



## VOLADOR

LOA:	55'9" / 17.0m
LWL:	44'9" / 13.64m
Year:	2004
Beam:	15'8" / 4.78m
Draft:	7'3" / 2.23m
Displacement:	49,500lbs / 22,500kg
Ballast:	20,900lbs / 9,500kg
Hull Material:	GRP
Engine:	Yanmar 4LHA-HTP 160HP
Designer:	Ron Holland
Builder:	Discovery Yachts
Flag:	USA
Location:	Port Vell, Barcelona, Spain
Price:	£645,000 (VAT Paid)

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This excellent example of a Discovery 55 is now for sale as the owners have completed their family adventure. She is thoroughly tested and in great working order, maintained “by the book” and then some, and ready to sail off the dock tomorrow.

A look at this comprehensive owner-provided spec demonstrates the care that the boat has enjoyed since inception.

- Interior Designer: Ken Freivokh Design, Fareham, England
- Structural and design: High Modulus Engineering, Auckland, New Zealand and Hamble, England
- Built to meet MCA charter coding regulations

### Key Features

- **HULL:** Stiff, strong, blue-water spec hull, built for lively performance, long life and minimal hassle
- **DECK:** Thoughtfully engineered for maximum security and usability, with a specification that exceeds most standards and expectations
- **COCKPIT:** Cosy, protected cockpit with all key controls positioned within reach
- **ELECTRICAL:** In keeping with the overall boat, an aircraft spec battery bank (normally found on yachts double the size) powers elegant and comfortable electrical components.
- **SPARS AND RIG.** Robust, powerful fast cruising rig designed to be handled easily by a couple or even alone, powder coated white.
- **INTERIOR JOINERY:** Hand-crafted cherry joinery, with two watertight bulkheads for blue water security
- **SAFETY:** Thorough, modern safety inventory with ocean cruising in mind
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Configured for two couples to live handsomely, with ample accommodation for further guest and/or skipper



### Hull Construction

- The immensely strong lay-up specified by the Designer and Structural Engineers meets full CE regulations Category “A-Ocean”
- Composite construction with end grain balsa core providing superior strength, thermal insulation and acoustic insulation but keeping the weight down which adds to performance
- Layer of Kevlar massively adding to the hull strength to resist impact damage
- 2 Layers of isothalic gel coat, non pigmented below the waterline to help prevent osmosis
- Vinylester resins are used throughout for added strength and osmosis prevention
- Two water tight bulkheads providing sealed buoyancy and safety
- Watertight bulkhead and door by the mast divides the boat into two main compartments. All services passing forward of this bulkhead then pass through watertight glands or seals
- Navy blue (Duker blue) gel coat with gold caveta line
- 2 coats of anti-foul - Micron Dover White (March 2010)

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- 6 GEBO Portholes with screens
- Transom bathing ladder

## Keel

- 9,500kgs (20,500lbs) shaped lead keel and a depth of 2.23m (7'3") provides a ballast ratio of 42% providing maximum stability and comfort
- Keel is through bolted to the hull stub with cast-in stainless steel bolts

## Steering

- 1067mm (42 inch) leather covered stainless wheel (with friction brake) controls a Whitlock Mamba, solid rod steering system, providing direct & positive steering
- Semi balanced large Kevlar reinforced rudder bonded to a solid stainless steel shaft with top and bottom bearings
- Emergency steering tiller



## Mechanical

- Engine: Yanmar Diesel 160HP 4LHA-HTP, turbocharged
- Engine is mounted on captive flexible feet to minimize vibration, and transmission is coupled to an Aquadrive
- Propeller: 24" Gori folding propeller with overdrive
- Rope-cutter on propeller shaft (AM15, 3 blade)
- Tides Marine – self aligning – no drip shaft seal with ABS and Lloyds Type approval – two extra seals are installed on shaft for future replacements
- Filters - main engine: Separ filters and water separators (4X), one for each fuel tank routed to one general filter/water separator then to OE engine filter. Alarms for each filter (5x) at steering pedestal
- Alternators (2x): 55 amp 12V alternator for charging the start battery and 100 amp 24V alternator for charging the main house batteries
- Full walk-in engine room lined with fire retardant insulation
- 2x heat triggered 2kg powder fire extinguishers in engine room
- Generator: Onan MDKAB - 11 kW (230V)
- Filters – generator: 1x Separ filter and water separator, 1x second filter and 1x OE generator filter
- Both generator and engine exhaust are routed to an HMI water separators which eliminate water exhaust noise – main engine exhaust alarm at steering pedestal
- Bow-thruster: Maxpower 125, 10hp composite with single stick control at steering pedestal and remote control

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- Air Conditioning - Full tropical: Crusair - reverse cycle (1 x 10k BTU fwd, 1 x 12k BTU aft, 2 x 12k BTU in main saloon)
- Water-maker: Seafresh H206A, 95 liters/hour, 230V, 50Hz
- Heating: Eberspacher D10W central heating, diesel (control unit replaced and serviced in 2009)
- Heated towel racks in each head
- Washer/Dryer: Zannussi Aquacycle - Extra Capacity

## Electrical

In keeping with the overall yacht, an aircraft spec battery bank powers elegant and comfortable electrical components.

- 24V System
- Victron - Phoenix Multi 24 V 3000 VA 70 Amp Charger/Inverter
- Mastervolt 12V Battery Charger for engine & generator start batteries
- Marine grade tinned cabling is used throughout
- 2 x 12V sockets at Nav. station
- Halogen lighting throughout
- Night lights throughout
- Navigation lights: 3 stainless navigation lights, steaming light, anchor light & masthead tri-color light
- Stern boarding light
- Deck lights 2x
- 3 Core double insulated 32 Amp shore power cable (22 meters) (New 2010) with assorted European adapters
- 12V handheld searchlight



## Batteries

- 12 x 2V sealed gel batteries for house providing 480 amp/hour at 24V
- 1 x 200 amp/hour start battery for engine
- 1 x 120 amp/hour start battery for generator
- House battery charging via main engine alternator, generator, or shore power
- Start batteries charge via alternator, generator or shore power via a Mastervolt 12V charger
- 24 to 12 Volt Mastervolt converter provides 12V on-board power source
- Emergency 12V start battery link

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## Tankage

- Fuel: 1334 liters fuel in three high density polyethylene tanks with baffles and inspection plates
- Fresh Water: 2 x polyethylene tanks totaling 1008 litres / 222 gallons
- Black Water: 1 x 60 litres / 13 gallons, 1 x 40 litres / 9 gallons
- Grey Water: 180 litres / 48 gallons
- 50 litres / 11 gallons insulated Calorifier – heated via immersion heater or main engine

## Plumbing

- Pressurized hot and cold fresh water
- Calorifier
- Shower fixtures: Hansgrohe
- Effepi sink faucets in galley and heads
- Tecma - Silent Plus toilets, sea water or fresh water (new 2010)
- Pressurised sea water for deck wash, toilets, kitchen sink, anchor hose and hot tub

## Navigation Equipment

### *Navigation Desk:*

- Raymarine RL80C Pathfinder Plus 10" plotter/radar display (2 kW Raydome) with electronic charts for Europe
- Raymarine ST600R Autopilot control on navigation desk
- Type 400 G Core pack with built in rate gyro
- Raymarine RN300 GPS
- Selector switch for 2X GPS antennas
- Furuno DSC VHF Radio (at Nav station and steering pedestal)
- ICOM M802 SSB
- Iridium Phone: ECI MK2 Fixed mount
- Proctor Modem
- Furuno Navtex Dual Frequency NX-300 receiver
- ICOM 2x handheld units (IC-M35 and IC-M71)
- SLR-200G AIS Receiver
- Thrane & Thrane TT 3022 D Inmarsat C Transceiver
- Sea-Me active radar reflector
- Passive radar reflector
- CF100 2.4 GHz Computer system
- Samsung 15" flat screen monitor
- Canon BJ-85 compact printer
- 5 Mile Wi-Fi



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*Cockpit Pedestal:*

- Raymarine ST7001 Control Unit
- RL70C-Plus Color radar display
- Compass (Plastimo Olympic 135)
- 2nd anchor windlass switch
- Engine instruments
- Bowthruster controls, fuel alarm indicators and light switches
- Furuno secondary VHF handset
- Raymarine ST60 Tri data system, ST60 Wind system (vane), ST60 Close hauled indicator (above companionway)
- Sailtec Boom Vang control unit

**Accommodation**

Hand-crafted cherry joinery, with two watertight bulkheads for blue water security

- Upholstery in Alcantara - Commodore Blue
- All curtains in Nobilis cotton to complement upholstery
- Large number of throw pillows to complement upholstery
- Teak and holly laminate flooring for galley and main saloon plus carpets to all other areas
- Saloon table fitted protective cover
- Chart drawer
- Large wet locker - self draining, ventilated
- Bar locker for bottles and glassware
- Reading lights on all berths (except pilot berth)
- Abundant 220V electrical sockets

Configured for two couples to live comfortably, with ample accommodation for further ¾ guests and/or skipper.

*Owner's Stateroom:*

- King size double berth with split mattress and lee cloths
- Bedflex battens underneath mattress
- 3 x lee cloths
- 1 x large hanging closet, 4x large drawers, large concealed shelf area, various concealed

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compartments

- Ensuite head and shower
- 1 large opening hatch with concealed mosquito screen and dark out screen
- 2x dorade vents
- 4x opening portlights with mosquito screens

*Guest Stateroom:*

- Double berth with split mattress
- Bedflex battens underneath mattress
- Central lee cloth
- 1 large opening hatch with concealed mosquito screen and dark out screen
- 2x opening portlights with mosquito screens
- 1 dorade vent
- Hanging locker, shelf locker, abundant concealed shelves, large drawers and mirrors



*Guest bunk cabin:*

- 2 berths
- 2 opening hatches with mosquito screens
- 1x opening portlight with mosquito screen
- Lee cloths
- Several drawers, 1 shelf locker, 1 hanging locker with full length mirror

*Saloon:*

- Raised seating providing panoramic vision with excellent ventilation and light
- 1 Pilot berth, and 1 Sea berth on saloon seating (both with fitted lee cloths)



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- 2 opening deck hatches
- Deep and wide companionway steps (x 3) from cockpit with large grab handles, to avoid stepping down backwards
- Two large opening windows facing forward

#### *Heads:*

- Pressurised hot and cold water
- Electric shower and sink sump pump
- GRP molded units for easy cleaning
- Blue Heaven Velstone surfaces to forward and aft heads
- Separate showers keep heads areas dry
- Tecma electric toilets (fresh/salt water) new 2010

#### *Navigation Area:*

- Raised navigation seat providing panoramic vision
- Red night light
- Leather seat



## **Entertainment**

#### *Main Saloon:*

- Entertainment center: Kenwood DDX 8024VT Monitor with DVD Receiver, Digital TV Receiver, 2-zone: cockpit and/or main saloon (Tuner, DVD, USB, SD, iPod, Bluetooth, TV, Video 1, Video 2) with remote (New 2010)
- Amplifier: 5x channel Clarion Power Amp
- Speakers: 4x two-way Focal speakers in main saloon (2010), 2x Alpine waterproof speakers in cockpit (2009), Clarion powered subwoofer
- Monitor: 19 inch LG HD Flatron TV connected to entertainment center, with additional HDMI input. Retractable.

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- Woxter I-Cube 500 Multimedia player (1.5 Terabyte hard drive) with HDMI output for storing music, movies, pictures, etc.

#### *Aft Cabin:*

- Clarion DXZ 748 Sound system with 2x two way Focal speakers

#### **Domestic Equipment**

- Modern galley design which is easy whether at sea or anchored
- Large and efficient Frigoboat fridge for easy access with 2x front opening doors (300 litres/10.4 cu.ft) fitted with 6 shelves and internal light
- Large and efficient front opening Frigoboat freezer (or 2nd fridge) (175 litres/6.1 cu.ft) fitted with baskets
- Force 10 - 3 burner gas cooker with grill
- DeLonghi Perfecta Fully Automatic Espresso Machine
- 230v Sharp Microwave
- Twin galley sink
- Large Velstone “dump sink”
- 2 x Effepi swivel spray head taps (salt & fresh water) (new 2010)
- Manual fresh water tap
- Work surfaces: Velstone in Dalmatian white
- Chute design waste bin
- Full set of professional cookware (new 2009)



#### **Deck Equipment**

Thoughtfully engineered for maximum security and usability, with a specification that exceeds most standards and expectations

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- Deck is molded in GRP with a balsa core to provide strength and insulation
- Joined to the hull with epoxy paste and stainless bolts for security
- In load bearing areas, plywood replaces the balsa core. All load-bearing fittings have aluminum or stainless steel backing plates.
- Full teak decks, capping rail, seating
- Two transom lockers
- Two large lazarette lockers with lights
- Self-draining gas locker port amidships
- Self-draining life-raft locker port amidships (with life-raft)
- Large sail locker forward with 2 gas struts and light
- Self-draining chain locker at the bow
- All bulkheads are laminated into the deck for strength and stiffness
- Hot/cold freshwater shower on transom
- Freshwater outlet in cockpit to wash down decks
- Saltwater pressurized for deck & anchor wash located in the chain locker



#### Winches:

- Anderson self-tailing winches
- Primary 2x68STE 2+1 speed, 24V
- Mainsheet 1x52STE 2+1 speed 24V
- Furling, outhaul, jib sheet 1x52STE 2+1 speed 24V
- Mast winches 2x46ST 2 speed



#### Fittings:

- Houdini Marine windows (5 fixed + 2 opening)
- 10 Lewmar hatches (8LP and 2MP) with screens for cabins
- 8 Lewmar portlights with screens
- All stainless steel is 316 grade
- Stainless steel pulpit with teak seats
- Stainless steel stern rail with teak seats
- Stainless steel grab rails fitted to saloon roof, cockpit sides, and steering pedestal

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- Stainless steel stanchions (715 mm set in gunwales) with higher than standard guard-rail for added safety around deck
- Opening gates port and starboard
- Double stainless steel guard-wires
- Stainless steel rub strips on capping rail for cleats
- 8 stainless steel mooring cleats
- Stainless steel guardrails over dorade boxes
- Strong webbing Jackstays for safety
- 2x 6kg propane fitted gas bottles (new plastic) with tank selector valve, individual pressure gauges, gas solenoid emergency by-pass in self-draining outboard gas locker (convertible to Butane/Propane/camping gas) with assorted European connections (new 2009)
- Simpson davits (new & upgraded to 150kg in 2009)
- Antenna post
- Raymarine GPS active antenna
- Navtex antenna
- Masthead TV antenna with gain control
- Bimini and sprayhood in gray
- Covers in gray for: Bimini, cockpit table, pedestal, winches, deck windows and hatches
- Side boarding ladder with stowage in forward sail locker
- Rain water collection system via outer deck drains
- Passerelle: 2.1 meter (stainless steel with teak grating insert), deck socket and lazarette stowage
- 18 fenders (6 large with blue covers for cruising (new 2010), 2 flat stern fenders (new 2010), 2 white fenders, 2 ball fenders, 6 large fenders for wintering)
- Boat hook (aluminum with assisted mooring pick-up hook)
- Ensign flagstaff
- Stainless Steel Rod Holder
- Full compliment of mooring lines (4x12m, 2x20m, 2x25) new 2009

#### *Cockpit:*

Protected cockpit with all key controls positioned within reach

- Deep center cockpit for safety and comfort
- Large drains to remove water quickly with stainless steel grating over drain holes
- Deep seat backs for maximum comfort and safety
- Stainless steel bollard and 4x Spinlock clutches to handle furling, outhaul and jib sheet lines on coach-roof
- 2 x stainless steel U-bolts in cockpit for safety harness attachment
- Closed cell cockpit cushions in navy blue with red piping
- Cockpit table with drink holders and center self draining storage
- Single steering pedestal
- Teak grating at steering pedestal position and at entry to companionway
- Jabsco Amazon manual bilge pump

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- Bimini and spray-hood in gray (with grab handle)
- Furuno: Secondary VHF handset at pedestal
- Raymarine ST60 Tri data system, ST60 Wind system (vane), ST60 Close hauled indicator above companionway
- Hot tub with hot/cold/salt water faucets
- Boom light for cockpit table lighting
- 2 x Alpine 6.5 water resistant cockpit speakers

## **Spars & Rigging**

Robust, powerful cruising rig designed to be handled easily by a couple or even alone, painted white

- Double spreader B&R rig for strength and safety and clear decks
- Anodised aluminium mast and boom (white powder coated) (New in 2009)
- Sailtec Hydraulic Boom Vang
- Electric in-mast furling for mainsail (New in 2009) with spare motor
- Selden Furlex roller furling for headsails
- Lewmar mainsheet traveler track
- Lewmar traveler for self tacking Jib
- Lewmar turning blocks
- Standing rigging (New in 2009)
- Running rigging (New in 2009)
- Selden whisker pole, white powder coated (New in 2009)
- Selden spinnaker pole, white powder coated (New in 2009)
- Twizzle rig accessories

## **Sails**

- Sails by Hood (Mainsail and Blade Jib in Vektron)
- Fully vertical battened in-mast furled mainsail with UV protection at clew
- 140% Genoa with UV protection on leach
- 90% blade Jib sheeted on self tacking track with UV protection on leach
- MPS Spinnaker (Cruising chute) and squeezer
- Storm Jib for roller reefing forestay (unused)

## **Anchoring and Mooring Equipment**

- Stemhead fitted with two rollers, extremely strong and has been designed with much attention to detail with the short-handed cruiser in mind
- Delta 40 kg anchor stows on starboard stemhead fitting roller
- 100m of calibrated 10mm chain
- Chain snubber with stainless steel hook and 2m of spliced line

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- Lewmar V4 electric anchor windlass with rope drum, two button foot control on deck, remote control and control at steering pedestal
- Stainless Steel Bollard
- Salt water hose and pistol for anchor wash down
- Fortress FX55 kedge anchor with cover, 10m chain, 50m octoplait rope
- Kedge anchor roller fitted to transom
- Push-pit mounted anchor marker buoy

## **Safety Equipment**

Thorough, modern safety inventory with ocean cruising in mind

- ACR GlobalFix 406 EPIRB (2014)
- MOB I-lert LifeTag Wireless MOB system (6 tags)
- Ocean Safety Liferaft (6 Man Canister) in side locker (new 2009)
- 1 Ocean Safety Horseshoe
- 1 Ocean Safety Dan-Buoy
- 1 Ocean Safety Jon-Buoy with remote deployment at Nav. station
- 4 Kru auto-inflating life jackets – Ocean Safety
- 4 Ocean Safety Commodore auto-inflating life jackets
- Fire blanket (galley)
- 3x manual Fire Extinguishers (2009)
- 2x automatic Fire Extinguishers in engine room (2009)
- Adventure Medical Kits - Marine Medical Kit 3000 (2009)
- 4x Tethers
- Ocean Safety - Flare kit canister (2009)

## **Other Accessories**

- Avon 3.4 RIB with cover, 20 HP Honda outboard with planing plates, (oars, fuel tank with straps, pump, anchor with chain and line, Simpson davit guides) (Purchased 2009)
- Large barbeque on push-pit with separate gas canister and plumbing (2009)
- Boat manual and drawings including plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc. plus full complement of equipment manuals
- Very large assortment of spares including filters, pumps, engine and generator parts, electrical spares, bathroom fixtures, sailing hardware, etc.
- Large assortment of tools and maintenance and repair products
- 6 portable battery powered fans
- Penn reel and rod with tackle and stand up rod belt
- Large number of cruising guides for Atlantic and Mediterranean seas
- Paper charts for Atlantic and Mediterranean seas
- Travel guides

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## Comments

VOLADOR was built for an avid sailor. During her build much time was invested in choosing the correct equipment for a blue water sailing yacht, in addition to her interior appointment. She was launched in April of 2004 and cruised mainly the Southern Coast of the UK with a jaunt or two to the Brittany coast. She was berthed mainly at Lymington in southern England. In November of 2006 she sailed the Atlantic under the hospices of the ARC, cruised the Caribbean and was shipped back to England arriving in May of 2007. On her arrival a mini-refit was performed at Berthon in Lymington where she was berthed and serviced until late 2008 when she was moved to Ipswich Yacht Haven Marina. She was put up for sale in April 2009 as her owner had made the decision to step up to a larger Discovery. As the owner was an engineer - all maintenance was performed as required by the manufacturer and professionals promptly attended to any other issues in an effort to keep the yacht in shape.

Her new owners, an American family, purchased the sailing vessel in May of 2009 for a Mediterranean cruise. With Captain aboard she was sailed to Southampton where the few survey items outstanding were complied with and all necessary service and maintenance were performed. In addition, with the mast showing bubbles on the paint and a repaint job costing close to what a new mast would cost; the mast, standing rigging and running rigging were replaced along with the whisker and spinnaker poles. A new set of Simpson Davits were fitted to carry the weight of the new Avon 3.4 and Honda 20HP outboard. In addition all safety equipment was brought to compliance, which included a new life raft canister, new EPIRB, new fire extinguishers, etc. After this refit, VOLADOR set sail in July from Southampton to Barcelona via France, Spain and Portugal arriving in Barcelona in early October. She wintered in Barcelona under the care of a professional yacht service company. In March 2010 she was hauled out for 2 coats of bottom paint, the shaft was pulled for the installation of a no drip shaft seal, the forward head was changed to electric and the aft one replaced, floor boards were installed under aft bed to create additional storage space and other minor cosmetic repairs were performed. She again set sail for a tour of the Balearic Islands, France and Italy returning to Barcelona in late October 2010.

The Discovery 55' has been extensively reviewed. Bluewater Sailing calls her 'an innovative and eminently comfortable voyaging home' whilst Boat International said 'the Discovery 55' is a beautiful boat, soundly constructed out of the best materials and designed to look after her crew, whatever nature throws up. But none of this is at the expense of performance which is in the top league of today's modern cruiser-racers'

Call us today for an appointment to view, and if you would like to have copies of the boat tests above, please just ask.



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