

**M/V – Salty Turtle
1987 DeFever 44 Long Range Cruiser**

**FOR SALE
\$165,000**



Salty Turtle - Black Point Settlement, Exuma, 2012 Voyage

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Basic Specifications:

Model: Defever 44 Offshore Cruiser
Year: 1987 (Stabilized)

Hull Identification Number: ZKM44194B787
US Documentation Number: 917086
NC Registration Number: NC-6858 DY
Hull Number: 64

Overall Length: 43' 10"
Length Water Line: 38' 6"
Beam: 15'
Draft: 5' fully loaded
Weight Empty: 44,000 pounds
Displacement: 52,000 pounds (fully loaded)
Air Draft: 19 feet (actually a little less but 19' is safe, clears most bridges)
Gross Tons: 39 tons
Net Tons: 31 tons

Propulsion System: Twin Ford Lehman 135 HP
Fuel: 910 Gallons diesel (Port Tank: 350; Starboard Tank: 350; Aft Tank: 210)
Generator: Kohler 11KW (new)

AC Power: 110 / 50 Amp service equipped with Glendinning Cablemaster
DC Power: 12 volts / 1300 Amp Hour AGM House Bank
Magnum 2812 Pure Sine Wave Inverter / Charger (New December 2020)
Solar Power: 1000 Watts with Outback Controller

Freshwater: 375 Gallons in two equal tanks

Aft Head: C-Head Composting Toilet
Forward Head: Raritan Electric

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Salty Turtle At Anchor Little Bay, Great Guana Cay, Exuma

SHE IS STRONG, she is economical, she is reliable, and she is safe. She will take care of you. She is a great liveaboard. She has taken Victor and I places most folk don't get to see. She is an independent soul and thrives at anchor. She is not a “dock queen.” She has an adventuresome soul.

Close your eyes...do you see yourself anchored off a deserted beach in the Exumas after just getting back from diving for lobster with not another boat in sight or do you see you and your partner steadfastly making your way along the historic Great Loop. If you do *Salty Turtle* will make you a willing and experienced partner. She has done both and can lead the way.

If you are looking for a well-built, quality blue-water cruiser at an affordable price, *Salty Turtle* is your boat. DeFever has earned the reputation for building a sea kindly, comfortable boat and the 44 certainly is all of that and more. Victor and I have spent the last 10 years cruising her and calling her “home” (we are full time live-boards with no land base).

Salty Turtle has taken us up and down the East coast of the US via the ICW and offshore from the Pamlico Sound in North Carolina to Pumpkin Cay in the Florida Keys. On our

watch she has crossed the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas 8 times (would have been 10 except COVID raised it's ugly head) and explored the Abacos, Exuma Cays, Long Island, Eleuthera, and the remote cays of the Jumentos and Raggeds. Our normal was to cross to the Bahamas by mid-December and return to the US in late April or early May. She carries enough fuel that we never had to take on fuel before crossing back to the US after a full winter of cruising. Before Victor and I, the previous owner, Steve and Nancy Schrimmesher, did the Great loop in her plus cruised the Abacos.



Salty Turtle At Anchor Water Cay, Jumentos

In 2008 *Salty Turtle* underwent a major refit including AwlGripping the hull and topsides, peeling the bottom and having an Epoxy barrier coat professionally applied, plus many other upgrades and additions. As you will see from the following lists she is setup for extended cruising. The Naiad Stabilizers give her the ability to comfortably cross rough waters such as the Gulf Stream or offshore Atlantic jumps.

The spacious interior has a private forward cabin with double berth and head. The main salon has an L-shaped settee on the port side and loveseat on starboard. The teak fold-out table expands to accommodate as many as 8 guests for dinner, but conveniently folds up to accommodate 4. The U-shaped galley is at the aft end of the main salon on the port side. Lots of counter space, a microwave oven, double sink, 3 burner propane stove with oven, dual under counter refrigerators and a toaster oven make this galley a chef's dream. There is a 5 cubic foot freezer on the bridge deck. The openness of the main salon gives the impression of being on a much larger boat. The spacious master stateroom is aft with its own head and separate shower. It features numerous cabinets and drawers for ample storage. The bed is a walk around queen that is easy to access. For entertainment *Salty Turtle* sports a pair of 43" Samsung TVs one in the main cabin

and one in the master stateroom aft. The TV in the main salon is equipped with a Bose sound bar and DVD player for those special movie nights. The TV in the main salon also is equipped with Follow-MeTV and by subscription Direct TV. In addition there is a Sony CD/Bluetooth stereo with speakers in the main salon, master stateroom, aft deck and bridge deck.

The engine room is accessed thru a walk in door in the forward stateroom making for easy monitoring of all mechanicals even underway. The simple, but powerful Ford Lehman 135s can readily be accessed on all 4 sides for easy repair and maintenance. Everything is in front of you and readily at hand including the 3 AC compressors, freshwater systems, watermaker, generator, and sea chest, fuel systems, Gulf Coast fuel polishing system, and batteries.

The ancient Westerbeke generator was replaced last spring with a brand new 11KW Kohler (less than 400 hours at present). This fall the inverter / charger failed after 10 years of hard use and was replaced with a Magnum 2812 equipped with battery monitor. *Salty Turtle* has two battery banks consisting of a House Bank with 1300 amp hours of Full River, 6 volt, AGM batteries plus a Starting Bank with 3, Full River, 12 volt, AGM batteries. Above the bridge deck Victor and I have added 1000 watts of solar panels equipped with an Outback controller in the main salon. As you can see she is a very independent minded boat and lives quite comfortably at anchor.

Salty Turtle has two steering stations the primary on the bridge deck and the secondary in the main salon...99% of the time we steer from the bridge. The bridge is equipped with 2 Garmin Chart plotters. The main plotter is equipped with AIS with wifi and both equipped with depth sounders. *Salty Turtle* has a dual station Simrad autopilot.

The boat deck houses a 2018, 11' AB aluminum hull, inflatable dingy equipped with a Tohatsu 20 HP outboard with electric start, tilt/trim, and automatic bilge pump. Before the 11' we had an AB 10.6 with 15 Yamaha that lasted us 10 years. Quite frankly the 11' is a much better boat for our purposes. It is dry, fast, cuts chop well, and is easy to load. The dingy is not part of the sale. Victor is planning on keeping it but is willing to negotiate a separate sale if the new owner wishes.

The extra large covered aft deck and flybridge seating area make for plenty of room for hosting gatherings of friends for sundowners. We have hosted as many as 15 folk (including guitars) with room for more...not that we wanted more. There is a sink on the aft deck plus a vented cabinet for propane storage. The top of the cabinet makes a perfect table for "potlucks" or "plates of goodies." Of course there is a propane fired grill, table, and seating. The swim platform sports a hot and cold shower and in the Bahamas most of our showers were taken right there on the swim platform...at least when no other boats were around.

Like I said at the beginning, “*Salty Turtle* is not a dock queen.” She is meant to help you live your dreams, visit unexplored tropical islands in style, do the historic Great Loop,...or take you where ever your venturesome compass might lead you.

- Full maintenance records available upon offer.
- Log of *Salty Turtle*'s stories and adventures will accompany sale. How many boats do you know have a *book* that will share her adventures with the new owners... and it has been a heck of a ride, I can tell you?

List of Equipment

Propulsion:

- Twin Ford Lehman 135 engines equipped with TwinDisc transmissions factory rebuilt by TwinDisc in January of 2020.
- 2 - 4 Bladed 26x20 props with 2 spare 3 bladed 26x19 props.
- Dual Racor Fuel Filters on each engine New September 2020. A simple turn of the valve makes changing filters a snap even under way.
- Fuel Management manifold making it easy to switch between tanks underway.
- 910 Gallons diesel (Port Tank - 350; Starboard Tank - 350; Aft Tank - 210).
- Heat exchangers new April 2020 and old ones boiled out, pressure test and kept as spares.
- Oil coolers replaced and old ones boiled out, pressure tested, and kept as spares.
- Gulf Coast fuel polishing system...perhaps the best piece of gear on the boat. In 10 years we have religiously used the GCF and have experienced no fuel related problems as a result.
- Naid Stabilizers.
- Numerous spares and filters.

Electrical & Engine Room:

- Magnum 2812 Inverter Charger with battery monitoring system, temperature sensor, and remote controller.
- Newmar 50 AMP battery charger (spare).
- 12-Volt House Battery Bank: 12, 6-Volt Full River AGM Batteries.
- 12-Volt Starting Battery Bank: 3, 12-Volt, Full River AGM Batteries.
- New 11KW Kohler generator. New March 2019. It has been a perfect fit for the boat.
- Two, 70 AMP Alternators on the main engines plus 2 spare alternators.
- 1000 watts of solar power consisting of 4 - 250 watt Sharp panels equipped with an Outback Flexmax FM80 MMP Controller. This system produces as much as 70 amps / hour on good days. Normal is around 50 / hour. This covers our electrical need completely from March until November excluding hot water heater and watermaker.
- Galvanic Isolator.
- 28 Gallon / Hour, Village Marine No Frills 600 Water-maker. We religiously back flush the system and it has supplied all our needs in the Bahamas.
- Work table and tool chest.

Anchoring and Docking:

- Primary Anchor – 88 pound Rocna with 200' of 3/8" BBB chain.
- Secondary Anchor – 75 pound Super Max with 100' of 3/8" BBB chain and 150' of 3/4" nylon rode.
- Kedge / Spare Anchor – Fortress FXY 37 with 150' of 3/4" nylon rode.
- Lofrans Tigress Electric windlass. Motor replaced October 2020 and old one rebuilt as a spare.
- Custom anchor bridle equipped with Mantus chain hook (best hook I have personally ever used).
- 4 Taylor Made 9x26 fenders in stainless steel rack on the foredeck.
- 1 Round 19" Taylor Made ball fender with cover.
- 1 Round 21" Taylor Made ball fender with cover.
- Captain's Navy Sunbrella wind scoop.
- Freshwater wash down pump with extension nozzle. Since she carries 375 gallons of freshwater and has the ability to make 28 gallons of freshwater an hour it is a real bonus to be able to wash down with freshwater rather than salt.
- Twin storage compartments on foredeck.

Bridge Deck Steering Station:

- Full engine instrumentation.
- VHF - Standard Horizon Matrix AIS+ GX2150. Unit has internal AIS (receive only).
- Primary Chart Plotter is a Garmin 4212 with black box Dept Sounder and is Sirius weather capable (antenna installed).
- Secondary Chart Plotter is a Garmin ECHOMap CV with separate Depth Sounder.
- Compass – Aquameter.
- Autopilot – Simrad AP dual station autopilot with Bluetooth remote that will operate the unit from almost anyplace on the boat.
- AIS – Vesper Marine XB8000 Transponder with Wifi. The Vesper is connected to the primary chartplotter via a NEMA 2000 backbone. The Vesper will also display AIS targets on our iPhones or iPads on our AquaMaps charting software via Wifi. It also works with android devices. The 8000 has it's own antenna and does not share one with a VHF.
- Furuno model 1733 CNT Radar. (Needs maintenance – moisture in display)
- Badboy Extreme WIFI antenna and amplifier with Badboy Unleashed router located in the main salon.
- Shakespeare Over-Air TV Antenna.
- 406 Automatic Epirb.
- Flybridge flood lights.
- Captains chair.
- Captain's Navy Sunbrella Bimini fore and aft with Strata-Glass enclosure to the arch.
- 6 storage lockers all covered with Sunbrella cushions providing seating for a large gathering.
- Huge storage area under the "eyebrow" near the steering station with easy access cabinet doors.

Boat Deck:

- 2018, 11' AB aluminum hull, inflatable dingy equipped with a Tohatsu 20 HP outboard with electric start, tilt/trim, and automatic bilge pump.
- Custom cradle for the AB 11.
- 12 Volt Davit Windlass and lifting system for dingy capable of lifting a 650 pound load.
- Aluminum boarding gangplank (In Storage but goes with the boat).

Main Salon Steering Station:

- Full engine instrumentation.
- VHF – Standard Horizon Matrix equipped with RAM mike on the back deck...this is a big deal in the Bahamas where conveniently being able to monitor the radio is a real plus.
- Datamarine Depth Sounder (old but reliable).
- Compass – Aqua Meter.
- Single Side Band Radio – ICOM 802.
- All windows and ports are equipped with sunscreens.
- We use our Aqua Map software and iPads when steering from this station.
- We removed the Captains Chair to gain room in the main salon since we rarely steer from the main salon. The chair is in storage and goes with the boat.
- Wilson Electronics Cell Phone signal amplifier.
- AcuRite Meteorological Station.
- Electrical Panel
- Kohler Generator remote start and system monitor.

Galley:

- Force 10, 3 burner, propane stove with oven and broiler.
- Oster toaster oven.
- Toshiba microwave.
- Twin stainless steel, Dometic Tundra, 12 volt Refrigerators.
- Deep Stainless Steel Sink.
- Stove Exhaust Fan.
- Five cu.ft. GE Freezer (on flybridge).
- Tons of galley storage plus a nice liquor cabinet.

Salon:

- L shaped seating with 3 storage locker under seating surrounding a Teak table that comfortable seats 4 or expands to seat 8 people.
- Love seat with storage under.
- Samsung 43” Smart TV with DirectTV and Google Chrome Cast to connect to Netflix, U-Tube, etc. when wifi is available, plus Bose Sound Bar.
- Follow-MeTV with antenna on the Boat Deck.
- LG – DVD Player.
- Sony high power Stereo with Bluetooth. Poly Planar box speakers located in the main salon, Master Stateroom, and flybridge. Polk Audio speakers located on aft deck.
- Reverse cycle Cruisair air conditioner/heating unit rated at 16K BTUs.

Owners Cabin:

- Queen sized walk-around bed. Each side of the berth is a three drawer night table with lamp.
- Port side offers vanity with mirrors and storage behind...or small office. Victor currently uses it as a computer station and photography studio.
- Starboard side is all hanging locker with shelves for additional storage inside.
- Forward is a full sized closet with huge pantry.
- Samsung 43” Smart TV with Google Chrome Cast to connect to Netflix, U-Tube, etc. when wifi is available.
- Sony DVD player.
- Three 12 volt fans and 8 opening ports supply ventilation.

- Reverse cycle Cruisair air conditioner/heating unit rated at 12K BTUs

Owners's Head:

- Full separate shower.
- Single sink with mirror.
- C-head composting toilet. (The C-head replaced a Raritan Sea Era Electric Macerating head equipped with a Raritan Pura Scan Sewage Treatment System. This system goes with the boat).
- Storage under sink and behind head.
- Opening port and DC fan provide ventilation.

V-Berth:

- Large V-Berth with filler to make the V into a full berth.
- Hanging locker, second closet, drawer, and huge under berth storage accessed by hatch and locker doors on each side of the berth.
- Shelves on each side of hull.
- 4 opening ports.
- Access to chain locker.
- Reverse cycle Cruisair air conditioner/heating unit rated at 10K BTUs

AFT Deck:

- Custom Vented Propane storage cabinet with counter space for pass-thru from galley.
- 20 Gallon Propane tank plus 2 smaller 10 gallon propane tanks used for the grill.
- Webber Grill with Sunbrella cover.
- Sink with hose spigot.
- Raritan icemaker installed in cabinet under sink. Unit does not function at present but can easily be made whole again by replacing the clock timer in the ice tray mechanism. We have elected not to rebuild the unit and make ice in the freezer instead...much more efficient.
- Sunbrella Sun Screens.
- Polywood Table and 2 Carib Kettler fully adjustable tables.
- Hot and Cold shower on swim platform.

Miscellaneous and Major Maintenance:

- 2008-2009 Major Refit: Bottom was peeled & Epoxy coated. To date there are no blisters...and Victor and I check it close each haul out.
- 2008-2009 Major Refit: Hull and topsides were AwlGripped
- 2012 – Injectors reset and high pressure fuel pump rebuilt.
- 2012 - Shafts straightened, struts realigned, and engines realigned.
- 2013 – All thru hulls, seacocks, & strainers replaced.
- 2019 – Anchor locker epoxied and painted.
- 2019 – Stainless Steel shield added to bow to protect boat from anchor “dings.”

