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Hunton Gazelle 43 > **BLUEBIRD**

Price	**£149,950 UK VAT paid**
Location	Hamble, UK
Year	2004
HIN	GB-HPO1243TD404
LOA	42’7” / 12.98m
Beam	10’10” / 3.30m
Draft	3’2” / 0.97m
Displacement	8,636kg / 19,039lb
Hull Material	GRP
Engines	2 x Yanmar 6LYA2-STP @ 440HP
Builder	Hunton Powerboats, UK
Designer	Jeff Hunton
Accommodation	4 berths in 2 cabins

BROKER'S COMMENTS

Jeff Hunton's experience of the offshore endurance powerboat racing scene, and his six victories in the British Offshore Powerboat Championship, led him to design and then build some epic offshore hulls, and the Hunton Gazelle 43 (often known as the RS, or the later, stepped XRS43) is perhaps the most iconic of them all. Fame (or is that notoriety?) followed due to the 43 starring in the 2005 film Sahara, featuring a jet-drive 43 which, of course, out runs the baddies.

Yet the 43 will outrun pretty much anything.

With a slender 10'10" beam, she is a true bullet shape, with a 24-degree aft deadrise - sharpening midships to 28, translating into a fabulously cushioned ride, with exceptional handling.

Her long, lean dart of a bow is drawn aft to a graceful rise at her screen, and the cockpit wraps around her crew in another nod to her racing heritage. BLUEBIRD was fitted from new with a hardtop - so she has far more crew protection than the standard targa-style 43. Her deeply upholstered seating is beautifully trimmed, with a double sunpad aft, well-protected guest seating sunk low in her cockpit, and fabulous powered racing seats just aft of her main console. Chromed throttles fall directly to hand, and a simple dash houses white-carded engine gauges and black tachos. It is a properly snug driver's environment, perfect for a boat that wants to be pushed, and rewards the engagement of her helm.

Below decks her arrow-like profile translates into a cosy saloon, with heads to starboard and a small, but perfectly formed, galley area to port. Forward of the heads and saloon is a separate double berth cabin, set into the delicious beak of a bow - and it is all beautifully done. Hunton even fit in a midships double cabin, with a door to port off the main saloon - so this performance hammer can function capably as a four-berth family cruiser. Whilst she is a true performance hull, she will cruise very happily with her twin Konrad sterndrive set-up and has been owned and enjoyed by a very experienced yachtsman, who is only her second guardian from new.

She is thus a fresh example of this iconic performance sportsboat and should be seriously considered by anyone who values being able to run at speed through weather that would hold lesser breeds in the harbour, with the comfort of a hardtop, heating, radar, and some proper creature comforts. Her galley benefits from a recent refit, her seacocks have been recently replaced, and her engines have only run some 30 hours since a full rebuild - so she is fully ready to go. Quite super!

Explore more photos here: https://www.berthoninternational.com/yacht-sales-brokerage/yachts-for-sale/hunton-gazelle-43-bluebird/
Sales Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8P3oBHUNdA

OWNER'S COMMENTS

BLUEBIRD genuinely goes anywhere in comfort and safety. We have used her mostly for extended cruising, with many long distance runs to and from our base in the Hamble to Guernsey and Cornwall, the most notable being from the River Hamble to Port Pendennis (Falmouth) in a shade under 7 hours!

Confidence inspiring at sea and very easy to handle in marina, she cuts a dash everywhere you go.

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 B – "Offshore" for 8.

Hull, Deck & Superstructure Construction:

- Hand-laid GRP 24-degree deadrise deep vee hull.
- Isophthalic gel coat.
- Moulded navy-blue hull band with emerald style stripes.
- Initial lay-up in Isophthalic resin, with powder-bound glass fibre mat.
- Main lay-up in Orthophthalic resin triaxial composite.
- Balsa cored hull and deck construction.
- Simulated teak bathing platform, steps, and cockpit sole, with black caulking lines.

MACHINERY

Engine & Gearboxes:

- 2 x Yanmar 6LY2A-STP 5.8 litre 6-cylinder diesel engines with direct fuel injection.
- 2 x 440MHP @ rated speed of 3300RPM.
- Turbocharged and intercooled.
- Yanmar monitoring gauges & displays.
- Chromed Morse single lever controls.
- ZF hydraulic gearboxes to Konrad 560 outdrives.

Maintenance & Performance:

- Engine hours : c.680 @ April 2026.
- Engines last serviced: January 2026.
- C. 30 hours run since full rebuild to both Yanmars in February 2024.
- Outdrives last serviced: August 2024 (c.30 hours run since service).
- New gimbals to drives: August 2024.
- Cruising Speed: 30 knots approx.
- Max Speed: 42 knots approx.
- Engine, heads & generator seacocks replaced March 2025.

Propulsion & Steering:

- Power-assisted hydraulic steering.
- Helm indicator.
- Stainless steel Duoprop propellers.
- Electro-hydraulic Lenco trims tabs, with controls and indicators helm console.
- Sleipner Side Power electric bowthruster.
- Sleipner Side Power electric sternthruster.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Voltage Systems:

- 12V ships battery systems.
- 240V ring main with shore power.

Battery Banks:

- 6 x 12V batteries.
- 1 x Port engine start.

- 1 x Starboard engine start.
- 2 x Domestic.
- 1 x Bow thruster / windlass.
- 1 x Stern thruster.

Battery Chargers:
- 1 x Victron Energy battery charger (2026).
- 1 x Victron Energy Orion TR-Smart 12V battery charger.
- Victron Energy inverter.
- Double diode charging system.

Alternators:
- Alternators mounted to both engines.

Generator:
- Fischer Panda 4kw AC generator.
- c.58 hours run at April 2026.
- Oil and impeller service (2026).

Shore Power:
- 240V shore power connector and cable.

PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Fresh Water & Water Heating System:
- Pressurised 12V DC water system.
- 240V hot water immersion heater.
- Hot and cold recessed transom shower.

Bilge Pumps:
- 3 electric automatic bilge pumps.

Grey & Black Water:
- 1 x blackwater holding tank with electric pump.

TANKAGE

Fuel:
- Total capacity of c.900 litres / 198 Imperial Gallons in two aluminium tanks.
- Tank monitoring.

Fresh water:
- Total capacity of 315 litres /69 Imperial Gallons in single stainless-steel tank.
- Tank monitoring.

Holding tanks:
- Blackwater holding tank.

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

Console:

- Furuno Navnet VX2 plotter screen.
- AIS.
- Furuno closed array radar scanner.
- Simrad AP22 autopilot.
- Simrad RS87 marine DSC VHF.
- Spotlight.

DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

Galley:

- Bosch 2-zone ceramic hob (2023).
- Bosch electric combination microwave/oven/grill (2023).
- Galley refit 2023 (circa £15k.)
- Stainless steel sink with mixer tap.
- Concealed Isotherm refrigerator .
- Anthracite worktop in water impervious “Richlite” to galley, with high gloss cherry timber trim & fiddle.

Heads/Showers:

- Jabsco electric marine WC.
- 1 x Shower with electric sump pump.
- Basin with mixer tap.

Heating & Ventilation:

- 12V DC powered engine room ventilation.
- Webasto diesel-fired cabin heating.

Entertainment:

- Clarion stereo sound system to saloon, with loudspeakers.
- Cockpit remote control & loudspeakers.

Lighting:

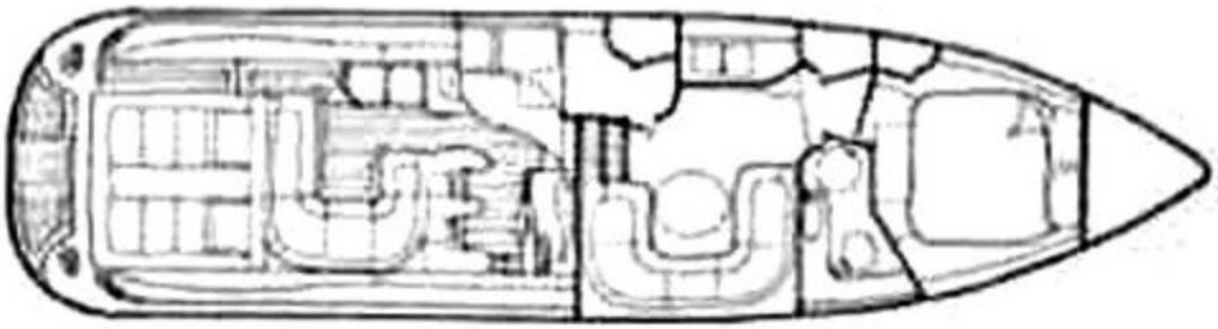
- LED cabin lighting.
- Navigation lights.
- Cockpit courtesy lighting.

ACCOMMODATION

Summary of Accommodation:

- 4 berths in 2 cabins.

Internal Layout:



Description of layout from forwards:

Forward Cabin:

- Upholstered headboard.
- Double centreline berth.
- Stereo with two loudspeakers.
- Eye-level storage lockers in high-gloss cherry joinery.
- Hanging locker.
- Opening deck hatch.
- Alcantara headlining.
- Carpeted floor.

Heads:

- Shower with automatic draining system.
- Aqua-coloured Avonite counter top.
- Washbasin.
- Jabsco electric marine WC with hinged lid.
- Hot and cold shower and mixer tap.
- Storage locker.
- Mirror.
- Recessed overhead lights.
- Opening portlight.
- Extractor fan.

Saloon:

- Simulated teak saloon sole.
- Ivory leather saloon seating.
- Removable table.
- Alcantara headlining.
- Opening deck hatch.
- Overhead lights.
- 3 opening portlights.
- Clarion audio system with two speakers in the cabin and two in the cockpit.
- Main switch/circuit breaker panel.
- Fresh water gauge.
- DC socket.
- Blinds.
- Eye-level storage lockers in high-gloss cherry joinery.
- Webasto cabin heating controls.

Galley:

- Black composite worktop.
- Bosch 2-zone ceramic hob.
- Bosch electric combination microwave/oven grill.
- Stainless steel sink with mixer tap.
- Concealed Isotherm refrigerator .
- Power sockets.

Guest Cabin:

- Alcantara headlining.
- Carpeted floor.
- 2 x opening portlights.
- Storage locker in high-gloss cherry joinery.
- High-gloss cherry joinery trim.
- Double berth beneath cockpit moulding.
- Blinds.
- Headboard upholstered in ivory leather.

DECK EQUIPMENT

- Stainless steel bow roller.
- Stainless steel handrails.
- 6 x High-polished stainless steel mooring cleats.
- Integral bathing platform decked in simulated teak.
- Stainless steel fendering with rubber insert.
- Stainless steel transom grab rail and ski hook.
- Stainless steel bathing/man overboard ladder.

Helm:

- Console set forward to starboard under factory-manufactured and fitted hardtop.
- Separate helm and navigator seats with powered drop-down squabs.
- Contoured console with adjustable sports steering wheel.
- Burr maple dash panels.
- Full engine instrumentation.
- Twin chromed Morse throttle/gear controls.
- Furuno Navnet VX2 plotter.
- Simrad RS87 marine DSC VHF.
- Hepworth Marine top-hung screen wiper.
- Fuel gauges.
- Helm indicator.
- Compass.
- Horn.
- Trim tab controls.
- Glass holders.

Cockpit:

- Self-draining cockpit.
- Hardtop with curved framed windscreen and opening deck hatch.
- Simulated teak cockpit sole.
- Low-level courtesy lighting.
- Isotherm top-loading electric refrigerator inset at wet bar.

- Concealed basin and mixer tap at wet bar.
- Table mount with highly varnished teak lattice tabletop.
- Buttermilk Ultraleather cockpit upholstery.
- Upholstered double sunbed aft (on electric lift for engine bay access).
- Glass holders.
- Waterproof speakers.
- Stainless steel grab handles.
- Sliding, lockable curved acrylic door to cabin.

Anchoring & Mooring Equipment:

- 10kg Delta anchor with swivel to 30m x 8mm galvanised chain & 10m warp.
- Self-draining chain locker.
- Concealed electric anchor winch with helm and deck controls.

Covers, Canvas & Cushions:

- Blue canvas aft cover.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Fire-Fighting Equipment:

- Seafire automatic fire suppression system to machinery space (service date unverified).
- Manual fire extinguishers throughout accommodation (service dates unverified)

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