KAIMANA

BENETEAU OCEANIS CLIPPER 473 - OWNER'S VERSION



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BACKGROUND

Designed by Jean Marie Finot of Groupe Finot and built in France, the 2002 Beneteau Oceanis 473 - Owner's Version is one of the more generously proportioned cruising yachts of her generation. Combining elegant lines, impressive interior volume and rewarding sailing characteristics, the 473 was designed with comfortable, long-distance cruising in mind.

A particularly desirable two-cabin Owner's Version, *Kaimana* (formerly Brainwave) is a yacht well known to EziYacht, having been sold through our brokerage in Jan 2023. Having previously enjoyed a privileged life cruising the waters of Pittwater, her third and current owners set out to take a 'seabatical' with their young son. What was originally to be a year or two away became almost four years living aboard, exploring Australia's East Coast, tropical islands and outer reefs.

Much of the pleasure of cruising aboard *Kaimana* lies in her ability to operate independently of marina facilities. Generous solar generation and lithium battery storage cater for everyday living, whilst a compact, portable generator provides the additional power to enjoy luxuries such as air conditioning, do the laundry or replenish the yacht's freshwater supplies whilst at anchor.

With a marine engineer owner, her regularly serviced 55hp Volvo Penta diesel is complemented by a four-blade adjustable-pitch Maxprop and Side-Power bow thruster, providing assistance when manoeuvring in confined spaces.

Kaimana's interior presents remarkably well having been tastefully refreshed in contemporary neutral tones, complementing the warmth of her original cherrywood joinery and timber flooring. Numerous practical modifications have further enhanced her appeal as a full-time cruising home, with excellent storage, generous refrigeration and several added creature comforts.

What is particularly impressive is the methodical approach to the installation of new equipment and the resourcefulness demonstrated in adapting the yacht for everyday life aboard. It's an impressive level of cruising independence that affords her occupants the freedom to linger a little longer in their favourite anchorages.

The owners have invested considerably in her mechanical systems, power generation, navigation equipment and self-sufficiency. Now returning to life ashore, her owners leave behind a beautifully appointed and comprehensively equipped cruising yacht, representing excellent value for those looking to embark on their own liveaboard adventures.

Life on Deck







The Oceanis 473 strikes an excellent balance between sailing functionality and recreational space with generous proportions above and below deck. Her keel-stepped mast, recessed anchor windlass and mid-boom sheeting arrangement contribute to a practical, uncluttered deck configuration.

Wide side decks and an expansive, relatively flat foredeck allow for ease of movement around the yacht, with ample space to accommodate a tender or set up a pair of sun loungers when at anchor.

UNDER SAIL

Light on the helm, responsive and easily managed short-handed, the Oceanis 473 performs well on all points of sail. With her generous waterline length, bulb fin keel and keel-stepped masthead rig, she is capable of covering distances comfortably and efficiently.

Running lines are neatly led aft to labelled clutches at the companionway, with primary winches conveniently positioned within reach of the helms. An electric halyard winch takes much of the physical effort out of hoisting and reefing the mainsail, making her a very enjoyable yacht for a couple.

COCKPIT & CRUISING

The expansive twin-wheel cockpit is undoubtedly one of *Kaimana's* most appealing features. Long teak-laid seating, new canvas in contemporary charcoal tones, deep upholstered cushions and a beautifully varnished folding teak table create an inviting space for entertaining without compromising functionality under sail. The relatively compact steering wheels allow for unrestricted movement throughout the cockpit and offers excellent visibility from either helm.

A rail-mounted BBQ and generous aft lazarette lockers help keep this outdoor living space tidy and organised. Unencumbered by davits, the accessible swim platform makes boarding from the tender particularly easy and is a fabulous spot from which to fish, swim or dive.

HIGHLIGHTS & RECENT UPGRADES

- Desirable two-cabin Owner's Version
- Australian ship registered
- 55hp Volvo Penta diesel — 2,996 hrs (Marine engineer-maintained)
- Four-blade adjustable-pitch Maxprop (2024) / Bow Thruster
- 300Ah Enerdrive lithium house battery (2024)
- 730W solar with twin Victron MPPT controllers
- 160L/hr self-flushing watermaker (2025)
- Redback 3.5kVA portable generator (2025) / Honda backup generator
- Washing machine & portable air conditioning unit
- Upgraded Raymarine chart plotters x 2 (2024)
- New Harken mainsheet traveller (2026)
- 33kg Rocna anchor (2024) & 100m chain (2026)
- New bimini, dodger, clears & cockpit cushions (2026)
- Below-waterline skin fittings & valves renewed (2026)
- Significant mechanical servicing & upgrades (2026)
- Antifouled, polished & waxed (April 2026)
- Highfield 2.6m Hypalon tender & 15hp Yamaha

Living Aboard







Beautifully appointed and thoughtfully adapted for extended living aboard, Kaimana's traditional timber finishes and contemporary soft furnishings combine to create a warm, relaxed ambience throughout.

Generous headroom, an abundance of natural light and the sheer volume of the interior add enormously to her appeal, with numerous clever modifications further enhancing the functionality and storage capabilities of an already well-designed yacht.

One of the greatest advantages of the two-cabin layout is the dedicated storage and utility room or 'garage'. Accessed directly from the galley, this substantial space accommodates a 4kg front-loading washing machine, portable air conditioner, cruising equipment, tools and spares.

ACCOMMODATION

The desirable Owner's configuration dedicates considerable space to a private master suite forward with a queen-sized island bed fitted with custom pocket-sprung mattress. A private ensuite, ample wardrobe and locker space provide all the comforts of home.

The guest cabin aft features a spacious double berth and cleverly adapted storage beneath the cockpit, where sliding cabinet doors make excellent use of otherwise surplus berth space. The adjoining head is fitted with an electric macerating toilet, holding tank and shower. The saloon dining table can also be lowered to configure an additional double berth when required.

GALLEY

Generous work surfaces, twin stainless steel sinks with fresh and saltwater taps, and an ENO two-burner gimballed stove with oven provide an excellent environment for preparing meals both at anchor and underway.

Refrigeration comprises a top-loading freezer and adjoining front-loading fridge, supplemented by a 90L Dometic dual-zone fridge/freezer in the saloon.

With 600 litres of freshwater storage and a recently installed 160L/hr watermaker, the yacht is particularly well equipped for extended stays away from marina facilities.

NAVIGATION

A dedicated navigation station provides a comfortable position for passage planning, communications and monitoring onboard systems.

The upgraded Raymarine navigation suite comprises a 12" hybrid display at the navigation station and a 9"display at the helm, both incorporating Australian and South Pacific cartography.

Complemented by radar, AIS, fixed and handheld VHF radios and autopilot, the navigation suite provides valuable assistance when undertaking longer passages or sailing short-handed.

Cruising Independence. Comfortable Living.

For almost four years, *Kaimana* has provided her owners with the freedom to explore, the independence to venture off the beaten track and the comforts of a beautifully appointed family home.

The Beneteau Oceanis 473 is an accomplished cruising yacht in her own right, combining rewarding sailing performance with extraordinary interior volume and an abundance of recreational space above deck. The desirable two-cabin Owner's Version is particularly appealing to cruising couples and small families who appreciate the luxury of space without compromising storage or sailing functionality.

What sets *Kaimana* apart from many of her contemporaries is the considerable thought and investment that has gone into making her a self-sufficient cruising yacht. Her capacity to generate her own power and produce fresh water, coupled with excellent refrigeration and domestic conveniences, allows for an enviable degree of independence without foregoing the creature comforts we have become accustomed to ashore.

Equally reassuring is the attention bestowed upon her mechanical systems. Regular engine servicing and a succession of significant upgrades reflect the experience of her owners and the importance of reliability when cruising further afield.

For those contemplating a change of lifestyle, there is considerable value in acquiring a yacht that has already been thoughtfully adapted for extended living aboard. Much of the expense, research and time associated with equipping a yacht for this purpose has already been invested in *Kaimana*.

Whether exploring Australia's coastline, enjoying extended stays in secluded anchorages or setting your sights on distant shores, *Kaimana* offers a wonderful combination of cruising capability, independence, comfort and value.

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