W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55



€ 395,000

Sleeping places
4 + 2

year built
1946

Berth
Sønderborg (Denmark)

Category
Sailing yacht



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This beautiful classic S-bilged sailing yacht was beautifully restored/refitted by the current owner between 2002 and 2011.

Dimensions
16,65 x 3,91 x 2,40 m.

Construction material
Steel

Engine
Yanmar 110 HP (81 kW) Diesel

Reference number
241026

Berth



General

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W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55 'Wyvern II' is a famous classic sailing yacht of the S-frame type.

In 1945-1946 the W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 'Wyvern II' built in Antwerp as a cruiser/racer, something that was a new concept at the time. The builder and designer, Bob Murdoch, commissioned W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55 'Wyvern II' built for himself, a second copy was intended for sale.

Bob Murdoch had the W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55 'Wyvern II' designed as a handy cruiser, but she soon also proved to be a fast sailor. Because he wanted to compare her performance with other sailing yachts, he registered for a sailing competition, the North Sea Race of 1947. The weather was light and she promptly came first in her class. This was followed by many more competitions in which high rankings were often achieved.

In 1950, Yachting World magazine devoted a large article to this special ship and her designer. In 1991, the Waterkampioen even published two major articles about the ship.

The current owner found the W.R. through an advertisement in 2001. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55 'Wyvern II' in desolate condition on a quay in Curaçao. The yacht was brought to the Netherlands as a deck load on a container ship, because sailing on its own was impossible as it was leaking from above and below. Between 2002 and 2011 the yacht was completely restored and returned as much as possible to its original state.

For an overview of the complete restoration click on the following link: **WYVERN II**

Since its launch in 2011, Wyvern II has been sailing around the Netherlands and northern Europe again. The name Wyvern comes from mythology, a wyvern is a flying dragon. During construction it was therefore decided to paint the hull green. Now it is ivory white.

In 2013, the W.R. Murdoch Classic Sloop 55 'Wyvern II' the V.K.S.J. Won a restoration prize. The V.K.S.J. The Association of Classic Sharp Yachts was founded to preserve old and new sailing classics.

Construction material	Steel
Hull shape	S - bilged
Deck	Teak on waterproof plywood on steel frames; Cockpit: Waterproof plywood treated with injection resin
Superstructure	Waterproof plywood treated with injection resin and finished with a GRP mat
Keel / leeboard	Long keeler
Rudder	Attached to keel
Steering system	Mechanic wheel steering. A stainless steel tube has been fitted in the original brass steering column to absorb the forces
Windows	Brass port holes
Displacement	23,000 kg.
Ballast	10,000 kg.
Yard	Guthrie Murdoch & Co, Antwerp
Designer	William Robert Murdoch

Accommodation

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Material	Mahogany interior designed by Robert Das
Saloons	Saloon with owner's cabin, Fore ship with guest's cabin
Cabins	2
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Headroom saloon	2.00 m.
Headroom fore ship	2.00 m.
Bedsize guest's cabin	2.04 x 1.25 m. (portside); 2.17 x 0.90 m. (starboard)
Bedsize owner's cabin	2.03 x 1.33 m.
Bedsize saloon	2,28 x 0,70 m. (portside); 1,95 x 0,64 m. (starboard)
Toilet	Toilet room with a Eco Vac electric toilet and sink
Shower	In toilet room
Television	Samsung flatscreen
Radio	MT Logic radio MP3 and Kenwood radio CD player
Cooking device	SMEV 3 - flame gas cooker
Exhaust hood	Yes
Oven	SMEV gas
Microwave	Whirlpool
Refridgerator	Vitrifrigo

Heating	Maritime Booster Mini Combi 14 kW central heating with convectors and radiator in toilet room
Insulation	5 cm. Pur foam
Other	LED interior lighting

Engine

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Brand / type	Yanmar 4JH4-HTE
Power	110 HP, 81 kW
Number of cylinders	4
Cooling system	Intercooling
Year built	2011
Hours	1,150
Fuel	Diesel
Fuel tank(s)	400 Litres
Tank meter	VDO
Gearbox	ZF hydraulic
Propulsion	Shaft water lubricated
Thrust bearing	Python Drive
Cruising speed	6 Kn.
Max. speed	8 Kn.
Instruments	Tachometer, Watertemperature, Oilpressure (all VDO)
Bow thruster	Installatie bespreekbaar

Electrics

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Voltage	12, 24 and 220 Volt
Batteries	1 x 50 Ah Red Top, 1 x 50 Ah Yellow Top, 4 x 105 Ah
Shore power	With earth leakage switch
Alternator	80 A. 12 Volt, 60 A. 24 Volt
Batterycharger	Victron Phoenix Multiplus 24/2000/50 50 A.
Inverter	Victron Phoenix Multiplus 24/2000/50 2,000 W.
Converter	2 x Victron Orion 200 W. 24-12 Volt
Diode bridge	Yes
Control panel	2 x 24 Volts switch panel
Battery-conditionmeter	Victron BMV-600

Water

Water tank(s)	600 Litres
Pressure system	Pressure barrel
Hot water	Maritime Booster Mini Combi
Freshwater meter	VDO
Holding tank	300 Litres stainless steel with underwater drain
Holdingtank meter	VDO

Rigging

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Type	Masthead rigged
Mast	Seldén aluminium (2013)
Standing rig	Stainless steel
Boom	Aluminium
Winches	2 x Barlow 35, 3 x Barient 2 Speed Model 21 - 33, 2 x Barient 28+, 1 x Murdoch
Mainsail	M-Sails 72 m2 (2016)
Mainsail furling system	Quick reef 3 x
Genoa furling system	Furlex 400S
Genoa I	Rolly Tasker Sails 120% 74 m2 (2013)
Storm jib	De Vries Sails 20 m2 (1990, little used)
Spinnaker	North Sails 150 m2 (1990, little used)
Spinnaker boom	2 x Aluminium
Other	Dyneema running rig (2013), Lazyjacks

Navigation and electronics

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Navigation ligths	Yes
Compass	Plath en Silva Type 100
Log / speed	2 x NASA Clipper Log
Depth sounder	2 x NASA Clipper Depth
Wind	2 x NASA Clipper Wind
Autopilot	Installatie bespreekbaar
GPS	2 x NASA Clipper GPS and Furuno GP32
VHF	Icom IC M-505 and Icom Commandmic III

Deck equipment

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Anchor	1 x

Anchor winch	Murdoch mechanic
Railing	Stainless steel with wire
Selfdraining cockpit	Yes

Safety

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Life raft	Duarry 4 - persons, approved until 2027
Bilge pump	2 x MZ Electronics electric, 1 x hand
Fire prevention	2 x Fire extinguisher
Gas alarm	B.E.P. with electric valve
Gas locker	Suitable for 2 bottles