



# REVITALISING A CLASSIC

The Oceanis 40.1, Beneteau's new take on its long-popular Oceanis 40, looks and feels like a winning combination

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**Clockwise from left:**  
The Oceanis 40.1's sailing rigs can meet the demands of both casual and demanding sailors; twin helms help with stability under sail; the spacious cockpit socialising area



Performance and aesthetics shine in Beneteau's revamp of its previous Oceanis 40 model. Released in 2021, the Oceanis 40.1 features a newly designed hull by award-winning French naval architect with a sailing yacht focus: Marc Lombard.

This re-working of the 2006 Oceanis 40, has its chine running across the new flared hull from bow to stern, aiding agility, stability when mooring and anchoring, and adding interior volume below deck.

The two goals of the 40.1 are additional space on deck and in living quarters; and ease of performance. The yacht achieves both of these goals with finesse.

Above the waterline, the deck plan seems particularly spacious for a boat of 12 metres. The Oceanis 40.1 offers several layout possibilities below the main deck in both cabin and living areas, each by Nauta Design interior studio, and sailing rigs that can meet the requirements of relaxed, casual cruising sailors and the more demanding ones, in terms of comfort and sailing pleasure.

Offered as an option is a deep, wide hydraulic electric swim platform (a manual platform comes as standard) with intermediate step for easy walking aboard into the cockpit, where win helms are each fitted with a leather-clad stainless-steel steering wheel and controls for the boat's two rudders – which helps with stability while under sail. Each helm has a clear, large sunken navigation screen, engine throttle, and bow-thruster controls; wireless autopilot is an option.

From the wheel at either helm, captains look across a spacious cockpit socialising areaexpandable dining table at its centre, which can seat eight comfortably, along with cushioned bench seating that runs along each side of the bulwarks.

Further forward, on the companionway's low coach roof (allowing better visibility) are two winches, with an option to fit an electric one port side. All halyard and control lines lead to this area.

A rolling furling main sail plus a tacking jib come as standard. An upwind upgrade includes a full furling genoa sail, with leads aft to genoa winches, placed further back to allow a clearer pathway around the cockpit's socialising area; a downwind option package includes a bow sprit and Code Zero spinnaker sail



**TECHNICAL  
SPECIFICATIONS:  
OCEANIS 40.1**

**LOA**  
12.9M

**BEAM**  
7.9M

**MAX DRAFT**  
2.2M

**DISPLACEMENT (MIN)**  
8T

**FURLING / CLASSIC  
MAIN SAIL**  
42.4SQM

**SELF-TACKING JIB**  
27.4SQM

**FURLING GENOA**  
34.3SQM

**ENGINE**  
45HP

**MAX SPEED (UNDER SAIL)**  
14KTS

**FUEL**  
195L

**WATER**  
235L

**CABINS**  
2 TO 4

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**Clockwise from left:** The saloon's comfortable lounging and dining area; master cabin with plenty of walkaround space; the galley

a generous amount of hanging wardrobes and a washbasin under a desk top.

The path to the forward berth from the companionway staircase is unimpeded. The yacht's three- and four-cabin configurations keep at least one cabin with a double bed and share a main bathroom/head with a shower. They both offer either one or two additional heads.

When descending from the main deck into the living quarters, a chart table – immediately to the port side in the saloon – has all communication and electronic navigation read-outs on a small screen, with an option for a larger screen. Forward of that is C-shaped cushioned bench seating around a large polished-wood dining table. Opposite this is a large C-shaped galley with a two-ring stove top above an oven, a refrigerator accessed from its front or countertop, and two stainless-steel sinks above storage counters.

In this lower deck, the wooden veneer can be finished in either a warm dark walnut or lighter-toned 'floated' oak; both options come with mid-toned oak flooring with under-floor storage compartments. Skylights, windows and portholes keep all areas below deck bright by day.

With easy manoeuvring and additional comfort, space and easy-on-the-eye aesthetics, the Oceanis 40.1 has much to offer in this size of sailing yacht.



## “Additional space on deck and in living quarters and ease of performance are the two goals of the 40.1, and both are achieved

rigging. A performance sail option is also available. A clear walk from the transom to the bow, there is a large electric windlass and a roomy self-draining anchor locker.

**B**elow deck, the owner chooses a two-, three- or four-cabin configuration. Obviously, the fewer the cabins, the more space for the galley, dining

and lounging areas, as well as open or closed storage space for marine toys and fenders. The latter area is accessed via a hatch on the main deck so the living space can remain as dry as possible.

The owner version has a master cabin with ample headroom, an ensuite shower, while the forward double berth in all offered cabin configurations has a double bed with plenty of walkaround space,

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