

GOSSAMER

BRISTOL 38.8 CENTREBOARD CRUISER



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BACKGROUND

Ted Hood set out to build boats to be robust, comfortable and easy to manoeuvre. With a shallow long keel and retractable centreboard, these superbly built yachts were designed for open water cruising. The 38.8 is a strong and stable boat that has completed many ocean crossings.

Launched in 1983, Gossamer is a prime example of a well loved, and well-travelled Bristol 38.8. Her owners have completed significant upgrades and spent several seasons cruising from the U.S.A across the Pacific to New Zealand, finally arriving in Australia for the latter part of 2023 to take in the Qld coast as far as the Whitsundays.

Gossamer is well equipped for life on the open ocean with a reliable Beta engine with little more than 1000 hours and numerous options for sailing in all conditions. Her interior storage allows a couple to live comfortably for long periods of time, carry lots of spares while enjoying the simplicity of sailing without stretching the budget.

Auxiliary power is abundant thanks to a large 390w solar panel, wind generator and a recently upgraded battery bank, 2 thus negating the need for generator.

Gossamer's comfortable interior layout is functional and spacious with 1 cabin and 1 head in the bow. The large open-plan dining/saloon/galley and nav station are perfect for a couple who like to entertain, with a large folding dining table with sleeping quarters for occasional guests.

The protected cockpit is fitted with a superb dodger and canvas bimini, with a sailing dinghy fitted to the davits. Numerous storage lockers include a dedicated gas bottle locker and a deep portside cockpit locker for spare equipment and sails.

Gossamer is fitted with a new Simrad GPS plotter, autopilot and upgraded cockpit winches. Her rigging was replaced in 2018 and a solid boom vang added. The yacht was dry docked during Covid between 2019-2022. More of her many recent upgrades are highlighted on page 3.

On Deck



Sailing the Bristol is surprisingly easy and lots of fun. She handles superbly in most weather conditions and can achieve very respectable speeds with current owners making 175nm in one day.

When beating to windward one lowers the board to maintain course in stronger winds and larger seas. No matter what the conditions, Gossamer has a sail for every situation and with dual forestays and a dedicated trysail track, you have a lot of options.

UNDER SAIL

Downwind sailing is made easy with the use of a custom 'Drifter' (cruising spinnaker) which attaches to the deck near the bow. This self-furling sail is controlled from the cockpit and furls away seamlessly when gybing. A telescopic pole is available should you wish to pole out twin headsails with the additional Solent stay.

COCKPIT LAYOUT

The cockpit has a really great dodger with superior canvas fitted with s/s grab rails and polycarbonate clears. The deck lockers house 2 gas bottles and a large deep lazarette locker provides ample space for all your extras. A Magma s/s BBQ is fitted on the aft rail with all new dyneema lifelines. The Simrad autopilot and gps plotter are controlled from the cockpit, along with the B&G mfd and a second autopilot control over the companionway. Additional sunshade sails can be attached for more shade.



HIGHLIGHTS & FEATURES

- Fibreglass construction with centreboard keel
- Dyneema Lifelines with port/stbd gates - Dec 2023
- NMEA 2000 backbone / Radar / AIS / VHF / Iridium Go
- Rugged dodger and cockpit canopy with s/s safety grab rails
- Beta 43hp diesel engine with low engine hours (1136)
- Simrad Evo3 Autopilot with hydraulic drive unit - 2022
- Standing rigging replaced 2018 with upgraded mast clutches
- Solent stay with staysail, Trysail, Storm Jib & Spinnaker - 2018
- Gig Harbor kevlar sailing dinghy / tender on davits
- Lewmar 2-speed 50ST primary winches - 2022
- Upgraded s/s davits with 390w solar panel
- D400w Silent wind generator
- Lifeline AGM 6v House Batteries x 4 - 2019
- Forced Air internal ducted heating / Caframo fans x 4 (new)
- New Bluetooth Stereo & speakers (x4) - New 2023
- Danfoss (fridge) compressor - New 2023.
- Eno 2-burner stove with oven & grill - New 2024
- Engine serviced Nov 2023



- 03 Antifouled / Polished with prop speed - Jan 2024.

Interior

The yacht's interior is finished in teak and mahogany with blue upholstery and curtains throughout, while boasting excellent headroom. Ducted heating is available throughout the interior with insulated forward cabinets.

The saloon features a large folding dining table with centrepiece cutlery drawers and a wine cellar. Overhead hatches, 12v fans and opening ports provide lots of ventilation. Down facing LEDs provide excellent lighting throughout the yacht's interior.

ACCOMODATION

The yacht sleeps a total of 6 in one owner's cabin forward, two saloon berths and one quarter berth. There is a large head with dual access to forward cabin and saloon, and a curtained shower space over the toilet. The owner's cabin can be optimised to fit a full double and is fitted with reading lights, overhead hatches, 12v fan and lots of cabinet storage.

The quarter berth could fit two small adults or a single but serves equally well for storing items when on passage. Both saloon berths open to extend to a single and double..

GALLEY

The U-shaped galley is fitted with a brand new 2-burner stove, filtered fresh water, twin s/s stinks and a deep top-opening spill over fridge/freezer which runs off 4xAGM house batteries. There is an abundance of space for crockery (provided) and food storage with overhead lighting, opening hatch and 12v fan.

NAVIGATION

The navigation station and main switch panel are located below the companionway. Telecommunications include a VHF radio, Iridium-Go and AIS transceiver. Electronic aids to navigation are fitted in the cockpit. Access to the engine is gained by removing the companionway steps, and via a clear side panel door which opens from the quarter berth. All batteries are stored under the quarter berth.



She could be YOURS ...

Ted Hood designed award winning yachts capable of handling rough conditions while crew remain in control and comfortable on deck and below. A huge advantage is the ability to sail or anchor in shallow anchorages or over reefs and this is thanks to the lifting centreboard keel. With centreboard up the Bristol 38.8 has a draft of just 1.37m.

For anyone not wanting to stretch the budget but keen on making some serious miles in a very manageable sized vessel, Gossamer is the ideal yacht for you. She is a safe and comfortable cruising yacht for one or two people (or a small family). With so many upgrades including engine, sails, galley, and navigation equipment, she is preped and ready to take you anywhere. Gossamer comes complete with a nice kevlar sailing dinghy which sits securely on the davits, and lots of essential spare parts.

Gossamer would be an ideal choice if you are planning to take to the oceans for extended live aboard cruising either in Australia or farther offshore.

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