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Mercator Offshore 30 sailboat - \$18000 (Seattle (Portage Bay))

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Mercator Offshore 30 sailboat, Hull #207 built in 1973

More pictures can be seen at <http://picasaweb.google.com/junaido999/BillikenMercator30>. Boat has spent at least the last 20 years of its life moored in fresh water on the Columbia River and now Lake Union.

Price : \$18000 OBO

Hull/Rigging :

LOA 30', Beam 9',LWL 25.5', Displacement 10,600 lbs, Draft 4' 8", Capsize Ratio 1.6 (< 2 considered desirable for offshore work), Motion Comfort Ratio 32.2 (higher the better)

Underbody is a long keel (encapsulated lead/iron ballast) and skeg-protected rudder. The narrow beam means it cuts through water easily and has good sheeting angles for excellent windward performance. Long keel makes for a well-balanced boat that tracks well. Its a masthead sloop rig with beefy over-sized rigging. Mast is deck-stepped and has steps for ease of climbing.

These boats are well-built cruisers with proven offshore capability. Many have made extended passages, at least one has circumnavigated. There were about 60 or so of these boats (MK1 and MKII) built in the 70s.

Features/Highlights :

- * Very low hour, professionally installed Westerbeke 18HP, 2-cylinder, fresh-water cooled diesel. Only used ~160 hours. Fires up fast and runs like a champ. Easy access to engine filters and components in the aft compartment.. Engine was serviced in July, new belt, new exhaust hose, oil changed and racor fuel filter installed.
- * Well-appointed interior with teak & holly sole and good joinery / woodwork through out the cabin.
- * VHF (old and temperamental), autohelm depth, knotmeter. Large 5" Ritchie lighted compass, masthead windex wind-direction indicator
- * Tiller steering with Navico TP5000 tillerpilot
- * Pressure water with foot-pedal switch, Culligan in-line filter
- * Wired for 30A Shore power, separate AC and DC switch panels, West Marine Inverter, Promariner Protech 3-bank smart battery charger
- * 3 Marine batteries. 2 of them are almost new.
- * Ample water (40G) and diesel (40G) tankage
- * Force 10 kerosene 3-burner cooking range with oven (much safer and economical compared to propane). External rail-mounted Magma stainless charcoal grill.
- * Cavernous icebox is accessible from cockpit as well as galley.
- * Sturdy Dodger keeps you protected from the elements
- * Adequate ground tackle with 2 Danforth anchors and plenty of rode
- * solid-state automatic bilge pump (new 2010) and manual bilge pump
- * Lots of extra sailing hardware and spares (rope clutches, lines, cleats, fenders, blocks etc.)
- * Sail inventory includes newer jib, original genoa, original batten-less main with 2 reef points. Newer main with battens and cunningham. Also has original storm jib and trysail for heavy weather sailing. Trysail has separate track on mast. The original sails are somewhat old and tired, though perfectly usable. The newer main and jib are in pretty decent condition.
- * Last haul out was in May 2010 when zincs were replaced and bottom pressure-washed. Bottom paint was still good at that time. Hull appeared sound with no blister issues. Diver cleaned bottom in July 2011 and reported no significant issues.
- * Layout : Spacious V-berth, enclosed head, hanging locker, teak and holly cabin sole, U-shaped dinette to port and a berth to starboard, galley, aft compartment for storage and a small nav. table seating area.
- * Sevyamarine inflatable dinghy with electric motor included with full price offer.
- * Microwave and small AC fridge as well as 12V Fridge will also be included with full price offer.

I bought this boat a couple of year ago and spent considerable time and money getting it ready for cruising. There are a few minor upkeep/cosmetics tasks as can be expected with any boat of this vintage. However, these do not prevent immediate usage of the boat. It

can be motored and sailed as-is right now. I have sailed it all over the Columbia River from Astoria to Portland and up the coast to Seattle. Boat is currently located in Seattle in Portage Bay near UW campus. Moorage may be transferrable and is very attractively priced.

Call 503-706-9532 / 206-547-9458 or email if interested. I may also be open to a partnership with 1 or 2 other like-minded individuals.

Note : Inflatable dinghy shown in pictures is not incuded in this price.

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