

Saorsa II is For Sale

Executive Summary

Saorsa II is a **Niagara 35**, designed by Mark Ellis and constructed in 1979 by *Hinterhoeller Yachts* in St. Catharines, Ontario. She is hull number 55 of the line.

The Niagara 35 has earned a reputation as a fast, seaworthy, and easily managed blue water cruising yacht. She is a high quality, medium displacement masthead sloop that is heavily built, and recognized as an ideal coastal cruiser which is capable of offshore passages. She has a functional deck layout and easily-handled sail plan. These characteristics provide an excellent platform to cruise safely and comfortably.



Saorsa II is the classic version of interior layout which is hailed by some as a near perfect design for cruising couples. This unique arrangement replaces the traditional v-berth with a fore-peak containing a work bench and ample storage. The classic layout provides a roomy saloon, with sea berths, galley and head all within reach of the cockpit. An aft “cabin” immediately forward of the companionway steps houses the readily-accessible chart table and navigation station. This layout allows the off-watch crew to rest below on the saloon berths without disturbance while the vessel is sailed.

Saorsa II is the best kept example of a Niagara 35 on the market. Under our two decades of ownership, *Saorsa II* has benefited from careful ongoing maintenance and frequent equipment refits and upgrades. Over \$80,000 has been spent in upgrades over the last 20 years. These include a *Yanmar* diesel engine, rebuilt decks (\$43,000) including deck paint, new lifelines and deck hardware, new soft-goods including interior cushions covered with durable Sunbrella, upgraded electrical, and a good sail inventory well suited to the cruising lifestyle. The owner is a graduate of the *Chapman School of Seamanship* course on Yacht and Small Craft Survey¹. Hence, the boat is exceptionally well fitted and truly beautiful throughout. A chronology of this work and a current inventory is provided in separate documents.

Prior to our purchase of *Saorsa II* in 1998, She had had two previous owners and spent the first half of Her life entirely in fresh water. This vessel has been stored in a heated building each winter for the past ten years where she was exceptionally well protected from the depredations of winter.

¹ <https://www.chapman.org/p/57> The current owner completed this course in early 2011 at the top of his class with an overall grade of 98%.