# **Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 (2016-)**

# **Brief Summary**

The Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 comes in both deep and shoal draft keel options. Offered in a two or three stateroom configuration with one or two heads, this intermediate-sized sailing yacht provides both the flexibility of day sailing or racing as well as intermediate to long distance cruising. By any measure, this is a 41' (12 m) boat that offers the space and elbow room one would typically find in a more traditional sailing yacht of a much larger scale. The cockpit area is large and allows ease of movement accented by the dual helm stations. This spaciousness allows captain, crew and guests, at least six, if not more, room to move about without the all too familiar stepping on of hands and feet. Capable of extended transits, the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 is designed for a wide range of applications at a competitive price.

#### **Price**

#### Base Price \$207400.00

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# **Key Features**

- Available in two and three-cabin layouts, the choice of one or two heads
- Hard chine stretches nearly the entire length of the hull, providing more room on deck and in the cabin, greater stability, and better performance
- Rig and sail plan purposely moved a bit aft for better balance and easy sailing
- Six oversized hull windows
- Spacious cockpit features twin helm stations, with folding helm seats and standard courtesy lights
- Electrically operated full beam-width swim platform with concealed folding step integrates into transom
- Large owner stateroom forward with plenty of storage space in hanging lockers, drawers and under bunk
- L-shaped galley to port offers a large refrigerator space with access from both the top and the front and a deep stainless steel sink

# **Specifications**

Length Overall	40' 9" / 12.43 m
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BEAM	13' 9"   4.20 m
Dry Weight	17,271 lbs.   7,836 kg
Tested Weight	
Draft	7' 2"   2.18 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	53 gal.   201 L
Water Capacity	63 gal.   240 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	

Total Weight			
Aft Deck			
Salon Inside Width			
Salon Fore & Aft			
Salon Height			
Salon Volume			
Galley Volume			
Master SR Width			
Master SR fore & Aft			
Master SR Overhead			
Master SR Volume			
Eng. Room Volume			
Acceleration Times & Conditions			
Time to Plane			
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Ratio

Props

Load	
Climate	

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Like most Beneteau sailing yachts currently in production, the Oceanis 41.1 is equipped with twin helms for increased comfort, ease of handling, and overall sailing enjoyment. With an overall length of 40'9" (12.4 m) and displacing just under 20,000 lbs. (9,072 kg), she is offered in four interior configurations to best suit the needs of her owner. Whether set up for racing, day sailing, cruising or for charter, the new Oceanis 41.1 incorporates many proven features and benefits.

#### Mission of the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1

As stated, the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 is capable of "multi-tasking" between cruising, racing, or as a fun cruiser/racer. The most basic configuration is the twin cabin, single head layout. This version provides comfortable accommodations for a sailing crew. She can be set up for racing. At the same time, she affords

ample crew quarters to move her significant distances from one event to another – or to make long passages when cruising. Her large cockpit, hydraulic swim platform, and user-friendly deck make her ideal for dayboating and entertaining.

Beneteau Oceanis 4101 twin cabin layout

The twin cabin with a port quarter storage locker and single head configuration.

#### **Overview**

The two-cabin version with sail locker is also offered with a second head forward en suite with the master stateroom. By adding the second head, this layout maintains the generous room in the additional port quarter storage sail locker utilized for stores and provisions to allow for more extended stays aboard while cruising. The twin cabin with a port quarter storage locker and dual head configuration.

The three-cabin layout replaces the port quarter storage space with the third berth, and while it is offered in a single head arrangement, taking advantage of the second head would be a logical choice. This configuration sets up well for the possibility of term chartering, a feature Beneteau has long been known to offer, as either bareboat or with a captain. What the Oceanis 41.1 achieves is one hull and model that satisfies three distinct missions, with cross capabilities -- racing, cruising, charter and dayboating/entertaining.

Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 twin cabin layout

The three-cabin with single head configuration.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 three cabin layout

The three-cabin with dual head configuration.

#### **Major Features**

## Large Cockpit.

Many sailors, regardless of the size of the monohull boat they might be on, are too familiar with having to use the phrase, "Don't try to move out of my way or I will step on you". That is not the case with the

Beneteau Oceanis 41.1. Taking advantage of the full expanse of the beam from its widest point where it begins amidships and carries aft, the cockpit feels less like a "cockpit" and more like a deck.

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Shown here is the broad cockpit area of the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1.

#### **Safety Comes First.**

There are no abrupt contour changes or trip hazards, and the expanse is flat and consistent across the cockpit from the port to starboard bench seat. The twin helms are positioned in an appropriate area aft of the main cockpit seating, with the port helm being the master station. This configuration provides a clear separation between the operation of the boat and the enjoyment of passengers. Because the jib furling control lines come all the way back to the helm station, there is no need to move forward through the cockpit to unfurl or reef. This feature makes it very easy for short-handed sailing. The aft bench seat can accommodate up to four people comfortably sitting whether sailing or enjoying a warm sunset at anchor.

## Dining for Six.

With the folding settee table's leaves in the dining position, six people can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner with sufficient elbow room. The GPS chart display can be mounted, on a swivel, at the aft end of the table, allowing it to be viewed conveniently from either the port or starboard helm. The table is also wired for a plug-in cockpit lamp.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 transom

The Oceanis 41.1 with her transom converted into the swim platform. Note the handy step from the deck to the swim platform. Not shown is the swim ladder deployed.

#### Finot-Conq Design Chined Hull.

The defining feature of the Finot-Conq designed hull is the solid chine that's clearly visible as a subtle, angled crease, part way up the freeboard, running almost the full length of the boat. The chine allows Beneteau to extend the beam farther outboard, which results in additional comfort, cruising stability and speed, and a significant increase in the interior volume, resulting in wider berths, more storage, and as with the Oceanis 41.1, the comfortable oversized cockpit.

## **Keel Options**

The Oceanis 41.1 comes with two keel options – deep draft at 7'2" (50 cm) and shallow draft at 5'6" (1.68 m). We think that it is important to note that Beneteau has chosen to make even its shallow draft version 5'6" (1.68 m) deep, which means a minimal compromise on sailing performance. The boat we tested had the shoal draft keel.

## **Features Inspection by Function**

#### **Interior Cabin.**

As previously noted, the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 comes in four layouts, providing multiple functions and comfort. It is important to note also that the main salon settee table can telescope down, converting the table and settee into an additional berth for additional overnight guests.

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Plan view of the Oceanis 41.1 in the two-stateroom, single head configuration.

**The L-shaped galley**, located on the port side, is fully functional for a sailing yacht of this size, to include a separate front opening 34 gallon (128 L) refrigerator, a deep top-opening 22 gallon (83 L) storage freezer, a two-burner gimbaled stainless steel stovetop and oven, dual basin stainless steel sink, a microwave oven, overhead storage cabinets running the length of the galley and solid surface countertops. This design provides the essential requirements for any cooking needs, regardless of the length of passage.

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The L-shaped galley to port. Notice the abundance of windows, both in the hull and cabin top, allowing an abundance of natural light to enter the salon.

#### Interior Ambiance.

The Oceanis 41.1's interior is available in either dark Alpi mahogany joinery or blonde oak (shown below). Vinyl padding is available in white, taupe and anthracite, and an abundance of natural light from well-placed hatches and ports fills the salon. The table and settee, located to starboard, allows for indoor dining or working on a laptop. An additional feature is the sliding chart table to port which can also function as a work station. Air conditioning for the cabin is an option and recommended for those in lower latitudes.

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The salon of the Oceanis 41.1, featured in Blonde Oak.

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The dining area of the Oceanis 41.1.

**The forward cabin** has a double berth and dressing table with a storage locker to port (and to starboard as well in the single head configuration). Above there is a single hatch that can be used as a reading light and provides accent lighting.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 berth

The forward berth of the Oceanis 41.1 in the single head configuration.

Each quarter berth consists of a double bed, one hanging locker, accent lighting and a reading lamp. The starboard quarter berth has direct access to the aft head.

Beneteau Oceanis 41:1 port berth

The port quarter berth. In the two-cabin configuration, this is replaced by the storage locker in the two-stateroom layout.

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Shown is the aft head, in Blonde Oak, off the starboard berth.

## Companionway Design.

Heading up and out of the cabin and back into the cockpit, the companionway is ergonomic, with a shallow slope and wide steps, a 45 horsepower Yanmar engine below, and with the stair steps angled up to port and starboard, making ingress and egress from the cabin sure-footed while underway and on a heel.

## Cockpit, Main, Deck and Rig.

Coming up the companionway and back into the cockpit, to port and starboard are line bags, followed by tinted Plexiglas windows opening into the interior quarter berths outboard. The tinted glass does work effectively during night cruising by greatly reducing any light emitted from either cabin if a crew member is reading or preparing to go on watch. Additionally, when light is needed in the cockpit, mounted in the mainsail arch are two bright floodlights.

## **Running Rigging**

With a self-tacking jib and German main sheet system, the Oceanis 41.1 sails handily in variable wind conditions. The chined hull, along with her beam, helps limit her heel angle to around 15-degrees in a moderate breeze and she sets up for easy sailing. The headsail is roller furling and the sheets run back through turning blocks to the cockpit.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 lines

Shown are the Oceanis 41.1's lines and halyards.

**With a dodger installed**, anchored by the fiberglass mainsheet arch, the forward half of the cockpit is protected, even in heavier seas. The control lines and halyards are run under the deck and back to the jam cleats mounted on the coach roof as shown above.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 deck plan

Shown here is the upper deck layout of the Oceanis 41.1 from above.

The mast on the Oceanis 41.1 is set slightly aft, setting her up more as a cutter rig, and optimizing the sail plan to create more balanced performance in conjunction with the hull design. This design, in turn, creates a union of both speed and stability.

Beneteau Oceanis 41/11 Underway

View of the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 while underway.

#### **Observations**

Beneteau, in its new Oceanis 41.1, is offering what appears to be a tremendous amount of flexibility, sea keeping ability and comfort. With the hull design innovation that creates both space on deck and below along with solid performance, in a boat that can cruise comfortably for thousands of miles, the Oceanis 41.1 is set up for someone seeking value in an enjoyable, low-maintenance sailing yacht with the features of boats much larger.

Beneteau Oceanis 4101 profile shot

A profile of the Beneteau Oceanis 41.1 with full keel.