

Irwin 37 Competition Yacht For Sale





The Yacht

Classic Irwin 37 Competition, “The Other Woman”, with a history, for sale Philippines.
Built to race, happy to cruise.

This Irwin 37 was originally designed and built by Ted Irwin in Florida, USA, for his personal use and named *La Pantera* (the panther). It is reported that *La Pantera* was the last racing design by Irwin Yachts to be built using reinforced fibreglass before moving to Kevlar and other exotic materials. Promoted as a “One-ton Momma with a heart of Gold”, she can sleep as many as eight people. Refurbishment almost complete this year in Subic Bay, Philippines, she is about ready to take you cruising swiftly around the islands or wherever your passion guides you.

History

The yacht, under her original name *La Pantera*, was built and raced in the early 70's by Ted Irwin, notably in the St. Petersburg-to-Mexico Race (1974) where she finished 2nd overall to Burt Kennan's 55-foot ketch, *Southerly*.

Sold by Ted Irwin and delivered to Hong Kong she had to change her name, because there was already a '*La Pantera*' registered as a sailing yacht in the British colony at the time. So *La Pantera* became *Sorcerer* under the command of the owner R.C. Ingoldby.

In 1980 and 1982 *Sorcerer* participated in the biennial South China Sea Race (600 miles Hong Kong to Manila, Philippines). She was sailing South to the Philippines again at least in 1989 when *Sorcerer* participated in the biennial RHKYC San Fernando Race (480 miles Hong Kong to San Fernando, Philippines).

In 1993 she was acquired by a German gentleman who sailed her, mostly cruising. At some point around the turn of the century she was put on-the-hard at Watercraft Ventures in Subic Bay – Subic Bay being considerably less expensive than Hong Kong to dry-sail a yacht – where she stayed after the owner relocated. She stayed on the hard for a number of years during which time the decks & interior suffered from the heat and humidity until . . .

An entrepreneur with a sailing dream, saw her and purchased her.

Sorcerer was stripped stem to stern and the decks and interior were rebuilt based on Ted Irwin's original design.

With her new owner, *Sorcerer* spent the next ten years of her life cruising the Philippine Islands and occasionally club racing out of Subic Bay and Puerto Galera. *Sorcerer* was featured on the front cover of Active Boating & Watersports Magazine - action-photographed in the middle of a spinnaker gybe during the All Souls Regatta in 2012.

Participating in such classic Philippine sailing events as the Puerto Galera All Souls Regatta and the iconic (Subic Bay to) Boracay Race, she was skillfully sailed into a 1st place in the 2013 Vasco's Cup (100 mile feeder-race from Subic Bay to the All Souls Regatta) and had a number of 2nd and 3rd place trophies to add to her collection.

In 2018 she was back at Watercraft Ventures again when the entrepreneur re-located his business overseas. He expected to bring *Sorcerer* to follow, once he found a suitable location to berth her and from where to sail her, but eventually decided to sell her to the current owner who lives in Subic Bay.

Unfortunately, in 2019, while on a Watercraft Ventures mooring, she experienced a through-hull-fitting leak and was partially submerged before being rescued. The interior accommodation basically rendered unusable by the inundation, but because the hull and rigging were still sound, the decision was made to rebuild/refurbish the interior once again.

Rebuild/refurbishment almost completed, but due to post-Covid business demands, the current owner is interested to offer her for sale to someone who will embrace *Sorcerer*

and take her on new adventures to expand her history as a “One-ton Momma with a heart of Gold”.

Sorcerer can accommodate 6-8 people sleeping: forepeak berth (1-2 persons); two pilot-berths; two cabin berths; and one quarter berth (1-2 persons). She has: an ice-box but no refrigerator (refrigeration could be added to the ice-box); space for a gimbaled stove-top & oven (not replaced after inundation); a toilet and shower room; a solar panel aft of the cockpit to keep the batteries topped-up; and, a shore-power inlet for use when in the marina.

What has been done in the refurbishment:

- almost all the interior flat surfaces have been replaced with new marine-ply and painted, flooring replaced and has teak-look non-slip.
- original hardwood trims were retained where possible
- new cabinet/locker doors, hinges etc. replace with new
- all soft furnishings replaced
- jib halyard and main halyard replaced along with a number of lines
- engine overhauled
- windows removed/resealed
- new fore-hatch and companionway door
- new cockpit engine start

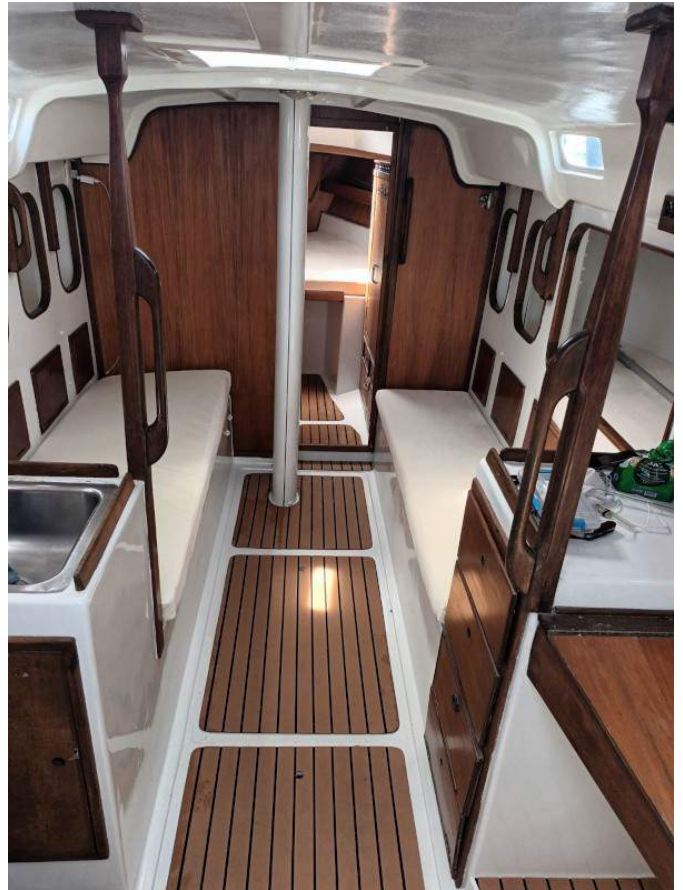
What remains to be done:

- install new chart-plotter (purchased)
- new depth gauge (to be selected by new owner)
- repair or replace binnacle compass (November 2023)
- install two sheet jammers

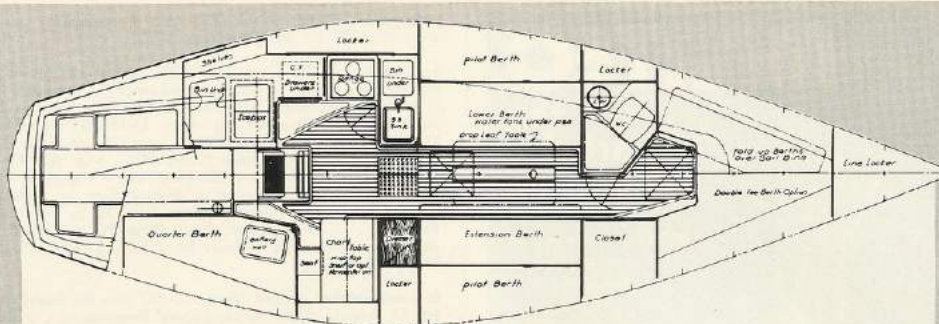
Sea-trial November 2023

Sorcerer was sailed out of Subic Bay Yacht Club with 5-7 knots of easterly breeze, with main and 135% #1 jib she easily achieved 4.7-5.2 knots boat speed. See short video.



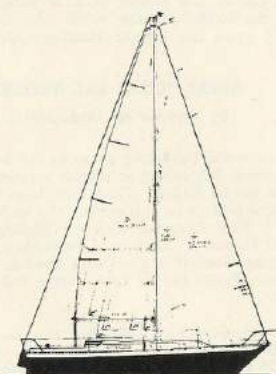






The other Woman

a one-ton Momma with a heart of gold



Length Overall 37'0"
 Length Waterline 29'4"
 Beam 11'8"
 Draft (fin keel) 6'3"
 Ballast (lead) 7,300 lbs.
 Designed Displacement 15,800 lbs.
 Sail Area 628 sq. ft.
 Headroom (average) 6'3"
 Rating (IOR MK III) 27.5 est.

Introductory Price: \$23,950.00

Irwin's new Competition 37 is one woman of the world your wife will want to meet

The Competition 37 is a racing machine with a really great interior plan, so unique among the 'ton' boats that she needs to be introduced from the inside out. Before all the jazz about why she's so fast and race sophisticated . . .

You want comfort; you get comfort! Ted Irwin's trunk cabin design pops the myth that successful 'ton' boats must be cramped, bubble deck rule-beaters. There are jumbo berths for five, with two more in the forward cabin when you opt for people over sails. The U-shaped galley is large, completely out of the passageway, yet conveniently close to the cockpit for easy passing of food or sharing in conversation. Opposite the galley is a sit-in navigator's station with chart table, lockers, space for potted petunias or vast instrumentation. Ample beam contributes to the spacious interior, permitting a generous main cabin and head compartment. And throughout the interior, natural woods and tasteful fabrics are coordinated for easy living.

To race in comfort, to cruise in splendor, to live like a sheik . . . get thee behind me, Satan, and write for Irwin's spicy catalog on the Competition 37. *Oh momma!*



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