



Mason 54 Aft Cockpit > MOONDANCE OF LYMINGTON



Price	£325,000 UK VAT paid
Location	Lymington, Hampshire - UK
Year	1994
LOA	53'6" / 16.31m
LWL	39'9" / 12.12m
Beam	14'10" / 4.52m
Draft	5'9" / 1.75m
Displacement	19,731kg / 43,499lb
Hull Material	GRP
Engine	1 x Beta Marine, 90hp
Builder	Ta Shing
Designer	PAE/Al Mason
Accommodation	8 berths in 3 cabins & saloon



BROKER'S COMMENTS

It is rare to step aboard a yacht and immediately say “wow,” but that was certainly my reaction when I first stepped aboard MOONDANCE. From the moment you arrive on deck, her exceptional build quality and reassuring stability are evident. A strikingly good-looking yacht with elegant, purposeful lines, she leaves no doubt that she was designed and built for serious offshore passage-making.

In true American style, MOONDANCE benefits from practical, low-maintenance moulded GRP decks rather than teak, complemented by a substantial teak toerail and robust stainless steel deck fittings throughout. Since the current owners purchased her in 2021, she has undergone a continuous programme of upgrades and improvements. Most notable is the installation of a new mast and sails in 2022, together with an impressive furling boom that makes sail handling remarkably straightforward and efficient.

Below decks, the accommodation is both practical and inviting. The traditional navigation station and well-equipped seagoing galley, while the beautifully crafted saloon provides a comfortable and elegant living space. She offers two double cabins and two heads with separate showers, while the forepeak has been thoughtfully configured to provide laundry facilities, extensive stowage, workshop space, and an additional berth. The quality of the joinery is everything you would expect from a yacht of this calibre, creating a warm and timeless interior.

Exceptionally well maintained and comprehensively upgraded, MOONDANCE is ready to set off on her next bluewater adventure, offering comfort, capability, and style in equal measure.

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BUILDER'S COMMENTS

Few boats can boast the bluewater accomplishments of the Mason 54. Her beautiful, functional hull form accommodates large inventories of supplies, fuel, and water capacities, while ensuring fast comfortable passages. As the wind picks up, her heel increases her waterline length, and she easily exceeds her theoretical speed. Exquisitely handcrafted, she is the epitome of what a fine yacht should be.

OWNER'S COMMENTS

We hung up our double-handed racing boots after the 2019 Fastnet Race and looked for a replacement that would comfortably and safely take us anywhere in the world. We had a particular ambition to reach the Caribbean and sail up the NE seaboard. We looked at Oysters, Discoveries, and similar yachts, but nothing was quite right - and quite a lot was wrong. Then Berthon suggested we look at JOAN, a Mason 54 that had been laid up for several years. Very quickly, we realized that here was a truly unique opportunity to own a modern classic and restore her to our own specification. And so, in August 2021, JOAN became ours and was renamed MOONDANCE.

In turn, a massive schedule of work was commissioned: replacing all seacocks, the propeller, and the shaft; installing a bow thruster, new instruments, Coppercoat, and numerous smaller upgrades such as new pumps and a 240V shorepower system. The mast was replaced with a conventional alloy section featuring electric in-boom reefing, and we added electric furling to the forestay. Peter Sanders, our sailmaker of choice, provided a fully battened main and genoa.

The result is a boat that is a joy to sail. The two of us can easily control the sails from in front of the wheel - indeed, once off the dock, the self-steering can handle most conditions. In 18 knots of wind, we can achieve 6.8 knots upwind at 38 degrees apparent, which is considerably better than we ever expected! Adding the staysail on a reach makes a very noticeable difference, and she is surprisingly stable under spinnaker. After years on race boats, moving around the deck is a pleasure with plenty to hold onto, and Ta-Shing's practice of over-specifying stainless steel fittings provides real peace of mind.

Sadly, life and illness have compromised our plans, and we have reluctantly come to the realization that we will not be able to use Moondance as we had hoped. However, we believe the extensive work done to bring her back to the standard of a go-anywhere blue-water cruising yacht will serve her next owners well for whatever adventures they desire.

MOONDANCE is hull 10 of only 11 Mason 54s constructed in Taiwan during the '80s and '90s, making her a rare beast indeed. We have received many admiring comments wherever we have taken her; she isn't flash, but she looks "proper" and exceptionally well-found. As for disadvantages? Ta-Shing clearly employed small shipwrights - while not impossible, there are a few tight spaces to negotiate. She is also heavy, but it is hard to consider being solidly built a negative. She is pretty much ready to go anywhere you want to take her.

CONSTRUCTION

RCD Status: Our understanding is that the yacht is exempt from the essential safety requirements of the Recreational Craft Directive.

Hull, Deck & Superstructure Construction:

- Of solid GRP laminate construction.
- Constructed to Lloyds + 100A1 specifications. The strength coming from eight full-length stringers and twenty-three Transverse members.
- Epoxy coat and Coppercoat (2022).
- All seacocks replaced (2022).
- Sleipner bowthruster (2022)

Keel & Rudder:

- Full-length keel of lead fully encapsulated.
- Keel hung rudder with prop aperture.

MACHINERY

Engine & Gearboxes:

- Beta marine 90HP main engine (2014).

Maintenance & Performance:

- Engine hours – 227 (72 previous owner plus 155 indicated) as of October 2026.
- Engine last serviced - 2025.
- Cruising speed – 6.5 knots @ 2000rpm.
- Maximum speed – 8.0 knots @ 2500rpm.

Propulsion & Steering:

- 4 blade 20in Darglow Featherstream prop on new stainless shaft (2025).
- Steering pedestal with hide covered stainless wheel.
- Cable and quadrant system.

- Self-steering – Raymarine P70 pilot head & Robertson RPU300 hydraulic pump.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Voltage Systems:

- 12vDC domestic system
- 240vAC spur from shorepower.
- Victron battery monitor.
- 110vAC ring main from generator, shorepower and inverter.
- Trace RC 2000 remote for battery voltages.
- Ample Power Monitor II (battery monitoring system).

Battery Banks:

- 1 x 12vDC engine start battery (Rolls R12 260 AGM - 2022).
- 2 x 12vDC service batteries (Rolls R12 260 AGM - 2022).
- 1 x 24vDC electric furling system (2023).
- 1 x 24vDC bow thruster (2022).

Battery Chargers:

- Victron 240vAC/12vDC charger
- Trace RC – 2500-watt 110vAC/12vDC charger inverter.
- 2 x 12vDC/24vDC Victron chargers from domestic bank to bow thruster & furling system.

Alternators:

- 175amp 12v engine alternator (charging domestic batteries).
- 65amp 12v generator alternator (charging engine battery).
- Parallel battery switch allows either alternator to charge both battery banks.

Generator:

- 7.2KV Beta Marine 110vAC generator.
- Generator Hours: Approx 43.5 as of October 2026.
- Generator last serviced - 2022.

Shore Power:

- 240vAC shorepower socket (to starboard) with cable and adapters.
- 110vAC shorepower sockets (to port) with cables.

PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Fresh Water & Water Heating System:

- 12V pressurized hot and cold-water system throughout.
- Calorifier.
- Hot water from main engine, 110vAC shorepower or generator.

Bilge Pumps:

- 12V DC electric bilge pump with manual and auto switch.
- 2 x Manual bilge pumps above and below deck.

TANKAGE

Fuel:

- Total fuel capacity of 950 litres in 2 x black iron tanks.
- Inspection hatches and dip sticks fitted.
- Tanks cleaned 2022 and 2025.
- 3 x Racor type fuel filters replaced in 2024. One to generator, one to main engine and one to transfer pump between tanks, allowing easy fuel “polishing.”
- Wema fuel level senders in each tank to gauge at chart table.

Fresh Water:

- Total fresh water capacity of 1,325 litres in 4 x stainless steel tanks.

Grey/Blackwater Holding Tanks:

- 2 x 95 litre holding tanks.

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

- Raymarine Axiom Pro 12 S chartplotter at chart table (2022).
- Raymarine Axiom Pro 9 S chartplotter at helm (2022).
- Raymarine Quantum 2 Q24D radar on aft s/s pillar (2022).
- 5 x Raymarine i70s multifunction colour display in cockpit (2022).
- Raymarine AIS 700 (2022).
- Raymarine wind vane and speed (2022).
- Airmar through hull “speed insert” (INSERTVLC-INS-JB) (2026).
- Actisense gateway to USB output for PC.
- Danforth pedestal compass.

Communication Equipment:

- ICOM IC-M 423 GE DSC VHF at chart table.
- ICOM HM-195 Command Mic in cockpit.

DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

- Washer/drier. There is a cowl ventilator that can be screwed into a deck fitting when in use.
- Fusion MS-RA70 stereo to speakers in main cabin, saloon, and cockpit.

Galley:

- Stainless Force Ten 3-burner and oven.
- Microwave 110V Sharp.
- Extractor fan 12V.
- Ample top opening freezer 12vDC (2022).
- Ample top and front opening fridge 12vDC (2022).

Heads/Showers:

- 2 x Jabsco manual marine toilets (2022) (wiring in place for electrification).
- Shower pumps and thermostats serviced (2025).

Heating & Ventilation:

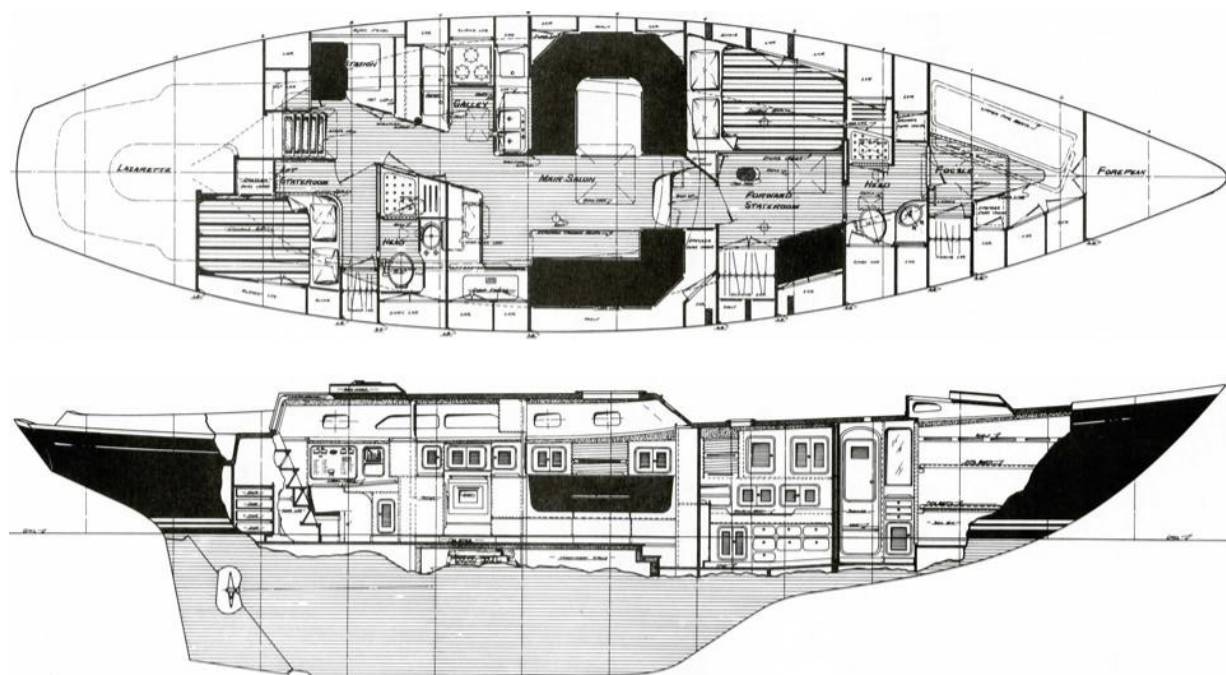
- Webasto Airtop EW55 marine heater with ducting through to forepeak.
- Original air conditioning units removed.

Lighting:

- 12V deck head and reading lights throughout.

ACCOMMODATION**Summary of Accommodation:**

- 8 berths in 3 cabins & saloon.
- The interior of the yacht is beautifully finished in Burmese teak with a teak and holly sole.
- The internal cabinetry is a particular feature of these yachts.
- Complimented with dark blue upholstery, she exudes that classic yacht feel.

Internal Layout:**Description of layout from forwards:**

- Large forepeak with sail locker, workbench, wet locker, storage, and washing machine. Frame for drop down Pullman berth.
- En-suite forward with separate enclosed shower stall to port. Wash basin and Jabsco manual sea toilet to starboard.
- Owner's cabin with an offset double to port with cupboards outboard of this, wardrobes, storage, and settee to starboard.
- Spacious main saloon with D shaped settee/berth to port and L shaped settee/expanding double berth to starboard.
- Table is beautifully inlaid and expands to a full dining table with the addition of two extensions neatly stored either side of the companionway.
- Galley with fridge, cooker, microwave (above), storage & two sinks to port.
- Serving area, deep freeze, and storage to starboard.
- Hull facing chart table to port with switch panel(s), etc. and generous space for PC installation or other screens. (Existing PC will be removed).
- Hanging cupboard to port.
- Guest double cabin to starboard with separate enclosed shower stall, wash basin and Jabsco manual sea toilet.

- Door to lazarette under companionway steps.
- Engine, generator and bilge, etc. access under cabin sole.
- Mattresses and bedding for Owners and Guest Cabins (2022).
- Crockery (2022).

DECK EQUIPMENT

Rig:

- Selden “tall rig (72ft)” alloy mast, masthead rigged, keel stepped with two pairs of in-line spreaders and check stays (2022).
- Furlerboom T20 V-Boom with electric furling and Reckman control from cockpit.
- Selden 404E electric furling system for genoa with control from cockpit.
- Stainless steel wire standing rigging (2022).
- Harken deckgear throughout – sheaves replaced 2022.
- Removable inner forestay on Highfield lever.
- Navtec hydraulic boom vang and backstay with control in cockpit.
- Painted aluminium spinnaker pole stows vertically to the front of the mast.
- Spinnaker track to the front of the mast with Antal winched control.
- Stainless steel toe rail mounted genoa sheet tracks with adjustable cars.
- Stainless steel deck mounted staysail sheet tracks with adjustable cars.
- Harken mainsheet track mounted on the cabin superstructure forward of the sprayhood, adjustable from cockpit with Andersen line tender.

Winches:

- 2 x Lewmar 58ST 2-speed self-tailing electric primary winches.
- 1 x Lewmar 44ST 2-speed self-tailing electric control line winch at companionway.
- 2 x Lewmar 44ST 2-speed self-tailing manual secondary cockpit winches.
- 2 x Lewmar 44ST 2-speed self-tailing manual mast halyard winches.
- 1 x Lewmar 30ST 2-speed self-tailing manual mast halyard winch.
- Antal line tender for spinnaker pole mast track.
- Andersen line tender for Harken mainsheet track.

Sail:

- Sanders Sails in-boom mainsail using DYS 23, 5 full length battens, 2 reefs (2022).
- Sanders Sails roller reefing genoa using, DP DYS 23 (2022).
- North Sails hank on staysail.
- North Sails AP spinnaker with snuffer.
- North Sails storm jib.

General:

- Stainless steel pulpit and pushpit.
- Stainless steel 1 ¼” stanchions with stainless steel guard wires (replaced 2022) and gates to port, starboard, and stern.
- Stainless steel side boarding ladder – can be rigged either side.
- Teak grabrails and matching edging strip on coachroof top.
- 14x cabin superstructure portholes (9x with stainless steel surrounds).
- Stainless Steel liferaft/tender cradle to the cabin roof.
- Manual bilge pump control to the cockpit.
- Teak to the cockpit seating bases and cockpit surround with matching grating to the cockpit sole.
- Cockpit drains.

- Removable teak cockpit table.
- Stainless steel sprayhood frame with grabrails.
- Cockpit lockers.
- Vented gas bottle locker to the cockpit.
- Deck wash outlets (salt and fresh water).
- Substantial raised teak toerail.
- Stainless grabrail to the foredeck.
- Stainless steel mast pulpits.
- Inset deck glazed units with stainless steel frame to add natural light to the interior.
- 2 x Spreader mounted decklights.
- Outboard motor bracket fitted to the pushpit.
- Ensign staff holder to the transom toe rail.
- Stainless steel radar antenna pole at stern with integral outboard motor crane.
- Passarelle bracket below pushpit gate. Teak and stainless steel demountable passarelle (with previous owner).

Anchoring & Mooring Equipment:

- Maxwell 3500 12vDC 3.5kw electric anchor windlass with deck and cockpit controls.
- Bruce 50kg anchor with approximately 122m / 400' of 10mm HT chain.
- Fortress FX-55 kedge anchor with a length of 8mm HT chain.
- Stainless steel double bow roller.
- 2 x Stainless steel mooring cleats to the bow.
- 2 x Stainless steel midship cleats.
- 2 x Stainless steel stern cleats.
- Through bulwark stainless fairleads at bow, midships, and stern.
- Stern mounted stainless-steel fairleads with matching protective plates.
- Warps and fenders.
- Boat hook.

Covers, Canvas & Cushions:

- Ivory coloured sprayhood (2022).
- Cockpit cushions with white vinyl covers.
- Ivory coloured canvas hatch covers.
- Ivory coloured wheel and binnacle covers.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Ocean Signal RescueMe EPIRB3 (2022).
- Jon Buoy inflatable Danbuoy and Horseshoe mounted to the pushpit.
- Crewsaver horseshoe life ring with Ocean Safety life buoy light mounted to the pushpit.
- Ocean Safety 4-man liferaft in stainless steel cradle on port side of pushpit. A second 4-man liferaft could be made available. Both require servicing.

Fire-Fighting Equipment:

- Fire extinguishers - Foc'sle, saloon, chart table, and cockpit locker; one new 2024 others date unknown.
- Automatic fire extinguishing system in the engine/generator compartment – can be fired from chart table.

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