

2006 Great Harbour GH-37 “Balena” - for sale

Asking: \$330,000

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Overview

The Great Harbour GH37 is truly one of the best, all-round, full-time cruising boats ever designed. For a great take on this, take a look at this Soundings Magazine article online at <https://www.soundingsonline.com/boats/great-harbour-37> , where Jan & I talk about what makes the GH-37 our ideal boat.

No other boat provides the sheer live aboard comfort, low maintenance/high maintainability and performance of the GH37. Want to always feel at home, no matter where you are ? The GH37 comes standard with household appliances in the galley and laundry center, queen island berth in the master suite, 16 foot beam width salon and a tremendous amount of living space - all in a 37 foot length. The GH37 was designed & built with synthetic coring, no exposed exterior wood, roomy engine room and fiberglass fuel & fresh- & black-water water tanks, making for significantly reduced maintenance. A roomy engine room and deep sole raceways provides great access to all operating equipment, wiring and piping. Further, what maintenance that has to be done is made easier by the installation of oil change and battery fill systems. The GH37 is not lacking in performance for how you might want to use it. A shallow 2’10” draft enables your inner “gunk-holer” to come out, allowing you to go further up that inviting creek or anchor in crowded protective bays where other boats can’t go with their deep draft. And, the combination of economical twin natural 54hp Yanmar engines and large fuel tanks means one can cruise the GH37 well over 2000 nautical miles between fill ups.

All-in-all, the Great harbour GH37 is one of the best designed, most comfortable full-time cruising boats available while minimizing the impact of boat maintenance on . . . boating and enjoying life on the water !

Please note: All of the equipment listings below are the owner’s best attempt to catalog the extensive shipboard equipage.

On top the great GH37 design, Balena’s performance and comfort has been additionally enhanced over the years with

- Vacuflush vacuum generators overhauled and all sanitation hoses replace (2018)
- All seating cushions replaced (2017)
- Solar power (2017)
- Bow eyes with Mantis snubber (2017)

- Dinghy outboard replaced with Suzuki 30HP (2017)
- Diesel hydronic heating system (2015) entirely re-plumbed (2018) for easier maintenance
- Multiple large screen TVs (2017)
- Amplifying wifi antenna (2017)
- Reverse osmosis watermaker (2015)
- Satellite TV (2015)
- Large alternators enabling running, for example, an A/C or some cooking underway (2015)
- Battery bank replaced (2019)
- Aft cockpit enclosure (Oct 2019)

SPECIFICATIONS

Boat Name: *Balena*

Year: 2006

Make/Model: Great Harbour GH-37

Designer: Lou Codega

Flag of Registry: United States

Hull Shape: Displacement

Dimensions

LOA: 36 ft 10 in

Beam: 15 ft 10 in

LWL: 36 ft 8 in

Minimum Draft: 2 ft 10 in

Bridge Clearance:

- All masts up: 30 ft

- HF antenna down: 27 ft

- All masts down: 14 ft 9 in

Dry Weight: 25 tons

Engines: Twin 2005 Yanmar 4JH4E 54 HP inboard diesel engines (~ 3605 hours each)

Generator: MasPower MP8M Series 1 diesel genset with Yanmar 3JH engine (1266 hours)

Cruising Speed: 7 knots

Tanks

Fresh Water Tanks: 1 (250 Gallons)

Fuel Tanks: 750 gallons total (500 gal. center + 250 gal. stbd)

Holding Tanks: 1 (>200 Gallons)

Accommodations

Number of cabins: 1

Number of heads: 2

Balena GH-37 Walkthrough

Great Harbour GH-37, Balena, can be boarded by ladder on either port or starboard side to the upper deck and then through the pilothouse doors; or, through the doors into the aft cockpit. The aft cockpit, enclosed with eisenglass, can be used as an additional seating/eating area, having a high table with 2 tall chairs. The aft cockpit also contains two storage cabinets, with freshwater & diesel fill connections on top and shore power connection on front the starboard cabinet. Off the aft cockpit are two doors - the starboard, leading straight to starboard for easy boat entry & exit, and the port to the swim platform & boat exit.

The salon is entered through a door from the aft cockpit. It's light filled & roomy with large opening & screened windows with blinds on three sides and teak & holly floors and mahogany cabinetry throughout. There is a convenient pass-through to the galley to port forward. All Balena's interior seating was beautifully refreshed in 2017. In the salon to port is an L-shaped seating area, a new artisan-designed & crafted hi-low expandable table with two hinged extensions. To starboard is mahogany cabinetry with a center entertainment cabinet with a hinged top that hides away the large LCD TV and a bottom section containing stereo, CD/DVD & satellite TV equipment. To either side of the center unit are additional cabinets for storage. The engine room is accessed through an easy opening shock-assisted hatch in the center of the salon sole. At the lower end of the stairs to the pilothouse is a cabinet housing the apartment-size stacked washer and dryer.

Following the stairs up to the pilothouse, the helm is equipped with a moveable helm chair, windows all around and port & starboard doors to access the exterior decks. Aft of the helm station is an L-shaped seating area & table, which extends to be a chart table or lowered to enable a queen berth. Aft of the seating area is a watch berth with storage & HF radio equipment below. The opening, screened windows around the seating area have custom curtains inside. Outside all pilothouse windows are new (2017) reflective light screening canvas covers. The boat's three reverse-cycle marine heating/cooling systems are located in the forward cabinets and under the port seating.

Outside the pilothouse forward is the Portuguese fly bridge providing both storage and safety & protection. Front of the pilothouse are freshwater wash-down, shore power and cable TV/telephone connections. Moving forward is a spacious bow area with port & starboard storage lockers with seating and a bow sprit with a two anchor windlass.

Moving aft from the pilot house and up the steps is the dinghy deck leading to the tender, satellite TV antenna, electric winch-controlled mast holding ship electronics and access to the top of the pilothouse & solar panels.

Back to the salon and then a few steps down going forward are the galley to port and a utility room & guest head to starboard. Under-sole storage is located on both the port and starboard sides.

The galley is equipped with a large side-by-side refrigerator, combination convection/microwave and cooktop. There are two opening port lights, a double sink and extensive mahogany cabinets and drawers.

The utility room is equipped with L shaped base and wall mounted cabinets aft. Here you'll also find a chest freezer and trash compactor and a door to the guest head. The port side head offers a large shower, opening port lights, Vacuflush toilet, sink, vanity with storage cabinet and medicine cabinet. There is also a graphic display of the boat electric plant status mounted on the inboard wall.

The master stateroom is located in the bow with an island queen berth, four opening port lights and a screened/shaded opening hatch above the berth. The berth is flanked by reading lights, super quiet fans & mahogany cabinetry with generous hanging lockers & drawers on each side. Four large storage drawers are under the berth at the foot of the bed and more under-sole storage is located to port and starboard. On the starboard side, viewable from the bed, is a 32-inch LCD TV. Behind the doors as you enter the stateroom are the electric breaker panels, generator and inverter controls and tank level display.

EQUIPAGE DETAILS

Balena GH-37 Accommodations

Balena offers one staterooms, with additional accommodations in the pilothouse. There is an island queen in the master suite with Tempur-Pedic mattress. The pilothouse offers a single watch berth and seating that converts to a queen berth.

Balena GH-37 Salon

The salon is accessed through a door from the aft cockpit and contains:

- Upholstered L-shaped seating area with storage below (canvas & cushions replaced 2017)
- Custom designed & artisan-built extendable hi-lo table with hinged extensions (2017)
- Large opening windows all around with custom shades
- Mahogany cabinetry
- Storage unit with drawers in cabinet
- Samsung 32" SmartTV (2016) linked to exterior cable, over-the-air broadcasts, mast mounted Wifi and KVH satellite dish.
- Kenmore 24" TrimFit™ stacked washer & dryer
- Teak and holly sole
- 7' ceiling height
- Area rug

- Floor hatch access to engine room
- Storage area under one step tread
- Hinged side table at pass-through to galley

Balena GH-37 Galley

The galley is located on the starboard side forward of the salon and has:

- GE 23 cubic foot Profile Refrig/Freezer with icemaker and front ice & water dispenser
- GE Advantium Convection/Microwave Oven
- Kenyon four-burner cook top.
- Mahogany cabinets and drawers
- 2 opening, screened portlights
- 7' ceiling height
- Teak and holly sole
- Under sole storage

Balena GH-37 Master Stateroom

The master stateroom is located in the bow and comes with:

- Island queen berth with Tempur-Pedic mattress
- 32-inch Samsung SmartTV (2016)
- Mahogany cabinetry with generous hanging lockers and drawers port and starboard
- Super quiet, 3-speed gimbaleed Caframo Sirocco II fans (2017)
- Large under berth drawers
- Reading lights over head of berth
- Four opening, screened port lights
- Opening ceiling hatch with screen/shade
- Teak and holly sole
- Under sole storage
- Bow thruster & windlass battery status display

Balena GH-37 Master Head & sink

Located within the master suite, providing

- Shower with 6'8" ceiling height
- Teak and holly sole
- Fresh water Vacuflush toilet
- Vanity sink with storage cabinet and countertop extension
- Medicine cabinet
- Wall-mounted makeup mirror (2017)

Balena GH-37 Utility Room

The utility room is to starboard forward of the salon and comes with:

- Midea WHS-129C1 3.5 cubic ft chest freezer (2017)
- Broan 1052-B trash compactor

- Victron Color Control GX electric plant display (2017)
- L-shaped base and wall-mounted Mahogany cabinets
- Under cabinet shelf
- Two opening screened portlights
- Teak and holly sole
- Under sole storage
- 7' ceiling height

Balena GH-37 Guest Head

The head is located to port forward of the guest stateroom and contains:

- Shower with 6'8" ceiling height
- Fresh water Vacuflush toilet
- Vanity sink with storage cabinet
- Medicine cabinet
- Opening, screened portlight

Balena GH-37 Pilothouse

The elevated pilothouse offers exceptional visibility of close-in waters and a great view with windows all around. Outfitted with:

- Helm chair (moveable) and instrument panel
- Watch berth, with storage below
- Beautiful settee & table, which can convert to a chart table or queen berth
- Opening screened windows all around, with interior curtains on seating area windows and exterior reflective screens for all pilothouse windows
- Port and starboard doors from pilothouse to Portuguese bridge and ladder access to dock
- 6'7" ceiling height

Balena GH-37 Aft Cockpit

The aft cockpit on the Great Harbour is located aft, just forward of the swim platform and situated just above water level. Fully enclosed with eisenglass, it offers additional airy living space through most seasons. Contains:

- High bar-height table with accompanying chairs
- Overhead fishing rod storage
- Shore power, diesel & freshwater fill connections
- Two storage lockers
- Freshwater hot & cold water faucet & hand-held shower

Balena GH-37 Swim platform & transom

- Beam-width swim platform with port & starboard cleats & swim ladder
- Stainless steel safety grab-rail on transom with fishing rod holder

Balena GH-37 Audio/Visual Equipment

- 32-inch Samsung SmartTV (2016) in salon
- 32-inch Samsung SmartTV (2016) in master stateroom
- TracVision M5 KVH control box
- Bose stereo entertainment system with 3 speakers & CD/DVD player
- KVH M5 Tracvision satellite dish
- Coastal Marine wifi antenna/receiver/amplifier with TRENDnet TED-731BR 300 Mbps access point and POE injector.
- Shakespeare Seawatch 19 in. Marine Tv Antenna

Navigational & Engine Control Electronics

- Twin ELO ET1567L 15" high resolution touch screen displays (2017)
- Nobeltec TimeZero V3 PC based navigational software on PC with Logitech K400+ keyboard/touchpad & Kensington Orbit wireless mouse (2017)
- Nobeltec charts:
 - USA High Resolution Satellite Photos
 - NOAA Vector Charts & USACE Inland Charts
 - USA - East Coast and Bahamas
 - Great Lakes & The Canadian Maritimes
 - NOAA Raster Charts
- Nobeltec IR2-2D 20" 2kW/24 mile dome radar with MDS-5R radar sensor control box
- Nobeltec GPS-18W WAAS GPS antenna
- ICOM M504A VHF Marine Transceiver
- Standard Horizon HX851 hand held VHF transceiver
- ICOM IC-M802 HF Marine transceiver with SeaTech PTC Pactor HF modem
- Em-trak B-100 AIS-B transponder
- Raymarine autopilot with S100 autopilot Remote, ST6001 Smartpilot Controller, SeaTalk Joystick, Fluxgate compass, rudder position sensor
- Nobeltec sounder
- Max Power CT225 24-volt bow thruster
- Ritchie 3-1/2" compass
- Davis Vantage Vue weather station
- Pair of headsets

Balena GH-37 Electrical System

Batteries & chargers

- House
 - Twelve Deka GC15 six volt 230 amp-hour house batteries (1380 amp hour total) (2019)
 - Flow-Rite RV2000 & RV2020 Pro-fill battery fill system
- Other

- 2 Trojan 12V 8D AGM batteries in series for 24 volt for windlass and bow thruster with battery charger & custom charger monitor
- BoosterPac Battery Jumpstart dinghy winch battery charger (in lazerette)
- Dinghy winch battery (2014)
- Ozark SuperStart U1LH 230 CCA generator startup battery

Power generation, switching, conversion and monitoring

- Alternators: 2 Delco 25Si 160 amp belt-driven alternators (one each engine) with Balmar Centerfielder Charge Parallel Controller and Balmar Max Charge MC-614 Voltage Regulator
- MasPower MP8M Series 1 diesel genset with Yanmar 3JH engine (1266 hours)
- Solar:
 - 4 Hyundai HiS-S290RG 290 Watt Mono Solar Panel (1160 watts total)
 - Victron Energy SmartSolar MPPT 150/85 solar power controllers
- two IOTA automatic transfer switches
- twin Victron Multiplus 12V 3000VA 120 amp inverters
- Victron Color Control GX electric plant status & control panel

Shore power

- 2 SmartPlug 50 amp/ 250 volt inlets, one located aft cockpit and one centerline pilothouse forward
- 50 ft 50 amp shore power cable with SmartPlug
- 15A to 30A adapter
- 100' cable TV cable
- 50' cable TV & telephone cable
- Hubbel YQ 230 twin 30A-to-50 amp connector

Balena GH-37 Engine/Mechanical Equipment

Engines

- Twin Yanmar 4JH4E 54 hp engines (approximately 3530 hrs)
- ZF Mathers MicroCommander MicroCommander 9110X Engine Controls

Fuel & Filtration

- 750 gallons diesel storage in two fiberglass tanks (500 centerline, 250 stbd) (fiberglass)
- FloScan NMEA-Pulse 9000 fuel management system
- Jabsco oil changing system for two engines & generator
- Racor Fuel transfer and polishing system
- Racor S3211TUL filters: twin for engines/ single for generator & hydronic heating system with selector valves, manual priming pumps and vacuum gauges

Freshwater

- Seaward 6 gallon hot water heater (2017)

- 250 gallons freshwater tank (fiberglass)
- 400 gallon per day HRO Systems Seafari Escape model reverse osmosis watermaker

Sanitation

- two Vacuflush freshwater toilets with two vacuum generators (rebuilt 2017)
- blackwater tank >200 gallon capacity (fiberglass)
- Trident Marine 101-1126 EPDM black rubber premium sanitation hoses (April 2017)
- TW-12 sanitation tank overboard discharge pump (replaced 2018)
- Overboard discharge hose disconnect for Vermont and Canadian water cruising (June 2018)

Air conditioning/heating

- 2 Marine Air 16,000 BTU and 1 Marine Comfort 12,000 BTU located in pilothouse (below port side settee, p/s in the pilothouse console)
- ITR H2D hydronic diesel heater

Balena GH-37 Deck Equipment

Ground tackle

- Maxwell 1200, 24 volt horizontal windlass (overhauled June 2018)
- Fortress FX-37 style fluke anchor with 60' of 5/16" galvanized BB coil chain and 150' of 5/8" marine grade nylon rode
- 55 lb Rocna anchor with 200' 5/16" HT galvanized chain
- twin bow eyes with Mantus anchor bridle (2017)
- 1000 lb dinghy davit with Warn 3700 lb DC winch
- 300' (four 50-ft & one 100 foot length) Buccaneer Medallion 8-Plait Nylon Rope Line (2017)
- numerous other line

Hull

- Bottom painted July 2017 at Port Annapolis Marina. Hull was taken down to gel/fiberglass, then primed and painted with three coats Sea HawkTuff-Stuff Epoxy Primer, one coat Sea Hawk Sharkskin, Red #6141 epoxy based bottom paint and two coats Sea Hawk Tropikote Black. (Bottom paint in process of being sanded and painted Mar 2019)
- Props were cleaned and painted with PropSpeed Mar 2019)
- PSS shaft seals (replaced Mar 2019)

Exterior storage

- Two storage cabinets forward of the Portuguese bridge
- Two large storage cabinets aft of the pilothouse, starboard and port
- Portuguese flybridge storage port & starboard
- Lazerette storage accessible through aft cockpit deck

Misc. deck equipment

- Six Taylor fenders with lowering catches and new covers
- Two large and one smaller ball fenders

- Boarding ladder
- Various freshwater & utility hoses
- Power washer with attachments
- 2 rail-mounted paddleboard racks
- 2 rail-mounted fishing rod holders

Balena GH-37 Safety and Fire Protection

- Kidde smoke/CO2 detector
- Pactrade marine 150 db horn
- Personal Flotation Devices:
 - Four USCG type V inflatable
 - Ten USCG type II
 - One USCG type IV ring buoy
- Fire extinguishers:
 - Four USCG size BC1 located in the salon, master stateroom stbd side, pilot house to port, and dinghy
 - One fixed Fireboy type FE241 halon type engine room fire extinguishing system with thermal and remote (pilothouse) manual pull cable activation located stbd side pilothouse
- Coast guard approved visual distress signals
- Jabsco spot/flood light at the mast, with remote control at helm
- Jabsco 3550 GPH bilge pumps & alarms port & stbd engine room and lazarette with pilothouse alarm indicator

Balena GH-37 Tender

- Caribe T12 RIB w/console, electric start battery and cover.
- Suzuki 30 hp 4 stroke engine with power tilt/trim (2017)
- Lowrance HDS5 GPS chartplotter
- Uniden MH5125 hand-held VHF transceiver
- C-Level 3-Point Dinghy Towing Bridle for Inflatable Boats
- Canvas covers for helm seat and center console
- Five 5-gallon gas containers

Balena GH-37 Exclusions

Seller's personal belongings are excluded from sale