongoing upgrades and the addition of fresh sails maintain her competitiveness. Cosmetically she would benefit from a fresh coat of paint in the near term, yet she remains striking to the eye and fully capable of being sailed now.

As a Luders 54, her approximate 17-foot overall height renders over-the-road transport impractical. The yacht is presently lying in New London, Connecticut,

with the mast and rig—fitted with a new roller-furling system—stored separately in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Additional photography will be provided as it becomes available. No trailer is included in this sale.

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Keywords: classic yacht, vintage sailboat, CCA racer-cruiser, yawl, racing yacht, performance cruiser, offshore yacht, bluewater cruiser, Bill Luders design, Luders 54, regatta-ready, pedigree sailing yacht, SORC heritage.

SPECIFICATIONS

Basic Information

Category:
Sail yachts

Year Built:
1965

Model Year:
1965

Country:
United States

Dimensions

LOA:
54' 0" (16.48 m)

Hull and Deck Information

Hull Material:
Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Hull Designer:
N/A

Deck Material:
Fiberglass

Interior Designer:
N/A

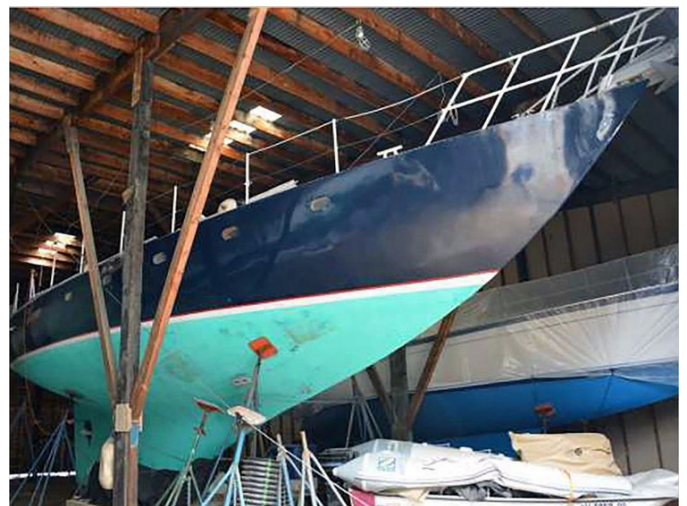
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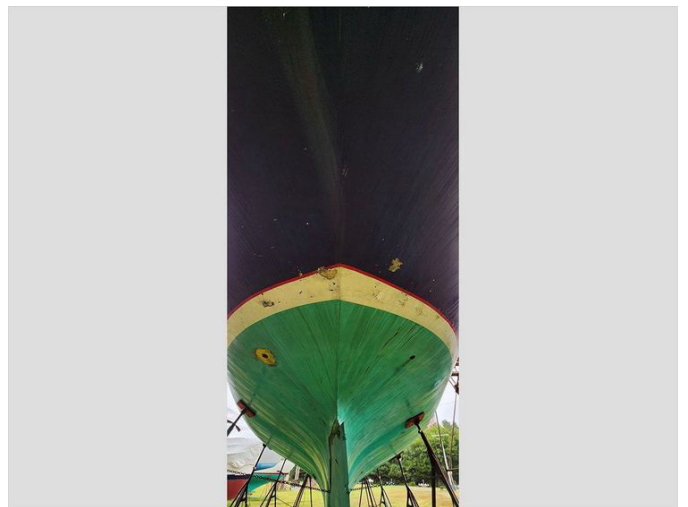
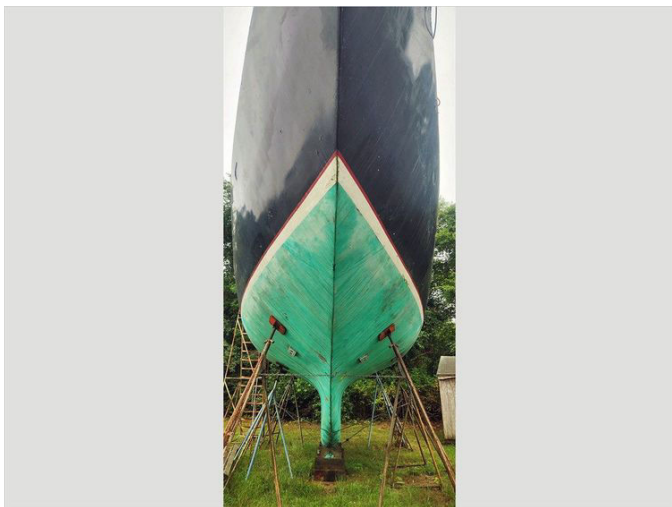
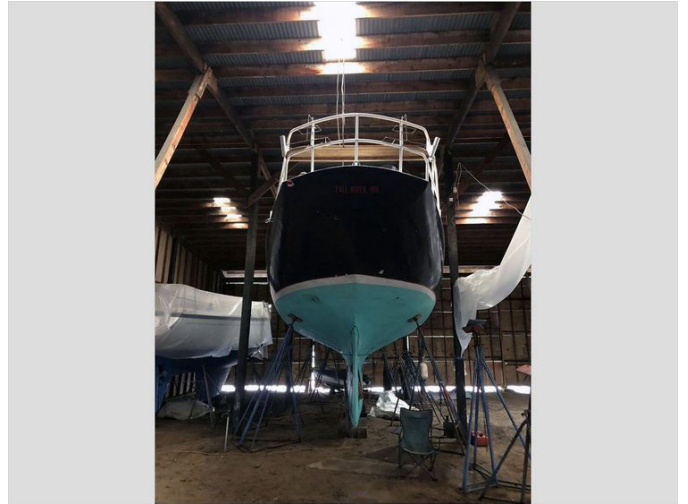
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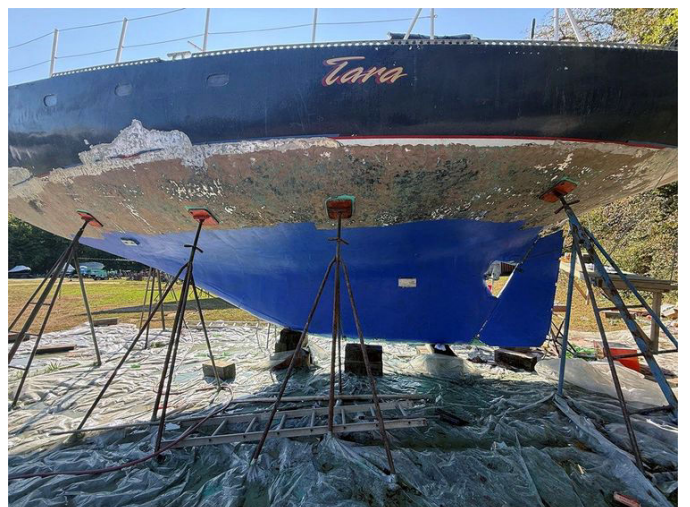
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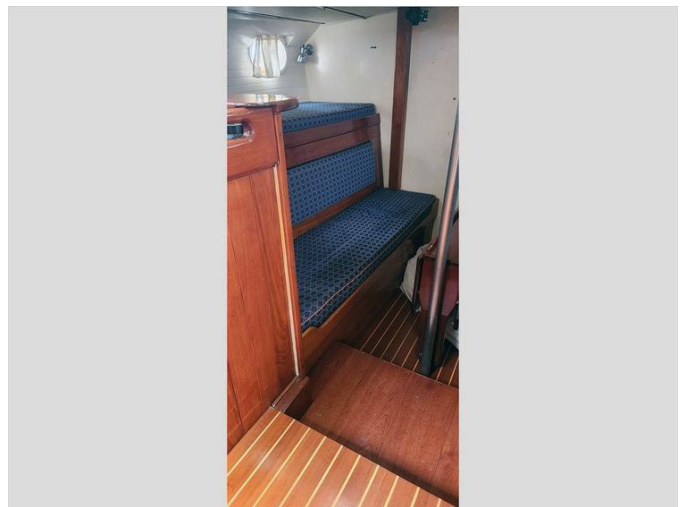
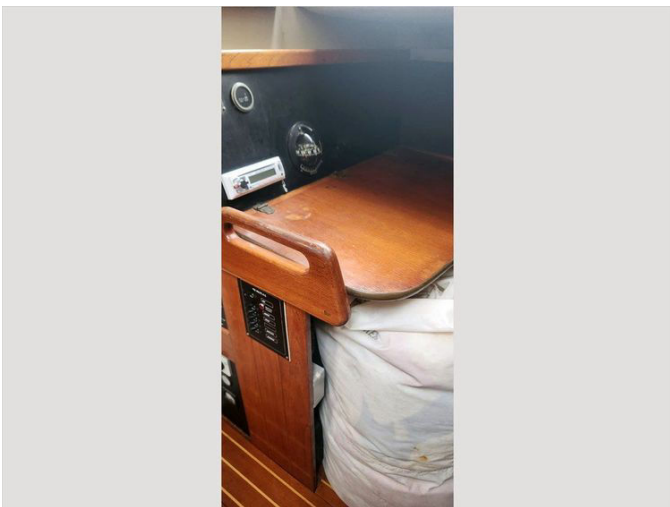
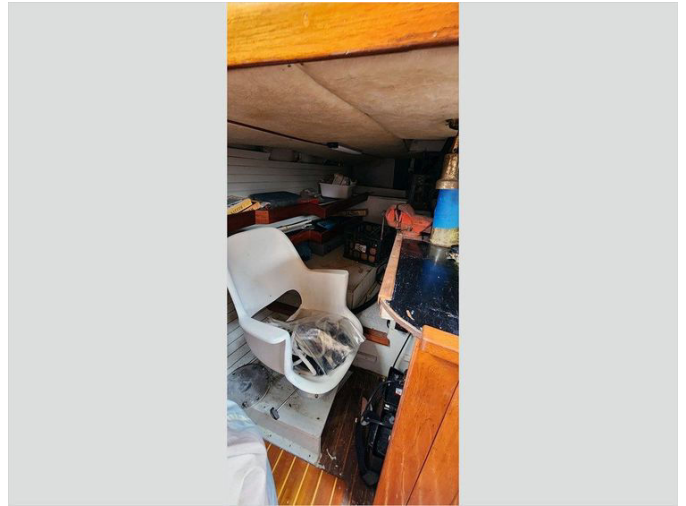
Manufacturer:
Motoren Werk Manheim (MWM)

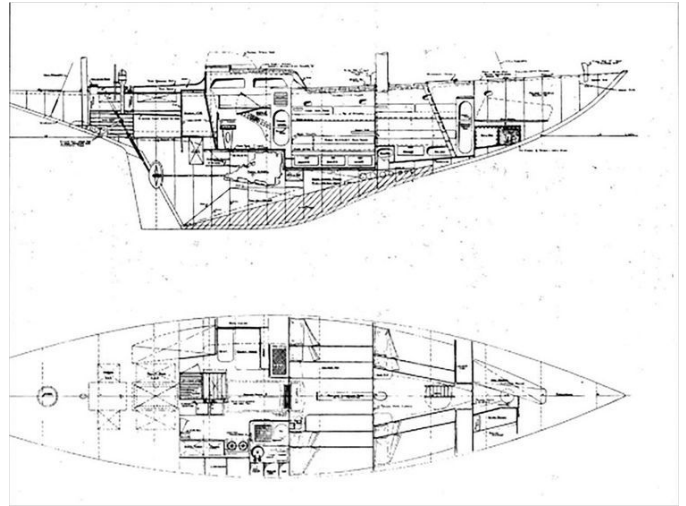
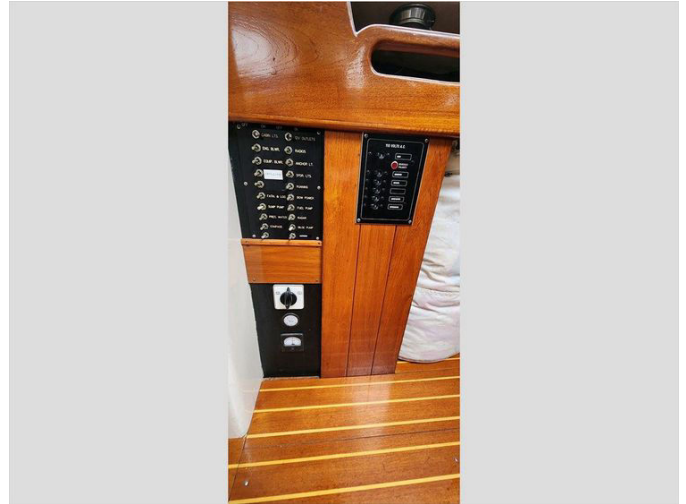
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