

40 ft 1988 Nordic 40, ESCAPE
US\$189,000 (A\$293,294) Tax: Paid, United States
La Cruz, Mexico



Boat Details

Make:	Nordic	Class:	Racer/Cruiser	Guest Cabins:	2
Model:	40	Hull Material:	Fiberglass	Guest Heads:	1
Year:	1988	Drive Type:	V Drive	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Length:	40 ft	Beam:	12 ft 4 in	Max Draft:	6 ft 10 in
Price:	US\$189,000 (A\$293,294)	Boat Location:	La Cruz, Mexico		
Condition:	Used	Name:	ESCAPE		



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Description

Highly customized, completely updated and re-fitted. Second owners (since 2020) have outfitted her for fast offshore sailing and long distance passage-making. She is proven and completely ready-to-go!

UPGRADE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

All new standing rod rigging; mast pulled, painted and polished; new wiring, tri-color and spreader lights (LED), windex, VHF, B&G wind/speed; Lewmar winches on mast; Antal halyard rack (2022)

New wire lifelines lashed with dyneema, gate hardware (2022)

New Schafer 2100 jib furling system (2022)

Forespar carbon fiber spinnaker pole system mounted on mast track (2022);

New North Sails top down asymmetrical cruising gennaker on furler (2022)

Seldon retractable bow sprit (2022)

Complete re-fit of running rigging - lines, clutches, blocks, reefing to cockpit, dyneema running backstays, boom brake and preventer set up (2022)

B&G instruments at helm and nav station - 2x Zeus 3s, 3xTriton2, NAC-3 AP, Halo 20+ Radar (2022);

Starlink (Gen3) dish custom mounted on bimini frame.

Vesper Cortex VHF/AIS system with wired handset; and second backup VHF/AIS unit (2022)

All new DC system: Lithium house bank (945Ah); Victron MultiPlus, Control Panel, BMV, MPPTs, DC/DC Charger; 950W Solar; Balmar XT170A alternator; Lifeline AGM start battery (2022)

Remoran 300W Hydrogenerator system (2024)

Technautics Cool Blue refrigeration / freezer systems (2023)

New Schenker Zen 50 (liters/hr) 12v water maker (2024)

New Rocna Vulcan 25kg anchor, 225ft G44 5/16" galv. chain with 100ft nylon rode (2023)

New Zodiac Cadet Aero Inflatable Dinghy and ePropulsion Spirit 1.0 Plus electric motor (2023)

New Jabsco Quiet Flush fresh water head; fresh water pump; shower pump; bilge pumps (2021-23)

Refit receipts available and totalling over US\$210k

Description:

Designed by **Robert Perry** and built by **Nordic Yachts** in Bellingham, WA, the Nordic 40 is a proven offshore sailing yacht. The fine entry and deep fin keel provides superior upwind performance and comfort. The wide beam and moderate displacement give her great stability. The **N40** sports a large rudder hung on a high aspect ratio skeg, a design that produces superb steering and exceptional tracking.

Escape is hull #30 of 32 built, and was highly customized and fitted out by her original owner, meticulously maintained during 32 years of ownership. She finished 3rd in class in the 1990 Pacific Cup race from SF to Hawaii. Up until 2023, **Escape** spent her entire time in the San Francisco Bay, day sailing and local (SF Yacht Club) races. In 2024, **Escape** cruised down the West Coast to Mexico with her owners. She is now available in La Cruz and taken care of by a reliable caretaker during her owners absence and always maintained in immaculate condition. She is available for inspection at short notice. A video tour will be available soon on our Nautilus Yacht Management Youtube Channel.

Owners Comments:

*"Unfortunately we need to part with our beloved Nordic 40 to make room for FOXFIRE, a highly custom Perry 56 we have under contract. We purchased **Escape** in the fall of 2020. She was in amazing condition and we knew immediately*

that her owner had maintained her with an open checkbook. When you find a offshore pedigree (like a Bob Perry design) combined with light use and meticulous care, it's a perfect start for what we had in mind. Over the course of four years, while enjoying local sailing in SF Bay, **we completely re-fit, updated and upgraded Escape with a goal of equipping her for offshore cruising and passage making.** She has all the newest technologies in rigging, sail plans, communications, navigation, power, livability, and safety at sea. In Oct 2024, we sailed out the GG, south to San Diego, stopping in Monterey and Catalina Island along the way. We joined the 30th Baja Ha-Ha from SD to Cabo San Lucas in early Nov, then sailed across the Gulf of CA to Mazatlan, Pacific Mexico. In early 2025, we continued south to Banderas Bay, and then further down the coast to Barra de Navidad, stopping at several anchorages along the way. In March we sailed back north to La Cruz de Huanacastle, Nayarit in Banderas Bay where we have her currently at the marina, under excellent local care. All systems aboard have performed so well this entire time since leaving SF. It's been fantastic to enjoy all the hard work and preparation. Our plan is to bring her back up into CA in June, unless there is someone interested in taking her while still in Mexico.

If you are solo, a couple, or small family dreaming of going offshore, either coastal cruising or crossing an ocean in safety, reliability, and overall performance, and, don't want to burn up all your precious time doing all the work and updating, then Escape is the boat for you! She is 100% READY TO GO at a fraction of the total investment to date."

Broker's Comment: Immaculately presented and professionally upgraded at no expense spared. The interior would rival a new vessel. The electronics, mechanical, electrical and safety equipment as well as the sails and rigging were recently installed and sea trialed. This wonderful performance offshore cruiser is a safe and comfortable option for someone looking for a sea kindly and safe pedigree yacht. This Nordic N40 was built in the USA to the highest standards and if maintained as well as she always has been, will keep her value for decades to come.

NYM has a reputation to present to the market only quality cruising yachts in beautiful, turn-key condition, but our real trademark is to work as a team with you and the sellers to ensure a seamless, transparent and joyful experience.

Information & Features

Universal M40 (Engine 1)

Engine Type:	Inboard	Drive Type:	V Drive	Propeller Material:	Bronze
Fuel Type:	Diesel	Power:	40 hp		
Engine Hours:	1950	Propeller Type:	4 Blade		

Dimensions

LOA:	40 ft
Beam:	12 ft 4 in
Max Draft:	6 ft 10 in

Weights

Ballast:	7,091 lb
Displacement:	18,000 lb

Speed

Cruising Speed:	6.5 kn
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Tanks

Fuel: 56 gal
Fresh Water: 120 gal
Holding: 16 gal

Accommodations

Guest Cabins: 2
Guest Heads: 1

Other

Hull Shape: Monohull Builder: Nordic Yachts
Flag Of Registry: United States
Designer: Robert Perry. Bellingham, WA.USA

Details and Specifications

Make: Nordic
Model: 1988 N40 Builder: Nordic Yachts
Hull: Fiberglass
Length: (LOA): 40' Beam: 12.43 ft / 3.79 m
Engine: Universal M40 Hours: 1950
Fuel: 56 gal (aluminum)
Gross Tonage: 18,000.00 lb / 8,165 kg
Ballast: 7,091.00 lb / 3,216 kg*
* In 1991 (designed by Robert Perry) a 6” solid lead shoe was added to keel bottom increasing the draft to 6’ 10” and adding approx 500 lbs to further enhance performance.

Accommodations

The overall fit and finish of the interior and joinery is superb and in impeccable condition.

The forward stateroom is spacious and features a large V berth with removable middle wedge to make for two single berths if desired. There is a hanging locker and drawer storage along with good amount of shelf storage on each side. The forward berth has a door for privacy. Forward in the berth is a small door to access the chain locker, which also feeds lower into the hull underneath the V berth to store additional rode. Also under the V berth is the 16 gal holding tank. Aft of the forward stateroom on starboard is a vanity top and storage area with cabinets above and below. Note that all the inside of cabinets and lockers on the hull sides of boat are finished in varnished teak planks with insulation (foam) behind on the hull covering the entire interior.

Aft and to port is the head area with separate shower stall and bench seat. Whale gulper drain pump and new shower head (2023). The shower area has a closet rod for use as a wet locker. Single stainless sink and solid marble vanity top; good storage in cabinets on side and below. Old Raritan salt water head was replaced in 2021 with a completely new fresh water Jabsco Quiet-Flush electric toilet system, including new sanitation hoses and Jabsco 3-way valve for directing waste to holding tank or directly overboard when offshore. Seacocks for sink drain and head waste located under vanity are Marelon type.

The salon area is very spacious with a long (7ft.) settee on starboard and very large teak (with inlays) table to port , that has a large folding leaf and deep storage compartment in the middle of table for food, bottles, etc. Seating for 8 comfortably. Both the starboard and port salon settees have lee cloths and make for perfect sea berths when offshore. Cabinets throughout the salon on both sides provide an abundance of storage options. There is also a storage area below the seat cushion at salon table. The two 60 gal stainless steel fresh water tanks are exactly the same and located below the settees on each side. All tank levels are measured by a new (2021) Tank Tender instrument that is located at the nav station.

The aft stateroom with privacy door is located on starboard and features a double mattress. There is a hanging locker and three storage drawers below the bed. There are reading lamps (LED) and overhead lighting, along with 12v Caframo fan and 12v power plugs for charging phones, tablets, etc.

The entire vessel's lighting has been converted to LED bulbs. There are also a total of five Caframo 12v fans that were installed in 2024 in galley, salon, and both staterooms.

Galley

Good size U-shape galley fitted for safe food preparation at sea. Plenty of designated storage and ventilation.

- Separate top loading refrigerator and freezer compartments with Technautics Cool Blue refrigeration systems (2) (air-cooled) with eutectic cold plates and independent temp controls (2023)
- 3-burner (propane) stove with oven
- Replaced/upgraded propane solenoid controller and installed Xintex Fume detector system with
- three gas sensors low in galley and bilge area (2021)
- Drawers and Cabinets with abundance of storage, including deep well "pantry" dry storage
- Double stainless deep sink with dish rack and cutting board

Water Systems

- Combo fresh or salt water foot pump (Whale gusher) replaced (2022) to faucet head at sink
- Jabsco Par Max 4 fresh water pump with Pump Guard in line filter and accumulator tank (2023)
- Replaced most hot and cold lines with 1/2 in “pex type” pipe and brass push fittings (2022-24)
- Torrid Hot Water tank 120v 10gal SS system including heat exchanger for engine heating (2023)
- New Schenker Zen 50 (liters/hr) 12v water maker installed under galley sink and cockpit lazarette (2024) *Runs easily for hours off the 945Ah house bank

Electronics, Communication and Navigation

- Full suite of B&G instruments (2022) including: At helm: new NavPod with 9” Zeus 3s chart plotter and two Triton2 instruments, NAC-3 AP Core Pack, At Nav Station - 7” Zeus S chart plotter, Triton2, Auto-Pilot controller; B&G wired wind pkg (at mast head); bluetooth AP controller fob.
- Mast head tri-color (LED) light (2022)
- B&G Halo 20+ Radar mounted on custom SS post at transom (2022)
- Airmar B744V-9N 600W 50/200kHz Bronze Thru Hull depth, speed transducer (2022)
- Octopus Auto-Pilot (hydraulic) system mounted to new Edson rudder post bronze arm (2024)
- Vesper Cortex VHF/AIS system with wired handset movable to helm or nav station (2022)
- Standard Horizon (backup) VHF/AIS (at nav station) (2023)
- All new wires (VHF/AIS, electrical) pulled in mast during rigging replacement (2022)
- Starlink (Gen3) dish custom mounted on bimini, with router mounted behind nav station instruments • Marine CEL-FI GO G32 Cell Signal
- Booster with 38-Inch High-Gain Antenna (XWAVE) (2022)
- Mount for iPad at Nav Station (e.g. Navionics charts) with 12v power source behind nav wall.
- Danforth 7” Constellation Compass with SS housing cover at helm
- Brass ship’s clock (mechanical) and barometer mounted in salon

Electrical Systems

Complete system re-fit in 2022-23 to include:

- Blue Heron 315 Ah lithium ion (LiFePO₄) house batteries x3 = 945Ah total (with internal BMSs and app)
- Victron MultiPlus II 2000/80 inverter/charger
- Victron Multi-Control panel and 712 Smart BMV (bluetooth) using Victron app to monitor
- All new wiring, master switches (BlueSea), bus bars, fuse switches and blocks
- Victron DC to DC charger for new Lifeline AGM start battery
- Balmar XT170A 12v High Output Alternator, and Balmar MC 618 external regulator
- Solar System: 2x120W custom flip up panels on side rails; 4x100W flexible panels on Bimini; 2x150W portable panels with 40ft portable cable (able to place anywhere on deck for added power)
- Victron MPPT controllers x 4 (two for side panels; one for bimini panels, one for portable panels)
- Remoran 300W Hydrogenerator system, includes MPPT controller and phone app (2024)
- 12v power outlets installed at nav station (2), galley, and aft stateroom (2)
- AC (120v) outlets in galley (2), aft stateroom, salon, head, and forward stateroom
- Installed a bypass AC wall plug at nav station for direct (shore) power without going thru MultiPlus.
- Smart Plug shore power inlet with cover and 50ft power cord (30A)

Engine and Mechanical

Engine:

- Original Universal M40 Marine diesel engine 4cyl., 32hp @2800rpm. 1950hrs (May 2025); meticulously maintained throughout with regular service intervals and records.*Access to engine by removing companionway stairs and also through side hatch in aft stateroom
- Fuel consumption: 0.7 gal/hr @2000rpm
- Hurth V drive transmission (replaced in 2017)
- Fresh water wet exhaust mixing elbow and was replaced and relocated (2021)
- Heat exchanger (2019)
- K&N air filter with added catch can to PCV system to reduce oil vapors in intake manifold (2023)
- Racor 200 primary fuel filter
- Engine hoses replaced as needed (2022-24)
- Raw water pump (bronze) replaced (2022)
- Fresh coolant pump replaced (2024)
- 1 1/4 inch SS drive shaft with PYI PSS dripless shaft seal (2018)
- PYI MAX Prop 4 blade EcoWind feathering prop (2012)

Owner's comment:

Engine is a Universal M40. We bought it in 2020 with just over 1500hrs. The original owner meticulously maintained I have most his records on servicing. He had it maintained by a local marine mechanic/shop in Sausalito CA. After doing the Pacific Cup in 1990 he only used boat locally in SF Bay and some close coastal so not surprising the hrs are low. Mostly out of his marina in 5 mins and into the wind of SF Bay. The records are easy to see the hours over all that time going back to 1989.

Steering:

- Edson cable, pulley/chain system with quadrant attached to solid stainless steel rudder post;
- 42" steering wheel; solid bronze Edson tiller arm attached to rudder post for AP hydraulic ram arm. • Emergency tiller arm (aluminum) set up to mount on rudder post at helm

Bilge:

- Two manual Jabsco high volume hand pumps (one in bilge, one in cockpit); one primary Rule
- 2000 bilge with WaterWitch 230 electronic switch; above primary bilge is secondary high-volume Rule
- 3700 automatic bilge pump with control switch at nav station, 1 1/2 inch hose to separate thru-hull.
- Espar D3L forced air diesel heater with 4 inch ducting into salon and forward stateroom.

Sailing

Rigging:

- All new standing rod rigging; mast pulled, painted and polished; replaced all fittings (2022)
- Mast is keel-stepped, with custom fabricated stainless steel deck collar with block attachment points
- Lewmar self-tailing winches installed on mast (2) for jib and spinnaker halyards, topping lift (2022)
- New Schafer 2100 jib furling system (2022)
- Forespar carbon fiber spinnaker pole mounted on mast track (2022);
- New North Sails top down asymmetrical cruising gennaker on continuous line carbon furler (2022)
- Seldon retractable bow sprit system with rigged tack line (2022).
- Complete re-fit of running rigging - lines, blocks, clutches - new mainsheet, jib sheets, traveler line, topping lift Dyneema running back stays, jib halyard rack, boom brake and preventer set up (2022)
- Dutchman mainsail flaking control system with new lines and topping lift (2024)
- Good inventory of control lines and hardware
Double reef main system set up using separate reefing lines (4) for luff and leach, all running to cockpit.
- Both main sheet and main halyard are set up to control from cockpit coachroof or run back to primary electric winches accessible from helm position (if single handed).
Navtec hydraulic vang and backstay with dual control panel in cockpit. Vang and main panel seals rebuilt (2021, 2023)
Harkin 56 (2) two-speed electric primary winches
Lewmar 46 (2) two-speed secondary winches
Lewmar 46 (2) and Lewmar 40 (2) two speed coach roof winches
- Dyneema inner baby stay (adjustable and removable) (2022)

Inventory of sails:

- Mainsail and 100% jib both Hood Vectron. Excellent condition. Removed and cleaned, UV cover replaced on jib in 2021. Full batten main with Schafer Batt Slide cars on mast track. 3rd reef point added in 2023.
- 125% Ulman Kevlar genoa with newer UV cover (2023)
- North Cruising Gennaker on top down continuous line furler (2022)

*Below inventory was provided by original owner but have not been used by current owner:

- #1 Pryde 150% Genoa (mylar or kevlar) age unknown
- #3 Pineapple circa 1990
- 95% Pineapple Mylar (built in 1990 but never used)
- 75% Pryde 9oz Pineapple - (Dacron new) *carried as a storm sail by PO.
- Pryde spinnaker with sock (1.5oz)*has small tear also packed with two sheets and snap shackles
- Tri-radial spinnaker Pryde (.75oz)
- Radial spinnaker - Pryde (.75oz)

Deck and Hull Equipment

- Deck and hull original white gel coat finish with cream colored non-skid surfaces; painted blue stripes
- New wire lifelines lashed with dyneema and SS gate hardware (2022)
- LED navigation lights at bow pulpit and on SS transom radar pole
- Atkins & Hoyle deck hatches (2) - replaced rubber seals (2024)
- Varnished (high gloss) teak hand rails (refinished in 2024)
- Aluminium toe rails with attachment points throughout the rails, includes two Wichard toe rail pad eyes.
- SS Dorade vents (4) with closure caps inside at headliner
- Solid varnished teak companionway washboards (3)
- Beautiful varnished teak folding cockpit table with protective canvas cover
- New cockpit shower (hot and cold fresh water) (2023)
- Custom fabricated stern rail seats (2022)
- Cockpit seat cushions and canvas throw cushions
- New canvas cover for helm and cockpit table (2022)
- New canvas bimini top with 1 inch SS tubing and fittings (2024)
- Canvas covers for hatches, dodger glass, teak hand rails, mainsail, combings, companionway
- Canvas and bug screen material covers for (2) hatches and companionway
- Bug screens for each opening port light
- Swim ladder with swing open stern pulpit section for access.
- Tether attachment Harken pad eyes (3) in cockpit

* Last haul out and bottom paint job, MaxProp service, rudder and cutlass bearing inspections, water maker thru-hull/seacock install was in February 2024.

Ground Tackle

- Rocna Vulcan 25kg anchor, 225ft G44 5/16" galvanized chain with 100ft nylon rode (2023)
- Simpson Lawrence windlass with wired hand controls (2) at bow and in cockpit
- Fresh water wash down with hose in bow locker
- Secondary anchor - Lewmar aluminum fluke type (new) with 40ft 5/16 chain and 250ft three-strand line

Safety Equipment

- Fire Extinguishers (5)
- EPIRB - Mcmurdo G8 AIS Smartfind Category 2 (NOAA registered exp. 10/16/2026)
- LifeSling2 (new condition)
- Two custom lettered (ESCAPE) horseshoe throw buoys mounted in SS holders on stern rail
- Life Jackets (6) Type II
- Revere Regatta ISO Life Raft (4-person in soft bag) New May 2023
- Full compliment of flares (exceeding USCG requirements); includes Sirius distress signal electronic • Comprehensive First Aid Kit
- Jack Lines (flat webbing)
- CO2 detectors (2) and smoke detector combo (inside cabin) (2023)

Miscellaneous

- All utensils, pots, pans, and cookery staying aboard
- Solid varnished teak flagstaff
- Extra 250ft of 3-strand 9/16" line (near new condition) for extra rode or stern tie.
- Assorted lines and hardware
- Zodiac dinghy has a PVC storage cover
- 6' x 12' navy canvas awning/cover (new)
- Many tools and assorted fittings for plumbing, electrical, rigging.

Lots of spares:

- Macerator pump for Jabsco quiet flush head
- Extra shore power cord (extension)
- Spare/back up Octopus AP system
- Engine maintenance - oil and fuel filters
- Spare fuel hoses (feed and return)
- Spare fuel pump
- Spare Racor 200 fuel filter housing
- Spare raw water pump (all bronze) and impeller replace kits (3)
- Alternator belts (2)
- Heat exchanger end cap replace kit with gaskets, spare zinc sticks (4)
- Spare (new) starter motor
- Spare Jabsco ParMax HD4 fresh water pump

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