

Jean Vignes 55

Name: Chimere
Registration: O.N. 853487
Price: AUS \$160,000
(For an extra \$5,000, a second dinghy can be included; a 3.6m RIB dinghy with 25hp Yamaha OB)
Length: 55 feet (16.67m)
Beam: 15.4 feet (4.7m)
Draft: 6 feet (1.83m)
Use: Family, Leisure, Cruising, Expedition, Live aboard
Location: Westernport Marina, Hastings, VIC
Built: 1984
Construction: Steel hull & decks
Design: Jean Vignes, based on MacLear Harris designed yacht Angantyr



Description:

Chimere is a strong and proven vessel, equipped for extensive cruising, or remote voyaging. This has been well demonstrated from having completed four medical-transport-aid missions (with Medical Sailing Ministries Inc.) between 2009 and 2017, to the remote islands of Vanuatu. Each mission was of six months duration and in total involved around 100 sailing and medical volunteers, coming and going at pre-determined times and locations, with between 11 and 13 people living aboard for two weeks at a time.

Professionally maintained and slipped every 1-2 years, Chimere is berthed at Westernport Marina Hastings (VIC).

In 2019 she completed a [circumnavigation of Tasmania](#) and in 2021 returned from an 18-month [tour of New Zealand](#).

In many respects Chimere resembles a small ship, with her high bulwarks, clear decks, snug cockpit and significant storage capacity. Whilst her relatively low rig means she doesn't point to windward like a modern, light weight production boat, she can clock a lazy 7-8 knots with minimal heel, when the wind moves just off the bow. Consuming around 4 litres of diesel per hour, the 85hp Perkins motor makes motor-sailing a viable option when deadlines need to be met, or the wind dies off. With total diesel storage of 1,400 litres, this translates into a range of around 2,000 miles at 1800RPM.

"Chimere" translates from the French into something akin to "chasing rainbows", or "unachievable dream". But for us, Chimere has been the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to sail the South Pacific and explore New Zealand. Since her purchase in 2006, we have maintained a constant program of improvements, additions and enhancements; all the while paying professionals to undertake most installations and maintenance.

After 16 years, and owing to changed family circumstances, we must now reluctantly put Chimere on the market.

Chimere will suit an experienced, discerning buyer looking for a safe, go-anywhere boat, with room for friends and family, at a small fraction of replacement cost.

Video Links: [NZ Video 1 \(2021\) – Tasman Sea](#) [NZ Video 2 \(2020\) – Sth Island East Coast](#) [NZ Video 3 \(2021\) - Fiordland](#)

Further Details

Displacement:	27t approx
Keel:	Full hull keel enclosing 9t of lead
Designer:	Jean Vignes
Builder:	Barrenjoey Yachts
Engine:	Perkins diesel 4 cyl 85hp
Engine Hours:	6138
Speed:	7 kts
Propulsion:	3-blade fixed propeller, shaft drive, hydraulic wheel helm
Steering:	Wheel helm, cable connected to quadrant (new cables 2017)
Fuel:	1,400 L, (spread across five tanks, one of which is the header, "day tank")
Water:	900 L, (spread across three tanks)
Water Maker	Stella Watermaker, 240v, two membrane housings, 3-4L/hr at 800psi
Dinghy:	3.1m RIB, Swift Marine (2013 new) + 15hp Yamaha OB
Optional Dinghy #2:	For an extra \$5,000, a second dinghy can be included; a 3.6m RIB dinghy with 25hp Yamaha OB)
Lifting derrick:	3.5m custom derrick lifting pole for launch of dinghy, and other large items, onto foredeck
Cabins:	5 Cabins
Accommodation:	8 across 5 cabins (PLUS an extra 5 in saloon and enclosed cockpit when necessary)
Head room:	6 feet (1.83m)
Shower:	1 (on starboard side)
Layout:	Enclosed cockpit & helm, descending stairs to full-width saloon with seating for 8-10. Galley to starboard, chart table to port, motor under floor and significant storage capacity under seats and pilot berth on port side. A centre passage leads forward off saloon, from which two cabins open to port, two to starboard and one in the bow. A head to port and a head/shower to starboard also open off the centre passage just prior to the forward cabin. Lifting floor panels conceal storage underneath, plus a water tank, black water 120L toilet holding tank and the watermaker.
Air Conditioner:	Yes + heating
Toilets:	2, (Electric Jabsco on starboard side, connected to holding tank, and manual Lavac on port side)
Entertainment:	GME Marine AM/FM radio, DVD/CD/MP3 Player (speakers in saloon and cockpit) TEAC Flat Screen LED TV LEV24GD3FHD with built-in DVD player. (On extendable, foldaway arm)
Galley:	Double sink, hot and cold water through. flick mixer tap Salt water rinsing tap via foot pedal 2 burner XM Force10 gimble gas oven/stove (2017 new) 150 L Fridge (12V) 45 L Freezer (12V) Microwave oven (240V)
Ground Tackle:	Main anchor, Rocna 40kg + 110m x 13mm chain rode Reserve anchor, Sarca No. 9, 42kg + 25m x 13mm chain & 100m 25mm nylon rode Kedge anchor, Rocna 15kg + 20m x 13mm chain (which attaches to above nylon rode) Anchor winch, 12V operated via Muir controller on removeable lead Three small dinghy anchors 2 x large rubber snubbers Anchor Buddy lead weight, 15kg + retrieval line
Other:	Saltwater deck wash pump, outlet & hose at bow Large anchor well for storage Stern dinghy davits – Yes, with stern platform & heavy duty folding ladder for access Fold-away Mediterranean ladder on port side supported by SS davit Removeable access ladder for starboard Freshwater deck shower portside outlet Mooring Lines / fenders
Bilge:	Two high capacity 12V bilge pumps under engine in bilge Bilge alarm
Safety Gear:	Life Ring 6-person inflatable life raft (last serviced 11/2018) Sea anchor (Burke) EPIRB Flares Life jackets Harness & tethers Portable 204v sump pump & 20m x 35mm hose Fire extinguishers x 4 Quell Carbon Monoxide alarm in saloon

- Fire blanket
- Raymarine lifetag system x4
- First Aid kit
- Electrics:** House batteries - 3 x 200 amp hrs, Fullriver Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) DC260-12, New 2017
- Engine battery - 1 x 200 amp hrs, Fullriver Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) DC260-12, New 2017
- Link10 Battery Monitor
- Battery charger, ePower Enerdrive 60A, 240v, runs off shore power or onboard diesel generator
- Inverter Sinergex Puresine 2000w
- Generator, diesel Paguro 6500 Lombardini Marine, in sound shell under saloon floor
- Wind generator, AirX Marine, 400watt turbine
- Alternator - On Engine, Belt driven, 90amp
- Shore Power socket in cockpit (+ 20m cable)
- Electronics/Navigation:** Depth Sounder - Raymarine
- Autohelm Raymarine Series 2
- Radar Raymarine
- Chartplotter - Raymarine
- AIS System (Transmit & Receive)
- VHF – Raymarine
- HF radio – ICOM IC-M700AUS
- Pactor modem for SailMail via HF radio
- VHF handheld iCom x 2
- Brass clock & Barometer in saloon
- Sail Inventory:** Mail sail, New in 2013
- Three headsails each on roller furlers – Genoa, jib and staysail Jib new in 2013
- (Plus reconditioned spare original main & jib for use in emergency – stored under bunk)
- 7 Winches (2 x Sheet, 2 x staysail, 1 x furler, 1 x halyards)
- 9 Halyards (1 x main, 1 x topping lift, 1 x genoa, 1 x jib, 1 x staysail, 4 x Additional)
- Mast / Rigging:** Mast (approx. 18m) – Aluminium, two spreaders
- Standing Rig Material - Stainless steel
- Standing rigging new in January 2020, at which time mast was removed for servicing
- Deck:** Deck shade covers – separate foredeck and coach house awnings
- Four x 200L individual deck storage boxes lashed to coach house
- Spares:** Selection of spare parts, including new engine starter motor, alternator, Rule4000 & float switch

