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Discovery 55 > **AURORA POLARIS**



Price	**NOK6,690,000 NOR VAT paid**
Location	Stavanger - Norway
Year	2013
LOA	55’9” / 17m
LWL	44’9” / 13.64m
Beam	15’8” / 4.78m
Draft	7’4” / 2.23m
Displacement	24,000kg / 52,911lb
Hull Material	GRP
Engine	1 x Yanmar, 160hp
Builder	Discovery Yachts Ltd.
Designer	Ron Holland
Accommodation	6 berths in 3 cabins





BROKER'S COMMENTS

AURORA POLARIS is a fine example of the highly regarded Discovery 55, designed by Ron Holland and built in the UK. Widely recognised as one of the benchmark bluewater cruising yachts, the Discovery 55 combines excellent sailing performance, outstanding comfort and the safety and reliability required for serious long-distance cruising.

Built for her current owners with the ambition of sailing around the world, AURORA POLARIS has more than proven her capabilities, having successfully completed a circumnavigation and covered over 43,000 nautical miles. Throughout her life, she has been carefully maintained and looked after by experienced and dedicated owners.

Her beautiful oak interior, complemented by leather upholstery, creates a bright, warm and welcoming atmosphere below deck. The spacious deck saloon, excellent visibility and thoughtfully designed layout make her equally comfortable at sea and at anchor. With her elegant lines and distinctive Discovery blue hull, AURORA POLARIS is a yacht that looks every bit as impressive as she performs.

AURORA POLARIS offers an excellent opportunity to acquire a proven, well-maintained and exceptionally capable bluewater cruising yacht, ready to take her next owners on new adventures.

Key Facts:

- Aluminium furling mast from Selden Mast, white painted.
- Electric furling systems for main, genoa and jib.
- Electric winches.
- Self-tacking jib.
- Yanmar 4LHA-HTP, 160hp.
- Bow thruster from Maxpower.
- Davits, electric.
- Complete Raymarine navigation system.
- Onan 11kW generator.
- Watermaker.
- Electric stove, Techimpex – 2016.
- Stainless steel fridge and freezer.
- Washer/ dryer.
- Air condition.
- Teak deck, cockpit, and bathing steps.
- Diesel: approx. 1300 litres.
- Fresh water: 1008 litres.
- Interior in light American Oak.
- Sleep 6 persons in 3 cabins, 2 double cabins and 1 cabin with bunk beds.

Explore more photos here: https://www.berthoninternational.com/yacht-sales-brokerage/yachts-for-sale/discovery-55-aurora-polaris/

OWNER'S COMMENTS

Before we decided on the boat for our project to sail around the world, we were looking at various types like the Oyster 56 and Northaven 56. After careful consideration and several visits to all three manufactures, which included test sailings, we chose a Discovery 55. Some of the main criteria was a safe and proven cruising yacht, providing excellent comfort for owners and friends alike *and* being easily managed by the two of us without the need for crew.

The proven reputation of the Discovery 55, easy rig plan, interior watch-keeping and proper deck saloon were considerations in making this decision. When we bought AURORA POLARIS, we wanted the best comfort, reliability, quality engineering, and safety were my priorities, and after 43,000nm in some of the most challenging waters in the world, she has exceeded all our expectations. We also believe it is essential the yacht looks good. Every time we went ashore from any of our anchorages, we always felt very proud of AURORA POLARIS. She has gorgeous lines.

For the first three years, she sailed in the Mediterranean and in June 2016 we started our circumnavigation. AURORA POLARIS crossed the Atlantic with the ARC 2016, joined the World ARC 2017. After finishing the World ARC April 2019, we crossed the Atlantic for the third time back to Europe.

Sailing AURORA POLARIS is a very rewarding experience. She is an excellent sailing boat with very good feel whilst remaining comfortable and well mannered. This project, sailing around the world, is now complete.

CONSTRUCTION

RCD Status: The yacht conforms with the essential safety requirements of Directive 94/25EC or RCDII (2013/53/EU as appropriate (Recreational Craft Directive) and is categorised A – "Ocean"

Hull, Deck & Superstructure Construction:

- Composite construction with high-density foam core providing exceptional stiffness and insulation. Laid up with vacuum technology for complete structural integrity.
- Vinylester resins are used throughout the hull for added strength and osmosis prevention.
- A Kevlar layer forward further enhances the impact strength of the hull.
- 2 layers of epoxy as a barrier against moisture ingress.
- Full coppercoat treatment.
- Flag Blue hull - upgrade in gelcoat with boot top line white over boot red and white gelled cavita in white over the port lights
- White window mullion surround in gelcoat.
- Composite construction with foam core providing strength, thermal and acoustic insulation.
- All load-bearing areas have marine-ply core and backing plates for added strength.
- Teak decks & capping rail.
- Joined to the hull with bonding paste and stainless bolts for strength.
- All bulkheads are laminated with epoxy paste into the deck for strength and stiffness.
- All hull outlets above the waterline backfilled with epoxy 2019.

Keel & Rudder:

- 9,500kgs (20,500lbs) shaped lead keel and a depth of 2.23m (7"3") provides a ballast ratio of 42% providing maximum stability and comfort.
- 1060mm leather covered stainless wheel controlling a Lewmar Mamba, solid rod steering system, providing direct & positive steering - no weak areas as with wire or chain.
- A light and positive helm feel provided by semi-balanced and substantially specified rudder.

MACHINERY

Engine & Gearboxes:

- Yanmar 4LHA-HTP 160hp diesel engine with gearbox ratio of 2.68:1.
- Racor duplex fuel filter with changeover valve and alarm.
- Walk-in engine room with the very best sound insulation.
- Racor Fuel Filter with alarm.

Maintenance & Performance:

- Engine hours – approx 4015 as of July 2026.
- Engine last serviced: 2026
- Cruising speed – approx 8 knots @ 2200rpm.
- Maximum speed – approx 9 knots @ 2800rpm.
- Fuel consumption at cruising speed – approx 12 litres per hour.
- Range @ cruising speed – approx 900nm.

Propulsion & Steering:

- Three-blade 24" diameter Gori Propeller providing overdrive option.
- Stainless steel morse control in lieu of standard.
- Bow thruster - Maxpower 125 composite.
- Rope Cutter (upgraded with machined Al. Bronze trust bearing in lieu of nylon in 2016).
- 42" stainless steel wheel with beige leather covering.
- Whitlock Mamba steering system.
- 1 x emergency tiller.
- Single steering pedestal with raised curved seat for good forward visibility and comfort.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Voltage Systems:

- Marine grade tinned cabling is used throughout. This reduces corrosion and provides longevity of all electrical systems.
- 230V ring with European sockets throughout.
- Aft cabin - Double sockets fitted on aft face of both wardrobes (1 standard, 3 additional).
- Engine room - 12V socket fitted.
- Saloon - 6 sockets fitted around the saloon seating.
- Additional double socket at foot of day berth.
- 12V socket fitted to pedestal.
- 12V socket fitted to sail locker.
- Pullmans cabin - additional socket fitted at head end, top berth above shelf.
- Forward cabin - additional socket fitted above starboard shelf.

Battery Banks:

- Upgraded to larger battery bank. 840Ah 24 V (Battery bank changed in 2019).

Battery Chargers:

- Victron Energy Quattro 5kw Charger/Inverter.

Alternators:

- 60 Amp 12V alternator for charging the start engine start battery.
- 110 Amp 24V alternator for charging the main domestic batteries.
- Generator has its own 12V alternator for starter batteries.

Generator:

- Onan 11kW 230 VAC generator.
- Generator last serviced – 2026.
- Sound insulation fitted around the generator.
- The exhaust is fed to an HMI water separator, which eliminates almost all exhaust and cooling water noise.
- Additional sound insulation making this extremely quiet to run.

Shore Power:

- 230v / 50Hz shore power to 32Amp.
- 32 Amp shore power cable with female socket, extension included.
- 16 Amp shore power cable adapter.

Other Electrical:

- Upgraded inverter to Victron Energy 5kW.
- Isolation transformer.

PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Fresh Water & Water Heating System:

- Hot Tub Plumbing.
- Sea water deck wash.
- Pressurised hot and cold fresh water for sinks, showers and hot tub.
- 2 x Electric flush Toilets – (ability to switch to saltwater).
- 50 litre insulated calorifier with immersion heater. Heating by AC from gen/land power, central heating or main engine.
- Pressurised sea water for deck wash, electric flush toilets and hot tub.
- Deck rain water collection system.
- Sink manual backup foot pump and fridge water extraction.

Watermaker:

- Seafresh H206A Water Maker, 102 litres/hr.

Bilge Pumps:

- Sail locker, lazarettes lockers and main bilge automatic and manual run.
- Manual hand bilge in cockpit.

TANKAGE

Fuel:

- 1,334 litre total (380 liter Aft Port tank, 430 liter Fwd Port, 430 liter Fwd Starboard).

Fresh Water:

- 1008 litre total (450 litre Port tank, 470 litre Starboard tank).

Grey/Blackwater Holding Tanks:

- Greywater: 500 litre.
- Blackwater: 160 litre total (80 litre Aft head, 80 litre Fwd).

Gas:

- Standard gas locker fitted, with pipe work to galley, but not been used as using Electric oven.
- Permanent gas supply and bayonet fitting to barbeque.

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

- Upgraded antenna mast for Iridium Pilot.
- Icom 801 SSB (UK approved) including Antenna tuning unit, upgraded backstay with isolators.

Navigation - Above deck:

- i50 speed and depth with i60 wind display.
- Raymarine Axiom Pro 9” – 2026. (not installed).
- Upgrade standard ST7002 pilot head to the new p70 display.
- Upgraded the latest Raymarine Autopilot controller and compass in 2019.
- Raymarine SPX30 corepack.
- New Raymarine Digital radar to HD – 2026.
- Raymarine GA 150 GPS Antenna – 2026 (not installed).
- Furuno GP32 Fixed GPS (aerial on antenna pole)
- CCTV camera fitted to the aft antenna mast linked to both plotters and TV’s.
- Raymarine/FLIR Thermo Series Camera, mast mount, bracket, displayed on both plotters.
- New joystick with display for FLIR camera – 2026.

Navigation - Below Deck:

- Raymarine Axiom Pro 12” – 2026. (not installed).
- Raymarine Smart Pilot Controller - handheld wireless remote autopilot.
- Raymarine AIS 500 send and receive.
- Fish finder transducer.
- Navionics Platinum charts for UK to Croatia -28P+ 31P+, 33P+.
- New joystick with display for FLIR camera – 2026.

Communication & Weather:

- ICOM 423 VHF with second station at pedestal, fitted with loud hailer on mast.
- Furuno Navtex (aerial on antenna pole).
- Iridum Pilot with above and below deck fitting, cable, power, 2 x handsets including stern antenna pole.

Computer Equipment:

- Laptop PC.
- PC displayed onto saloon and aft cabin TV (Navigation info can be displayed on both TV's).
- Network socket and Cat 5 cable from PC to vanity unit.
- WL510 Wi-Fi antenna fitted to the transom, Red Box router high power version.
- Wireless router.

DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

Galley:

- Stainless steel self-contained fridge unit.
- Stainless steel self-contained freezer unit.
- Electric cooker - with four ceramic zones, over, under and grill in oven (upgraded to Techimpex in 2016).
- Washer/Dryer.
- Quooker Instant hot water tap fitted in galley, 3 litre cylinder.

Heads/Showers:

- 220V Electric Heated towel rails fitted to both heads.
- Heads taps in chrome / chrome.
- Heads plug pop up waste.
- Electric heads forward and aft.

Heating & Ventilation:

- Eberspacher Hydronic 10 to a Hydronic 12, including an extra coil in hot water tank, three matrix heaters located in aft cabin, saloon and in the forward cabin providing an outlet for forward head and both cabins.
- Full Tropical Air Conditioning (3 units, aft, saloon and forward).
- Temperature controller on battery box fan.
- Fans fitted in each cabin and galley (7 in total). Aft cabin fans positioned above wardrobes.

Entertainment:

- 2 sets of speakers in saloon.
- Cockpit speakers recessed adjacent to the helm position.
- Saloon Stereo Fusion 700 DVD with iPod dock- video to TV.
- 22 inch LED TV fitted to saloon on main bulkhead, including TV antenna Samsung UE22ES5400.
- Aft cabin Fusion 700 iPod player, including flush speakers in the headlining.
- 32" TV fitted to aft cabin - Samsung UE32ES5500.
- Both TV's are connected to the Raymarine screen and can display the navigation information.

Lighting:

- Light switch fitted in headlining adjacent to companionway - in overhead port side.
- LED overhead lights and dimmers fitted to all lighting circuits including heads.
- LED strip light above the galley sink (2 lights)
- 2 x Bendy lights to saloon outboard seating including switch - Frensch red/white in chrome.
- LED reading lights in all cabins.
- Overhead lights in chrome / chrome.
- Nav desk night light in headlining (red and white light) over chart table switched.
- Red and white overhead switched light at day berth.
- 2 x Pullmans cabin reading lights fitted at head end, one at top bunk and one at bottom bunk.
- 2 LED strip lights to the boom.
- LED mast lights (forward mast mounted, and side spreader mounted lights).
- Hella Marine LED navigation lights.
- Antenna mast have a 24v deck flood light, illuminating aft gate area.

ACCOMMODATION

Summary of Accommodation:

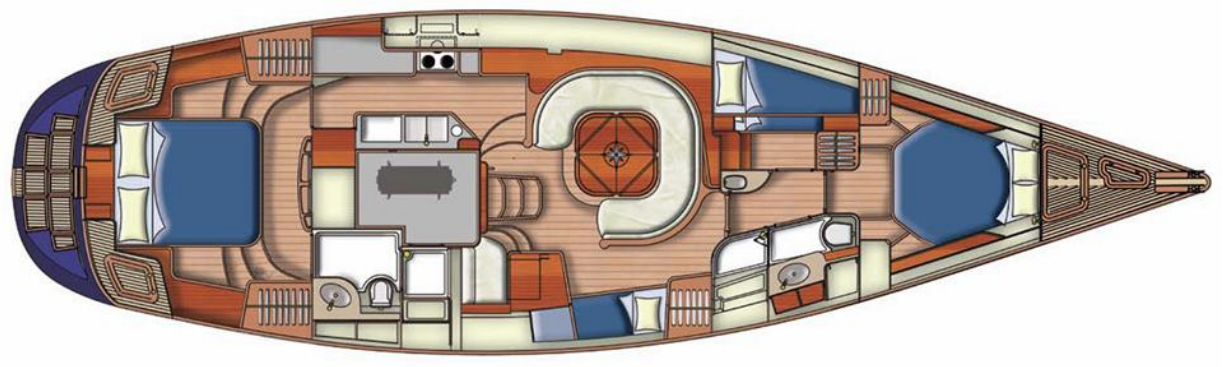
- Interior woodwork in Light American Oak.
- Retaining catches on floor hatches.
- Teak/holly 45 x 5mm flooring throughout.
- New custom-fitted carpets throughout the yacht – 2025.
- Lee cloths throughout colour in Beige.
- Door handles in stainless steel.
- Push button catches in large chrome / chrome.
- All doors in crown cut oak centre with holly trim and oak cross banding.
- Insulation to the cold spots in the headlining in all cabins. Polystyrene discs glued to fastenings. Single skin areas covered with insulation.
- Insulation fitted to the hull sides in the forward cabin and pullman's cabin.
- 2 safes fitted, one in the aft cabin "day safe", one in the saloon as long term stowage.
- Opening Port lights to the aft cabin and galley (3) all others fixed.
- Transom port light can open.
- Front saloon windows can open.

- All foredeck hatches have hinges on the forward face.
- Grab handles run along the saloon coach roof.
- Berth in forward cabin is raised to provide extra width.

Fabrics & Material:

- Upholstery in leather.
- Aft cabin head board in Oyster Leather.
- Navigation seat cushions in Biscuit Leather.
- Saloon seating cushions in Oyster Leather with Biscuit Piping.
- Forward cabin headboard in Oyster Leather.
- Forward cabin sky venetian blinds in 25mm Chantilly foils.
- Pullman cabin port shade blind.
- Oceanair skysol blinds to saloon in Chintz Topar Plus
- Aft cabin sky venetian blinds in 25mm Chantilly foils.
- Galley Corian in Fossil.
- Forward heads Corian in Tarragon.
- Aft heads Corian in Tarragon.
- Corian on floors of both heads Corian in Caribbean.
- Corian on shower seats
- Teak and holly laminate flooring in saloon and galley and cabins.
- Modified wet locker with basket drawers for more galley storage and modified locker in saloon with shelfs.

Internal Layout:



Description of layout from forward:

Forward Cabin, Pullmans Cabin:

- Large double berth cabin forward.
- Small lockers fitted under the standard shelf unit at the aft end. These provide locker space for mobile phones, wallets.
- Concealed Shade/Mosquito Screen in forward cabin.
- Flush mounted shade/mosquito sky screens to Pullman cabin.
- 2 hanging wardrobes.

Forward Heads:

- Accessories fitted in aft heads - shower basket, soap, toothbrush.

Saloon & Pilot Berth:

- Centre of saloon table have insert so that it is flush when folded up, item covered in baize to prevent it from damaging the tabletop.
- Saloon table with compass rose.
- Standard day berth with removable tabletop used as a workstation. The day berth is used as storage. The tabletop has been modified to three sections for easy access to the area where the mattress normally would be
- Bookshelves are fitted at foot and head of day berth.
- Port Shade for day berth portlight.
- Concealed Sky screens (shade/Mosquito) to both Saloon coach roof hatches.
- Navigation desk has pencil top arrangement and made slightly larger to accommodate larger screen.
- Glass stowage for custom glasses.

Galley:

- Large racked larder.
- Full sized fridge and separate freezer
- Plate stowage in cupboard above sink and outboard aft cupboard.
- Wooden fiddle rail outboard shelf under port light.
- Port shade over low-level outboard port light.

Aft Cabin:

- Twin wardrobes.
- Cupboards fitted in the aft section of both wardrobes.
- Bookshelves in aft cabin below port lights.
- Vanity cupboard door incorporate 32” TV.
- Mirror fitted to the aft face of the aft cabin heads door.
- Oak strips to the aft cabin headlining as per the saloon.

Aft Heads & Engine Room:

- Accessories fitted in aft heads - shower basket, soap, toothbrush.

DECK EQUIPMENT

Rig:

- Electric in-mast furling system (Selden Mast).
- Mast, boom, kicker (vang), pole - white powder coat.
- Lewmar stainless steel manual mast winches x 2.
- Single whisker pole stowed on mast in White.
- 2nd pole in white, deck fittings and extra mast heel fitting so both poles can be flown down wind.
- Electric furler for self-tacking jib (Reckman).
- Electric furler for genoa (Reckman).
- Lewmar mainsheet traveller track (Upgraded with Selden high-tension blocks in 2019).
- Lewmar traveller for self-tacking Jib (Upgraded with Selden high-tension blocks in 2019).
- Lewmar turning blocks (Upgraded with Selden high-tension blocks in 2019).
- Selden rod kicker.
- Radar Reflector - Echomax (active).
- Radar Reflector - Echomax (passive).
- 2 x Spinnaker halyard.
- 2 x Whisker pole lifter halyard.

- Boom preventer.
- 1 x emergency handle for in mast reefing.
- 1 x Ensign staff.
- Air Draft: 77'1" / 23.52m.

Winches:

- All Winches Lewmar.
- Electric winch on roof for main outhaul, self-tacking jib, preventer and kicker (54ST).
- Electric mainsheet winch (54ST).
- Electric genoa winches (68ST).
- Additional manual mainsheet winch on starboard side (54ST) (double mainsheet, U bolts and turning blocks fitted both sides).
- 2 x locking winch handles.

Sails:

- Main sail with Hydranet crosscut, 65m^2.
- Jib with Hydranet crosscut, 50m^2.
- Genoa in standard Dacron, 88m^2.
- Asymmetric MPS spinnaker (Cruising chute) with sock from HOOD.
- Sail numbers with yachts build number e.g. 5544.

General:

- Diver compressor in forward cabin under berth.
- Cockpit table mug stowage for custom cups.
- Teak grating in aft cockpit.
- Lockable catches to lazarette lockers sail locker, and two side lockers.
- Pulpit and pushpit.
- Stainless steel guard rail fitted as an extension of the pulpit and Pushpit.
- Flag staff holder on port side, and life ring holders fitted.
- Each stanchion has 4 eyes and each gate leg and pulpit/pushpit leg 2 eyes.
- Stainless flush dorades to foredeck, cowel dorades to aft cabin.
- Stainless steel flush dorade fitted to the pullman cabin
- 2.8 metre 3-section hydraulic gangway installed on the transom.
- 1 x 6kg propane gas bottle and regulator.

Anchoring & Mooring Equipment:

- 46 Kg Ultra, stainless steel anchor. 100m anchor chain.
- Anchor windlass with capstan.
- Chain counter and windlass remote on pedestal.
- 8 x mooring cleats.
- Side ladder and mounts, includes an additional rung to enable boarding from a dinghy.
- Stainless steel anchor roller for a kedge.
- Kedge anchor support on stern rail etc.
- Kedge anchor (Fortress FX 55). 10m chain + 50m octoplait nylon
- Bag for fortress anchor.
- 6 x Blue fenders.
- 2 x 18mm 15m nylon mooring warps.
- 2 x 18mm 10m nylon mooring warps.
- 1 x Boathook.

Covers, Canvas & Cushions:

- Spray hood in Acrylic Linen.
- Standard Bimini Top in Acrylic Linen.
- Pedestal & Wheel cover in Acrylic.
- Cockpit table cover in Acrylic.
- Padded Saloon table cover in Acrylic.
- Complete Bimini Enclosure.
- Dinghy Cover.
- Winter/storage cover.
- Covers for all hatches - 10 in total.

Tender & Outboard:

- Electric davits (150kg load) fitted - for AB 3.40 rib and 20HP engine Maximum.
- AB RIB and 20hp engine with davit lifting points, belly bands and block. Keel guard and dinghy launching system.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- U-Bolts fitted in the cockpit for safety harness attachment.
- Safety lines run up each side of the deck.
- 8 man Ocean ISO SOLAS B canister Liferaft.
- Custom Push pit mounted life raft cradle integrated in the rail suitable for hydrostatic release.
- Kannad GPS Cat2 EPIRB.
- Poly bottle for flares (1).
- Horseshoe set c/w bracket and light - colour yellow (2).
- Kim Lifebuoy Drogue and Pocket (2).
- Fire Blanket (1).
- Hydrostatic release for life raft cradle.

Fire-Fighting Equipment:

- 3 x Dry powder fire extinguishers.
- Automatic fire extinguishers in engine compartment.
- Fire blanket in galley/saloon.

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