 526

Performance and Luxury



RESTORING BALANCE TO THE CATAMARAN UNIVERSE

What does it mean to be in balance, to stay in balance?

We think it's finding that perfect place where our needs and desires are met in just the right measure.

The Balance 526 delivers that right measure with its balance of speed, design, quality, and comfort.

"This is one very, very fast catamaran
laden or empty...a sort of BMW M series
for the open seas. " – Multihulls World, 2019





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SHE'S DESIGNED FOR
CRUISERS UNWILLING
TO SACRIFICE SPEED

Perfect balance is achieved only when all competing elements work in harmony. This is Balance Catamarans' design philosophy. It is a never-ending drive for perfect balance.

Norhi's owners put this philosophy to the test and were first across the line at the recent Cape2Rio race beating race-ready multihulls that tout performance. Our cats are a winning balance of speed and comfort.

SAILING PERFORMANCE



Overall Length

16.00 m / 52.50 ft

Sail Area (100% Foretriangle)

157.1 m2 / 1,690 ft2

Air Draft/Mast Clearance

23.93 m / 78.53 ft

Co-Designers

Phillip Berman & Du Toit Yacht
Design

Waterline Length

15.64 m / 51.31 ft

Asymmetric Spinnaker

240 m2 / 2,582 ft2

Displacement (Base Boat)

12,500 kg / 27,558 lbs

Beam Overall

8.26 m / 27.17 ft

Screacher/Reacher

88 m2 / 947 ft2

Main Sail

106 m2 / 1,141 ft2

Draft (Boards Down)

2.16 m / 7.07 ft

Working Self-Tacking Jib

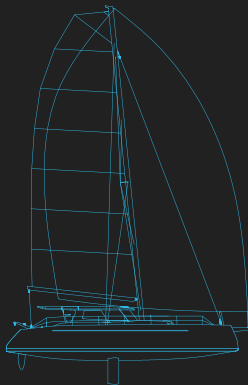
43 m2 / 461 ft2

Draft (Boards Up)

1.12m / 3.68 ft

Please note that, based on component availability and other factors, specifications are subject to change without notice.

The weight of each yacht we build varies based on her interior fit-out, materials chosen, hardware and added equipment. All our catamarans are designed for best-in-class weight and sailing performance, without compromising strength or quality.



GREEN & STRONG

With her powerful 1,690-square foot-sail plan the Balance 526 ghosts along in 5 knots of wind while others are burning diesel. But when its blowing, furl in her headsails, reef her down, and fly. She is built to withstand the worst weather.

Engine Yanmar

4JH57 X SD 60

2× 57 HP / 2×43 kW

Fuel Capacity

2 x 500 ltrs / 2 x 130 gals

Fresh Water Capacity

2 x 390 ltrs / 2 x 103 gals

Black Water Capacity

2 x 60 ltrs / 2 x 16 gals





GORGEOUS INTERIOR DESIGN

With her owner-version configuration, the Balance 526 easily accommodates six people. And Balance's innovative salon table converts into a queen-size bed so you can always host another couple. It is also a place to hang out, read a book, or sleep when your partner is on watch. Her master shower aft is luxurious. The 526 sports 6'10" of headroom, boasts a large U-shaped galley, and offers more cabinetry than any performance catamaran of her size and class.

AWARD-WINNING VERSAHELM®

The new 526 delivers expansive sight lines, the result of technological innovations. The flow and openness between the main salon and cockpit are superbly designed with the VersaHelm® – a helm station that swings up and down with ease. The VersaHelm® has revolutionized all weather sailing and been copied by others. At Balance, our quest for perfect balance means we innovate, we create, we imagine better sailing experiences at every stage. And then we build it.





SPEED AND EASE OF OPERATION IN BALANCE

The 526 is fast, but how does she balance the need for speed with the reality of singlehanded sailing? Her self-tending blade jib makes tacking a simple matter of turning over the helm. All of her reefing and sail management takes place at the upper helm station.

With her dual furling headsails, electric winches, and mainsheet system that operates without a traveler, her ease of sailing is remarkable.

“It was clear that Berman and Du Toit had spent
hundreds of hours to design what they felt was
the ultimate blue-water performance cat.”

– Multihulls Quarterly

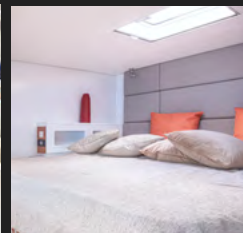


FAST BUT ALWAYS GRACIOUS.

Design Matters With Every Balance

We take our quest for perfect balance into every detail, making the Balance 526 a sheer delight to live on. It is the most gracious liveaboard catamaran to be found today. Its luxury is in perfect harmony with its power.





There truly is “no place like home.”

She's a pleasure to move about on whether that's cooking, sleeping, lounging, bathing, dining or entertaining friends and family. There is a place to store everything on the 526, and a lot of places to just hang out and relax. You can pilot her up top in fair weather, pilot her down in the cold, you can lounge and read inside or outside, turn your tables into beds, into dining tables, into pleasure nooks for reading or watching the latest film.



Balance Catamarans builds a range of semi-production, handcrafted performance sailing catamarans of uncompromising quality, ranging from 42 to 75 ft.



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