

Vagabond & AquaCruiser Catamaran Houseboats



Aft end of the 12' wide V-40' & V-43' (sitting on white blocks). Order with a single- or double-outboard installation. Slide & ladder optional.



Forward starboard section of V-35, showing helm (without seat) and dinette (converts into double bed for guests)



Galley of the V-35 — plenty of counter space, cabinetry, and home-like amenities: dble. sink, stove w/hood, microwave, fridge.



V-40's L-shaped galley w/optional 2-door fridge, starboard section of cabin. Interior helm is to the left of the 2 counter seats.

Cat Hulls Change Flat-Water Houseboats Into True Bay-&-Coastal Cruisers

The typical houseboat is either flat-bottomed or pontoon-hulled. But the *Vagabond & AquaCruiser* houseboats give you superior, displacement-type catamaran hulls. What's the difference?

Flat-bottomed hulls bang noisily in anything more than a 6-inch chop and are easily blown about by a breeze. And pontoons are round or U-shaped, offering neither chines nor any planing surface. (i.e., They create inefficient lift when moving through the water.)

But the forward sections of the hulls of the 35' to 62' *Vagabond* and *Aqua-Cruiser* houseboats are V-shaped, with flattened sections aft. That enables them to lift up and over not only surface wind-chop, but also the uneven, 2-to-3-foot seas common to Puget Sound. In addition, the rear, chined sections of these cat hulls provide more stability, creating a

stable, non-rolling or wallowing platform whether underway or at anchor. That's why these "cat" houseboats are truly bay-and-coastal cruisers.

Have they been cruised extensively? Absolutely! Most recently a *Vagabond 35* (35' x 10') completed a 3,000-mile cruise that began in the Great Lakes, on around Nova Scotia, down the US East Coast, and then across to the Bahamas!

Better yet, the interiors of these "cat-hulled condos" are more home-like than *any* other boat you could own: real kitchens, real bedrooms, real showers—no weird "V-berths" or camp-style stoves, no limited headroom or cramped owner's bed (it's a true walk-around).

The entire layout is on a single level—safer for kids and pets, much easier for troublesome knees or hips. *In short, a boat with HOUSE-like comfort.*

Vagabond 40 — What's the Story?

A remarkable new 40-foot cruising boat, the *Vagabond 40*, has come to the Pacific Northwest. (Also available from 35' to 62'.) This 40' x 12' cruiser offers features superior to many of the more expensive monohulls cruising here.

- Displacement-type catamaran hulls give better stability, AND motor more efficiently than any similar length, displacement-type monohull.
- The V-40 (and its 35' to 55' sisters) motor at twice the speed of similar length displacement monos. (15 knots vs. 8 or 9 knots)
- 100% BETTER fuel efficiency (less than 5 GPH at 14 knots) than same

size-&-speed monohull cruisers.

- Less "rock 'n roll" underway than same-size monohulls, even those fitted with a \$25,000 stabilizer system.
- Shallow draft (20"), and fully beachable.

Thanks to the efficiency of modular, all-fiberglass construction techniques, (as in the best motor-homes), these coastal cruisers are strong, yet remarkably inexpensive — from about \$57,000 for the 35' x 10' to less than \$115,000 for the 62' x 14'.

Think about it — where else can you get a new, 1-to-3-bedroom waterside home in any major coastal city for ONLY \$60K to \$115K? ... Nowhere!!



(above) An AquaCruiser 45, nearing the end of a 2-month cruise along the Gulf-coast. A Vagabond 35 recently completed a 3,000 mile cruise (along the Great Lakes, around Nova Scotia, down to Florida, then across the Gulf Stream into the Bahamas).

The 2-bedroom layout (center photo above) — avail-



able in the 43' & 45' models — with the guest cabin in the foreground, and the walk-around owner's bed in the background. Behind the latter is the sliding door that opens onto the aft deck.

(Right) The head compartment in all models from 35' to 62' includes a large separate shower..



Ingeniously Constructed

The interior and exterior of all models (26' to 62'), utilize a laminated & bonded gelcoat fiberglass. Sandwich-wall construction enhances thermal insulation. All exterior decks and roofs feature hand-rolled fiberglass with a nonskid surface.

The exclusive "three-deck" construction, which eliminates leakage, means the cabin walls are on the *outside* of the floor — and the cabin's sole (floor) is separate from the front and rear deck soles. The roof is set down over the walls (like a shoe box lid). **The result is a sealed, seamless cabin with: (1) maximum strength, (2) thermal insulation, (3) weather tightness.**

In addition, each of the two hulls is fully bulkheaded every four feet — for safety, strength, and unsinkability. Result? After nearly 1,000 launchings, not one reported sinking.



(Left) The 35' x 10' model. At about \$ 60,000 (including west coast delivery), it's the most popular of all of the cruisable Vagabond and AquaCruiser houseboat models.

(For this photo the photographer was standing with his back to the steering wheel, shooting aft through the length of the boat.) The dinette and sofa are left and right (each converts to a double berth). The galley is between the two women. Beyond the dark, pulled-back curtain is the owner's cabin with an island bed. Beyond that, the sliding glass door leads to the aft deck.

Amazingly Affordable

We offer a variety of 3 different size/model groupings:

Li'l Hobo Land-&-Sea Cruisers, 26' & 31' models. West coast delivery from \$33K. Their 8' width means easy trailering, and liveaboard comfort while on the trailer. Cruise northern lakes and bays in the summer, then trailer your "Hobo" south for the winter. The best of both worlds: a comfy, water-tight home afloat, AND a fully-contained motorhome on wheels.

Vagabond 30', 35', 40', and 44' models. West coast delivery from \$60K. Available in 10' and 12' width layouts (10' width is trailerable with inexpensive permit.)

AquaCruiser 45', 50', 55' and 62' models. West coast delivery from \$91K. Available in 14' beam (width) layouts. The Vagabond and AquaCruiser models are equally strong and maneuverable for coastal-and-bay cruising — same hull and cabin construction, same performance. The difference between the two is that the AquaCruiser models have more amenities (taller upper-deck rails, hydraulic steering, FG railing guards, staircase to sundeck instead of ladder, TV antenna, etc.)

and a slightly more upscale fit-and-finish than do the Vagabonds. All of the Vagabond and AquaCruiser models are especially suitable for comfortable, long-term cruising or a fulltime liveaboard lifestyle. Feature-wise you get more boat with the AquaCruiser model, but from a "best-bang-for-your-buck" point of view, the Vagabonds offer exceptional value.



Imagine, even a \$200,000, 40' motor home is only 8' wide. Yet the Vagabond 40 (under \$70,000) is 50% roomier, thanks to its 12' width. This photo, shot from the forward sliding door, shows the length of the boat — sofa, dinette & kitchen (foreground), owner's bedroom & rear sliding-door in the background (bathroom enclosed beyond the dinette). And a huge, 26'x10' sun-deck "upstairs".

All prices & specifications subject to change w/o notice

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