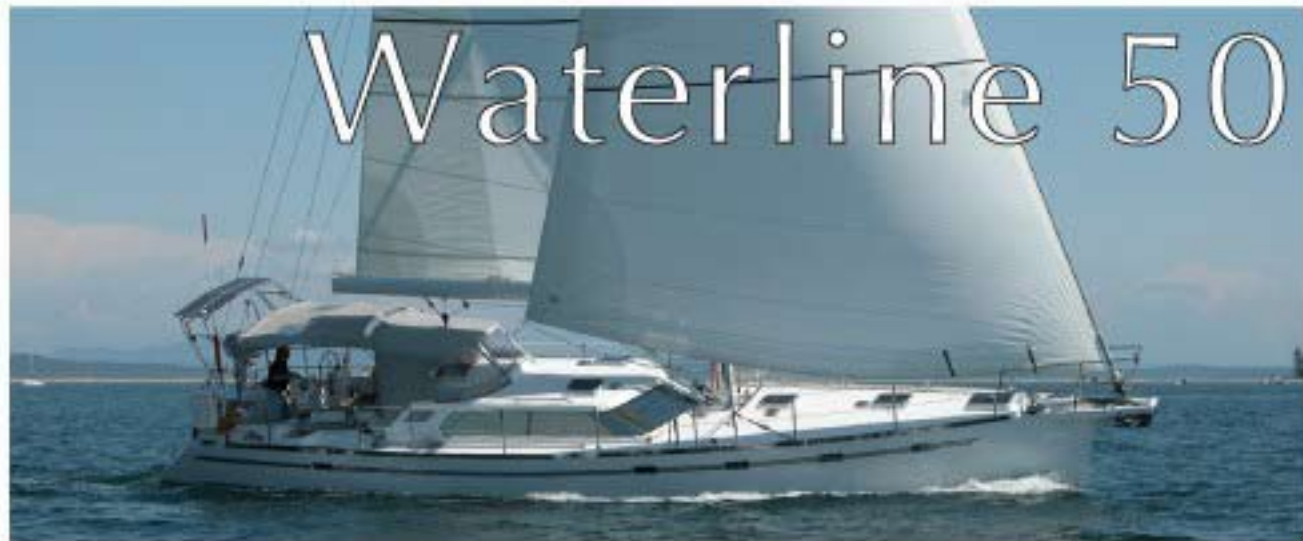


Waterline 50



For many veteran cruisers, a metal-hulled boat is the ultimate safety precaution with steel and aluminum being equally popular. Of the two, aluminum is lighter and easier to build with while steel is heavier, stronger and less prone to galvanic degradation. Canadian yacht designer and builder Ed Rutherford has chosen for the past 23 years to build his Waterline cruising boats in steel and his modern classics can be found out there cruising just about everywhere in the world—particularly off the beaten track.

The Waterline 50 has become one of Rutherford's most popular creations. "It is of a size that is proving to be very popular among cruising couples," *BWS* noted in a review that appeared in the July 2004 issue. "The design has a fairly plumb bow, moderate beam, a raking walk-through transom and a raised deck saloon."

The boat has a simple masthead sloop rig with a demountable staysail stay. Under the water the design has a balanced elliptical rudder that performs with real authority in all conditions. The low aspect cruising fin keel has a lead bulb to lower the center of gravity.

As we noted in our review, "Steel construction enables the builder to create a structure that is extremely strong, durable and watertight. Yet the hull is reasonably light and the design shows performance numbers that are well in line with today's moderate performance cruisers."

The Waterline series of yachts, including the 50, are built as custom yachts so the interior of each is slightly different. Yet, the basic concept allows for a roomy interior and is bright, airy and set up for a couple living aboard and cruising. The boat we reviewed had a raised deck saloon under which were the chart table, a small dinette and the galley. The elevations have been arranged so you can see out while sitting and thus enjoy the view during meals or while on watch.

The saloon is a step down forward and has a large L-shaped dinette and a bench settee. Both will make excellent sea berths. The standard accommodation plan shows large double cabins fore and aft and a single

large head aft with a separate shower. The interior joinery is of the highest quality and compares favorably with the finish of any custom yacht available in North America.

That said, we noted in our review, "Every Waterline 50 is a custom project with just about every aspect of the design and final detail tailored to an owner's needs and desires."

A robust custom steel cruising boat is not for every sailor. Here is how we qualified that concept in our review: "Customers for a Waterline 50 will be a very special breed of sailors. They will be experienced enough to know that they need a cruiser that can really perform; they will be adventurous enough to know that they will be sailing far off the beaten track where a steel boat comes into its own; they will be discerning enough to require a boat with a truly fine finish; and they will be positioned in life to create a cruiser tailored to their personal needs."

BWS admires Ed Rutherford's designs and the execution of the final custom yachts. These are truly world cruisers in the finest custom yacht tradition.

Waterline 50

LOA	50'6"
LWL	47'3"
Beam	14'10"
Draft	7'2"
Displ.	47,000 lbs.
Ballast	13,000 lbs.
Sail area	1,240 sq. ft.
SA/D	15.3
D/L	199

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