

KNEE DEEP

SIMPSON CLOUD 12 - CRUISING CATAMARAN



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BACKGROUND

Professionally constructed by Noosa Glass Industries in 1989, Knee Deep is one of the respected Roger Simpson Cloud 12 catamarans—a design that has earned an enviable reputation for practical cruising, generous accommodation and dependable coastal passagemaking. Built using a GRP foam-sandwich construction with vinylester resin below the waterline, she was designed to provide strength, durability and confidence for extended cruising.

Originally launched as *Stingray*, the vessel spent her early years based in Hervey Bay before passing to experienced cruising owners on Lake Macquarie. During this period she benefited from significant upgrades, including an electrical refit, mast improvements and, later, professionally extended sugar-scoop transoms that greatly improved boarding access and functionality.

Purchased by the current owners in 2021, *Knee Deep* has continued that tradition of careful stewardship with more meaningful improvements that enhance reliability and ease of ownership.

Electrical power is supplied by dedicated engine start batteries and a substantial AGM house battery bank, supported by high-output alternators, solar generation, wind generation, shore power charging and a Xantrex inverter for 240-volt appliances.

Knee Deep offers a welcoming and highly functional interior with two generous forward queen cabins, an additional aft double cabin, spacious saloon and a practical starboard hull galley equipped with excellent refrigeration, ample bench space and abundant storage.

Recent investments include twin new Yanmar diesel engines, new standing rigging and ongoing maintenance that allows her next owners to step aboard with confidence.

Knee Deep has earned that reputation over decades of cruising Australia's east coast.

Combined with generous freshwater capacity, excellent refrigeration and practical onboard systems, *Knee Deep* is well equipped for comfortable liveaboard cruising and extended stays away from the marina.

Life on Deck



Designed with practical cruising in mind, Knee Deep offers wide side decks, excellent all-round visibility from the helm and a generous and protected cockpit for socialising.

The professionally extended sugar-scoop transoms provide convenient boarding from the dinghy while the rigid hardtop, wraparound clears and removable screens create a comfortable all-weather outdoor living space. The open connection between the cockpit and saloon creates an inviting area for entertaining.

UNDER SAIL

Designed as a capable coastal cruising catamaran, *Knee Deep* is at her best reaching comfortably between anchorages with a relaxed, predictable motion.



The in-mast furling mainsail and furling headsail simplify sail handling, while the recently renewed standing rigging provides added confidence for extended cruising. Twin Yanmar diesel engines also make close-quarters manoeuvring and motor-assisted passagemaking straightforward when conditions demand.

COCKPIT LAYOUT

The single helm station provides good visibility forward, complemented by hydraulic steering for light handling. Engine controls, navigation instruments and sail controls are all within easy reach, allowing comfortable operation by a couple.

A Highfield aluminium-hulled inflatable with Mercury four-stroke outboard is securely carried on electrically operated davits, while the upgraded ground tackle, including a Rocna anchor and Muir windlass, inspires confidence when anchoring.



HIGHLIGHTS & RECENT UPGRADES

- Professionally built Roger Simpson Cloud 12 catamaran
- Spacious 3-cabin layout with 2 heads and generous storage
- Twin 2025 Yanmar 30hp diesel engines (2024) with new gearboxes, shaft seals. New Porters propellers (2021)
- Hydraulic steering, autopilot and in-mast furling mainsail
- New standing rigging (2025)
- ICOM Class B AIS transponder / Dual DSC VHF radios
- Large Vitrifrigo fridge/freezer plus additional refrigeration
- 500W solar generation with wind generator
- Highfield 2.9m tender with Mercury 6hp four-stroke and electric dinghy lifting system
- Rocna anchor with Muir electric windlass
- Extensive maintenance records, inventory and recent survey available

Living Aboard



Stepping inside, Knee Deep reveals a bright, welcoming interior that has been carefully maintained with comfort and practicality as the priority. Large saloon windows flood the living space with natural light while providing excellent visibility from the dining area, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere.

Clean finishes, generous storage and sensible design combine to make Knee Deep equally suited to weekends away or extended periods living aboard.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is arranged with two generous forward queen cabins and an additional aft double cabin, providing comfortable sleeping arrangements for family and guests.

Two well-appointed bathroom compartments, including one electric marine toilet and one odour-free composting toilet, offer practical flexibility for extended cruising.

Throughout the vessel, thoughtful storage solutions, opening hatches and 12-volt cabin fans enhance comfort in Australia's warmer climates.



GALLEY

Positioned in the starboard hull, the light-filled galley is superbly equipped. Extensive bench space, excellent refrigeration and freezer capacity, hot and cold pressurised water, a Force 10 gas stove with oven and a recently installed microwave provide everything required for preparing meals aboard. The layout is both practical and secure under way, while connected to the adjoining saloon.



NAVIGATION

Navigation is centred around a Furuno GP7000F chartplotter with updated East Coast charts, complemented by ICOM Class B AIS, dual DSC VHF radios, TackTick wireless wind instruments, depth and speed transducers, hydraulic steering and an autopilot for relaxed passagemaking.

Together, these systems provide excellent situational awareness whether navigating busy waterways or planning longer coastal passages.

Proven. Upgraded. Ready to Cruise.

Not every cruising catamaran is designed to turn heads. Some are built to explore coastlines, provide dependable shelter at anchor and become a genuine home on the water.

Comfortable, practical and refreshingly honest, Knee Deep offers generous accommodation, impressive storage and the stability that has made cruising catamarans such a popular choice for extended adventures and liveaboard living. She rewards owners seeking a practical, well-maintained cruising platform with documented history, proven reliability and the confidence of substantial recent upgrades already completed.

Every area has been thoughtfully maintained to provide comfortable accommodation for extended cruising or full-time liveaboard living.

Supported by a comprehensive inventory, documented maintenance history and recent survey, she is offered with a level of transparency and confidence seldom found in vessels of this age.

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