"FOXY", a Feeling 286 Special, owner's version. 1989



Designed by Gilles Vaton, and derived from their race winning boat, this is the owner's version, which has a single massive aft double cabin. She is also fitted with the larger Yanmar 2GM20 (18hp) engine option, standard engine being a 9 hp Volvo. The boat is in superb condition, having had extensive upgrades and refurbishment, including sails and reefing systems (2012/3), standing rigging (2014/5), sprayhood and cockpit tent and bimini (2012) and a refit internally, with new cushions/curtains, saloon table modification (drop leaves both sides, and access panels to forward end of engine), and new flooring by TEK-DEK.



To starboard below, is a fully equipped peninsula galley, with a newish 2 burner hob, grill and oven, also fitted with a gas tap. The galley is equipped with an opening hatch above, cool box, and with pressurised fresh water, and foot pump fresh, and seawater taps.

Aft of this is the heads with sink and shower and a hanging locker. In the heads is another opening hatch, portlight and 6 foot headroom. There is also access to inlet and outlet seacocks.





The aft cabin is abaft a <u>full</u> sized, forward facing chart table with switch panel and full instrumentation, including Standard Horizon C180i plotter, Standard Horizon DSC radio, Yeoman plotter, VHF radio/CD, PU battery management system and full monitoring. There is ample storage around the chart table, under, in front of, outboard and under the seat. The roomy and light aft cabin has a massive double berth, 6 foot by 6 foot 4 inches, with service access underneath and storage. It also contains ample shelving and a small hanging wardrobe. There is 6 foot headroom and carpeted floor space for dressing. There are 3 hatches, 2 of which are opening. The headlining has been replaced from 2010.

All lighting below (and masthead) has been upgraded in 2013 to LED, supplemented with LED adjustable spotlights. The LEDs are designed to give a traditional light and not the bright white, often assumed of LEDs, and have a tiny current draw of approximately 10% of original incandescent lighting. Around the saloon, there are 9, 240v sockets for mains shore power, including mains lighting.

The saloon (completely refurbished 2013-2014) is very roomy with a typical French U shaped layout, and Breton forepeak double berth. This is separated from the main cabin by curtains above a half bulkhead, that can be zipped together. Under the forepeak are the water and diesel tanks, the latter with a visual gauge. There is also further under berth stowage in lined lockers. Moving aft, the thwart forward seating in the saloon also houses the 2 batteries charged by solar panels via a Photonic Universe dual bank programmable controller and with Adverc smart charger for the engine, isolation switches, transducer, seawater inlet for engine, and 2 further small lined storage lockers.

The cushions and modified seating were new 2012/13. The saloon table sits above the engine with a removable housing giving superb all round access for servicing, and keeping weight in the centre of the yacht. This in turn, is above a deep keel sump/bilge.

The saloon table has been modified to have drop leaves on both sides; standard is just one side. It also contains storage. The saloon seating/berths have full length lined storage lockers beneath. Up to 8 can dine in the saloon. The headlining has been replaced (2010-2013) throughout the yacht. All in all, it would be hard to find a roomier boat under 30 feet, nor one that sails so well.



"Foxy" is a shoal draft variant with a 3' 9" keel, the prop. shaft exiting immediately abaft the keel, keeping the shaft short and obviating the need for a "P" bracket. The cutlass bearings and seals were renewed 2012/13. The engine feet were replaced and upgraded 2013. She has a two bladed self-pitching and feathering Brunton Autoprop (2014) with a Spurs rope cutter fitted and a full depth semi balanced spade rudder with small skeg. The hull was epoxy coated in 2012. All lines are led to the cockpit via clutches and halyard winches, with 2 speed, self-tailing sheet winches. She has a vast cockpit locker to starboard and lazerette across the stern.

Keel



Brunton Autoprop and Spurs ropecutter



On deck, "Foxy" has a masthead rig (new standing rigging 2014/15) with swept spreaders, and adjustable backstay. Two new decks hatches were fitted 2017.

All lines are led aft to the cockpit via jammers and coach roof mounted Lewmar winches. Genoa sheets use upgraded 2 speed, self-tailing, Lewmar winches, via Gioit adjustable genoa cars. The genoa (new 2012, Gowen Ocean) is on a Harken furler (new, 2012) and has a padded luff.

She has two solar panels on deck, combining to give approx. 50-60 watts, recharging the batteries. The cockpit houses full instrumentation above the companion way, and includes a touchscreen chart plotter, and a remote station for the DSC VHF radio.

The mainsail (new, 2013 Gowen Ocean), is fully battened and loose footed with lazyjacks, stackpack system and rod kicker or vang. The sprayhood is fitted with side grab handles to ease access to/from side decks, and along with cockpit tent/bimini (all new 2012, Gowen Ocean) is made from "Weathermax" material. The tent has zip out sides and back, to convert from cockpit tent to a bimini sun shade.



Sprayhood with grab handles

To starboard is a massive locker (another cabin on charter versions), and across the stern a lazerette with lift off lid/seating which houses the gas cylinders and further storage. Aft is a sugar scoop stern (the "special") with a fold down ladder and mount for the emergency outboard.

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Above, showing cockpit tent as a bimini

<u>Dimensions/Specs:</u> Feeling 286 Special, by Kirie Yachts, Sables D'Olonne

Length-28' 6" (8.5 metre)

Beam-10' (3 metres)

Draft-3'9" (1.14 metres) (shoal wing keel option)

Displacement-2.6 tonnes

Engine- 18hp Yanmar 2GM20 with Spurs ropecutter and Brunton Autoprop

Electronics:

Twin Batteries, 85 amp hour, (engine and domestic) individually isolated

Twin solar panels (50-60W) controlled by :-

Photonic Universe, dual bank programmable controller, linked to :-

Photonic Universe battery monitoring system.

Adverc Smart charger for engine charging

Twin voltmeters

LED lighting throughout

Standard Horizon C180i Chart plotter linked to :-

Standard Horizon GX 1600 DSC radio, and a

Standard Horizon CMP30 remote station cockpit control for VHF and mic./speaker.

Yeoman Chart plotter (also integrated)

Stereo radio and cd player

Garmin 300 AIS receiver.

Also, in cockpit:

Garmin GSMAP 751 Touchscreen Plotter, Stowe wind and depth and NASA Clipper GPS/log repeater instruments in binnacle above companion way.

Sails:-

"Performance Cruiser" spec. by Gowen Ocean.

Genoa: padded luff on a Harken furler

Main: loose footed, fully battened, with stack pack in "Weathermax" and lazyjacks.

(All lines to cockpit)

