# LOCO LAVRANOS CRUSER

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# **BACKGROUND**

Modelled off the 'Cape Vickers', this Lavranos 41 is a fast racing hull but fit out for cruising and with a moderate length keel. Originally built for a solo circumnavigation, the yacht was built by MBL Yachts, Johannesburg where Lavranos oversaw the construction. The superior interior fit-out was completed by the owner of MBL yachts who sailed 'Loco' to Australia via NZ.

Following a hasty departure from S.Africa the interior was completed in New Zealand with materials shipped from South Africa. The original rig was lost in a storm upon final approach to Australia and has since been replaced with a carbon fibre composite mast and boom for extra durability.

Traditional means of navigating have been favoured by her owner and some instrumentation has been removed due to age. The yacht is equipped with an inner forestay and is powered by a Yanmar Turbo 47hp engine with sail drive which have been well maintained with low hours.

Loco is fitted with Dacron main with 3 reefing points with all lines leading aft to the cockpit. Under sail she is capable of impressive speeds - sometimes making 200nm days when conditions allow.

The interior is beautifully finished by the owner and is a testament to his craftsmanship. Two cabins and one large head provide comfortable sleeping quarter, a large open saloon with folding table, and additional single berths.

The L-shaped galley is fitted with deep storage lockers, twin ice chests (which can be converted to eutectic fridges), 3-burner stove, twin sinks with hot and cold water.

Electrical systems include upgraded start and house batteries, 5 x solar panels mounted on the dodger, and two alternators. LED red/white lights are fitted in her the interior. Under power 'Loco' powers along with an excellently maintained reliable 47hp Yanmar Turbo engine. and sail drive. The cruising 'winglet' keel with moderate draft allows for safe anchoring close to shore in most anchorages.







# On Deck

The hardtop dodger housing flush-mounted solar panels provides good protection and shelter at sea. All control lines lead to the companionway through new clutches to 2 x self tailing winches. The sleek decks and cockpit have been repainted with non skid.

### **UNDER SAIL**

Loco has been sailed a lot short handed and solo, but has been set up for fast, yet safe passage making with an optimum hull speed of 8kts. For added safety she is fitted with hank on headsails, however the main can be hoisted from the cockpit. Her owner favours sailing under #5 staysail and reefed main. For the lighter breezes under 10kts there is a colourful gennaker for sailing off the wind.

### **COCKPIT LAYOUT**

The cockpit is designed to be clutter free with two primary winches within close proximity to the helm. There is excellent storage for gear and gas bottles in three aft cockpit lockers, while the deep starboard cockpit locker is fitted with a workbench. The steering console is fitted with a new Silva 125 compass, and mounting bracket for GPS fish finder and portable tablet with Navionics. All mast control lines lead to new deck clutches to 46 S/T Anderson winches at the companionway. The sugar scoop transom with steps provides safe and easy access on and off the yacht with safety gear fitted to the pushpit .

### **HIGHTLIGHTS & FEATURES**

- Carbon fibre composite mast & boom with inner stay
- Yanmar Turbo 47hp with SD31- serviced Aug 2023
- New Lenovo Tablet with Navionics
- New fish finder GPS on cockpit pedestal
- Carbon fibre spinnaker pole (new)
- Newly painted hull, decks, cockpit and non-skid
- Protected cockpit with hardtop dodger and large polycarbonate windows
- 2 x large cabins, 1 x oversized head
- New batteries with solar charger
- Large entertainer's dining table with Chess Board
- Separate overhead shower with wet locker in head
- Transom access with shallow steps for safe boarding
- New cockpit cushions.







# Interior

Loco's interior is a testament to skilled craftsmanship, featuring a varnished Kiaat (South African) hardwood with teak and Yellow Wood floor enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal. Opening ports and hatches provide great ventilation, while allowing natural light to flood the space.

Ornate carved handrails at the foot of the companionway provide secure passage in challenging conditions. The C-shaped saloon is perfect for entertaining guests around the large custom-built folding table with delightful inlaid chess board.

# **ACCOMODATION**

Whether you're embarking on a solo adventure or enjoying quality time with family and friends, 'Loco' comfortably sleeps six; the aft cabin featuring a large double, with full-sized twin berths forward, and two full-length practical settee berths in the saloon. Two additional saloon berths aloft, offer storage beneath. The cabins are well lit and well equipped with multiple opening lockers in varnished timber.

# THE GALLEY

The well positioned L-shaped galley below the companionway is fitted with a 2-burner stove with oven & grill, full deep sinks with hot/cold pressurised water, two deep ice chests, crockery and under sink rubbish bin.

## **NAVIGATION**

The full sized chart table is personalised with 'Loco' inlaid in the lid. A VHF radio and tidy circuit board with neatly wired and labelled breakers indicated the ship's navigation and instruments. A Navman Tracker 500 GPS is fitted at the nav station and Navionics is available from the ship's tablet which can be mounted at the helm or companionway. A fish finder providing depth and can be mounted at the helm. The yacht is fitted with a powerful 'Cobra' Whitlock drive autopilot which can be re-instated with a new course computer. There are several charts for NZ, the Indian Ocean and Australian waters.

# She could be YOURS ...

If you're looking for a solid, well built cruising yacht with racing performance, Loco would be a great choice. This great looking cruiser / racer would make a fantastic home afloat for the more adventurous sailor(s) possessing a desire to cover ocean miles and possibly even to compete in two-handed racing which is becoming more and more popular today in Australia.

With generous provisions for water and fuel, a large cockpit lazarette workshop and endless storage cabinets above and below deck, you can live very comfortably aboard on extended passages. 'Loco' would be best suited to those looking for a strong, capable, fast ocean-going sailing vessel to fit out for liveaboard cruising or to compete in long distance offshore racing.

Loco has been immaculately maintained by her owner/builder with a beautifully finished interior. She is a clean canvas for you to add your own personal choice of equipment and luxuries. For full inventory details and to make an appointment to view her in Manly Brisbane, contact Sonia Robinson of EziYacht on +61 (0)410 35 77 55.



