

ANTARES 44



With the Antares 44i, you have an XXL version of comfort.

With its 44 i, Antares Yachts is offering a prestigious ocean cruising boat, with comfort levels ‘just like at home’...

ORIGIN

Antares... does the name ring a bell? Not surprising! It's the name of a catamaran built by the Canadian company, PDQ. Part of PDQ's team, including Jeff Woodman and Rob Poirier, bought the moulds of the 44-footer, to create Antares Yachts. This company's aim was immediately to develop its flagship; thus the Antares 44 i was born.

AN EVEN MORE COMFORTABLE VERSION

The Antares 44 was already a very comfortable and perfectly equipped catamaran, reserved for owners looking for a boat which was easy to live with and capable of taking them far away... The new version tries to be even more comfortable, with impressively sized cabins and real bathrooms, which are never found on charter catamarans. But luxury and comfort are not limited to the accommodation, according to the builder, and this is why an Antares 44i must

be able to keep you warm and dry, even if the weather deteriorates... Thus, settled comfortably under the rigid bimini, you are protected at the helm by a real windscreen. The steering position is moreover particularly comprehensive, with huge control screens which almost remind you of the cockpit of an airliner... Not to mention the helmsman's seat – a real pullman! Turning round, you will find the Antares' 'trade mark', with the raised seat on the aft crossbeam. This area is comfortable and easy to live in and is often where everyone aboard heads for.

Inside, the accommodation is comfortable and the design is modern. With light coloured wood, top of the range soft furnishings, high quality joinery work and lots of stowage space, you will feel comfortable aboard the Antares. The 65 drawers, lockers and other stowage spaces show to what point this catamaran is intended for owners who are ready to really live aboard their boat. In the same spirit,

The aft seat: a good idea which is very pleasant both at anchor and at sea.



The steering position is particularly comprehensive and above all, well protected.



the galley is situated in the port hull, and not in the saloon. Why? Because for the builder, a galley should be like the kitchen at home, with lots of stowage spaces (more than 15), a nice working surface, a cooker with an oven, a microwave...

But we have saved the best until last: in the saloon, the table can easily be turned into a coffee table, which will allow you to enjoy your home cinema in the greatest comfort...superb!

COMPREHENSIVE EQUIPMENT

As standard, the Antares 44i is particularly well equipped. For example,

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the price includes two Harken electric winches, a 6 Kw generator, air conditioning, a full suit of sails (mainsail - self-tacking jib - furling genoa and screecher), an electric windlass, four 50w solar panels, a washing machine and dryer, a watermaker and even the cockpit barbecue... A boat which really is ready to sail.

All the control lines return to the cockpit, either to the electric winch close to the helm, or to the one on a central column at the back of the cockpit. The Antares 44i can therefore easily be sailed short-handed or even single-handed. This system simplifies the control lines and means there are no ropes on the side decks. A real plus in terms of safety...

Along the same lines, the builder is offering a boom called a MainTamer, which is a canoe-type boom. The aim is to offer a system which is as simple as possible for hoisting and furling the mainsail, without altering either its

nice suit of sails, a bowsprit and a furling screecher which boosts performance in light airs. The self-tacking jib and the furling genoa complete a nice wardrobe for a cruising cat. As proof, numerous Antares 44s are at the moment sailing around the world, giving pleasure to their owners...

The interior is cosy and feels just like 'at home'...



A real galley with lots of stowage space, situated in the hull: this is Antares' bias...

The cabins are spacious, bright and well-ventilated.



THE PLUSES

- A catamaran designed uniquely for private owners
- Lots of stowage space
- Exceptional protection in all weathers
- A well-designed deck plan

THE MINUSES

- Significant windage

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Antares 44i

Shipyard: Antares Yachts

Builder: Antares Yachts

Overall length: 13.60 m

Maximum beam: 6.60 m

Draft: 1.20 m

Unladen displacement: 7.937 t

Laden displacement: 10.2 t

Headroom: 2 m

Sail area: Mainsail: 56 m²

Jib: 23 m²

Genoa: 44 m²

Screecher: 59 m²

Engines: 2 x 29 hp

Water: 568 l

Diesel: 533 l

Price: US\$ 839,000