

15-20 METRES
50-65 FEET

Kanter 53

Today's sell-up and sailaways dream of a vehicle such as the Kanter 53 in which to explore the world's oceans. Light, easily handled and shoal draught it is purpose-designed by Chuck Paine for the role. Aluminium provides the perfect solution at this length

Chuck Paine's Bermuda series has carved a niche on the oceans of the world, making fine short-handed passage-makers.

Kanter Yachts of Ontario, skilled in aluminium, have built a number of them, as at over 16m (50ft) the material really comes into its own for strength and weight. She's closely framed for strength among the coral reefs, while the furniture is cored composite – the weight thus saved can be used for more stores. The framing schedule also encourages extensive insulation on a hull which will survive impact almost as well as steel, and is nearly as easily repaired.

The Kanter 53, *Cancan*, is moderately light and stuffed with modern conveniences, for she is destined to be a cruising couple's home in the Pacific. That means everything from trash compactor, watermaker and big CD library.

The pilot house is a necessity when long watchkeeping periods will be normal practice, the green-tinted safety glass shedding light on what is destined to be the prime area for pilotage and off-watch pursuits.

Seven overhead perimeter windows ensure that this doesn't turn into a greenhouse, while a further eight outside dorade vents flood the accommodation with fresh air.

The Bermuda series have a freshwater ballast system, which makes best use of this precious commodity, while a fully-automated rig by LeisureFurl



takes care of things aloft. Stiff and fast, her elliptical bulb keel 1.82m (6ft) down keeps her on track as well as any shoal draught vessel has a right, while a V-driven Maxprop pushes her at 8.2 knots cruising should the wind fail.

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LOA 16.2m (53ft 1in)
Beam 4.6m (15ft 3in)
Draught 1.9m (6ft 2in)
Designer Chuck Paine
Builder Kanter Yachts

