

Beneteau Barracuda 9 (2019-)

Brief Summary

The Beneteau Barracuda 9 is an enclosed pilothouse boat designed for versatility with outdoor seating areas fore and aft, a compact salon and sleeping space for four belowdecks. She's available with accessory packages focused on fishing or cruising and her deep-V bottom is designed to handle less-than-ideal sea conditions.

Price

Base Price \$93200.00

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Key Features

- AirStep2 bottom
- Available fold-out seating for eight in cockpit
- Bow seating area
- Stand-up head
- V-berth and aft cabin

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.3	2.8	1.1	3	2.6	282	245.1	59
1000	5.6	4.9	2.1	2.7	2.3	254	221.2	69
1500	7.5	6.5	3.4	2.2	1.9	210	183	68
2000	9.2	8	6.1	1.5	1.3	144	125.5	67
2500	10.7	9.3	8.9	1.2	1	115	99.7	75

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3000	17.7	15.3	12.1	1.5	1.3	139	121	75
3500	23.9	20.8	15.6	1.5	1.3	146	127.1	79
4000	28.5	24.7	19.1	1.5	1.3	142	123.9	80
4500	34.1	29.6	27.2	1.3	1.1	119	103.8	80
5300	40.5	35.2	34.8	1.2	1	111	96.4	81

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Specifications

Length Overall	29' 2" / 8.89 m
BEAM	9' 7" 2.92 m
Dry Weight	8,254 lbs. 3,744 kg
Tested Weight	10,121 lbs. 4,591 kg
Draft	
Draft Up	2' 0.61 m
Draft Down	2' 11" 0.89 m
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A

Max Headroom	6' 5" 1.96 m
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	106 gal. 401 L
Water Capacity	42 gal. 159 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	10,121 lbs. 4,591 kg
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	3.7 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	17P Rev 4 cntr rotate
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	76 deg., 68 humid; wind: 10-15 mph; seas: 1

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Beneteau barracuda

The Beneteau Barracuda 9 has an LOA of 29'2" (8.89 m) with a 9'7" (2.92 m) beam and standard power is twin 200-hp Mercury 4-stroke outboards.

Mission Statement

Beneteau has designed the Barracuda 9 to serve the many masters that come in an active family. She comes with an open aft cockpit that can be upgraded with up to four optional fold-out seats and seating in the bow. To escape the heat or a passing shower, the enclosed pilothouse has booth style seating in the compact salon plus a small galley. Belowdecks, there's sleeping space for up to four and a private head with a pull-up shower. Available cruising and fishing packages let an owner customize the boat to his family's needs and twin Mercury outboards provide the power for coastal or offshore cruising.

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The Barracuda 9 is laid out for easy passage on each side of the pilothouse and inviting accommodations belowdecks.

Major Features

- **Multiple Seating Options Available in Cockpit.** All of the seats tuck into the gunwales when not in use.
- **Full Height Glass Salon Door.** It creates a seamless flow from the cockpit to the salon, which lends itself to entertaining.
- **Dual Side Pilothouse Doors.** Facilitate entering and exiting the helm area to make it easier to tie up for single-handing captains.
- **Sunroof in Hardtop.** Opens manually to let in fresh air and rid the area of any fumes from cooking at the galley.
- **Large Hullside Windows.** Let in natural light below decks to give the area a more spacious, open feel.

Features Inspection

The Cockpit. Our test boat came with Beneteau's optional cockpit seating that includes a sliding bench seat with a cushion and two foldable lounges that tuck into the gunwales. The aft forward-facing seat comes standard. The sliding bench can be moved into position just ahead of the aft unit to create a double-wide lounge. Slide it forward, fold out the two side seats and drop in the optional cockpit table for a comfortable booth where the family can enjoy lunch. There's storage in the bases of the aft bench and in the sliding seat.

A passageway to starboard leads aft to the water-level swim step, but the area only closes off with a cable. Conversely, the port, the passageway to the swim step on that side, which is equipped with a four-step ladder and grab handle, closes with a stainless-steel gate.

The starboard swim step is 2' (.61 m) deep and 2'2" (.66 m) wide at its broadest point and it's a 16" step (.41 m) up to the entry to the cockpit. The port-side passage is on the same level as the swim step and both stern walkways are 17" (.43 m) wide. There's also 17" (.43 m) of space between the pilothouse and the bulwarks on each side.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 aft bench

Here we see the optional sliding bench seat pushed up against the aft bench to create a double-wide lounge.

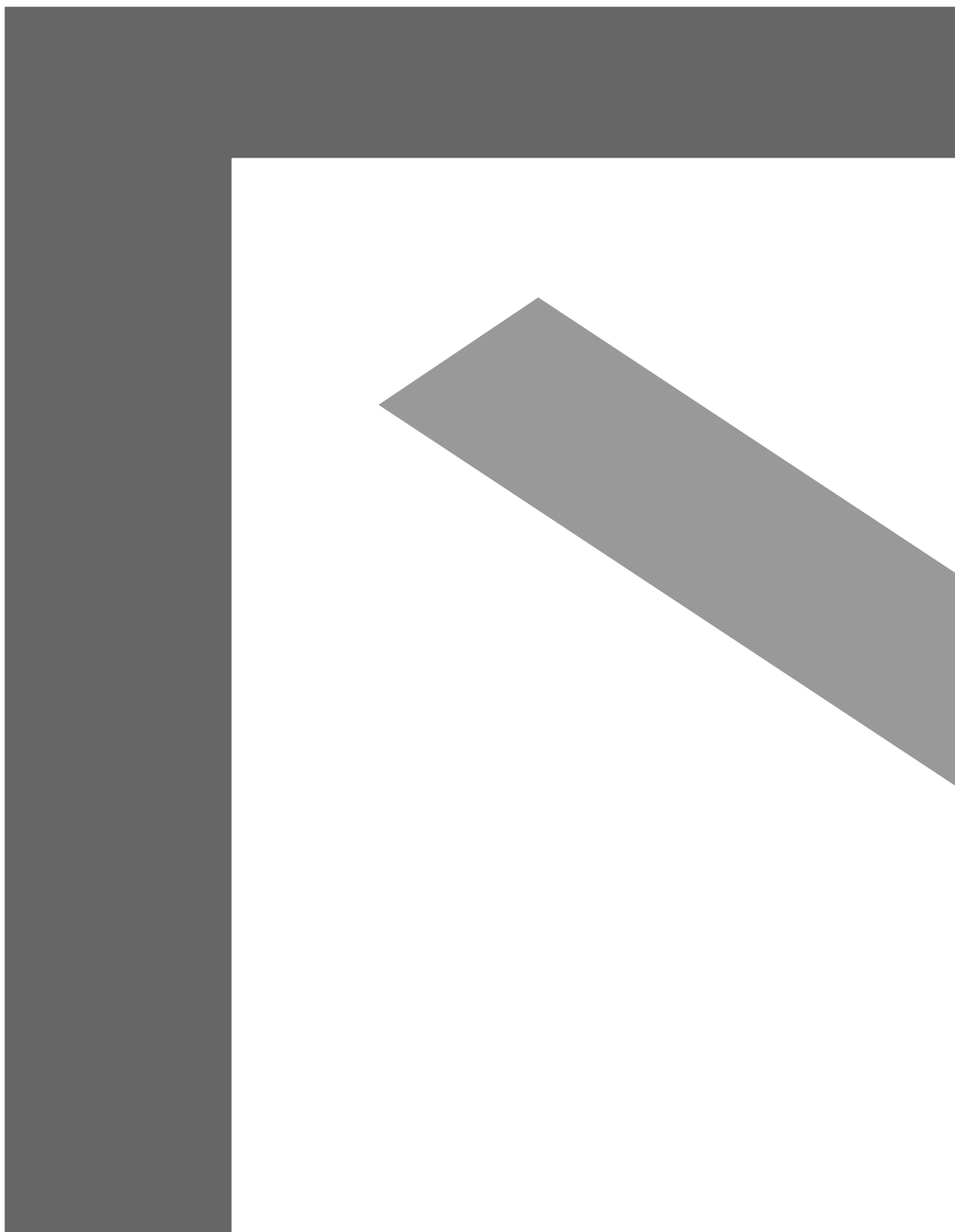
Beneteau Barracuda 27

Push the sliding seat forward to create booth-style seating in the cockpit.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 four seats

Fold down all four seats to accommodate up to eight people in the cockpit. This is a remarkable seating plan for a cocktail party or picnic. When the party is over, the seats fold up and the cockpit is ready for action.

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Add the table to create a cozy spot to enjoy lunch.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 table~~

Here we see the table with all of the seats stowed.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 passage~~

The starboard passageway to the swim step is raised and closes off with a cable.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 swim step~~

The starboard swim step extends past the outboards and is covered in nonskid.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 swim step~~

Opposite, the port swim step has the four-step ladder that tucks into dedicated slots and a stainless-steel grabrail.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 aft port gate~~

The port-side passage to the stern closes with a stainless-steel gate.

The Bow

As passengers head forward on the Barracuda 9, the passageways on each side remain 17" (.43 m) wide outboard of the pilothouse. In the port passage is the under-deck storage locker for the propane tank that fuels the galley stove. There is a boarding door in the starboard hull side adjacent to the helm. Our test boat had the optional bow seating that consists of a bench on the front of the house with two aft-facing small cushions on each side of the foredeck area.

That space is occupied by the anchor locker and a capstan. The boat comes standard with a windlass for the anchor and there's excellent access to the rode locker. For boarding from the bow, there's a split in the rail that can be closed with a cable.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 dive door~~

This door in the starboard hull side provides another boarding option and is adjacent to the helm.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 bow~~

The optional seats make the bow area more inviting with forward and aft-facing cushions.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 fore deck~~

The Barracuda 9's foredeck has two cupholders and 10" cleats flanking the anchor locker and a center capstan for the anchor rode. All is needed is a fairlead.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27 capstan~~

If an owner wants to double up on anchors or tie off the lines securely after backing into a slip with pilings for the bow, the capstan provides a secure location.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 windlass

Not all 27' (8.23 m) boats come standard with a windlass and this anchor locker is properly laid out with a place to store the remote forward to starboard and the rode locker to port.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 rode locker

The fact that our cameraman had the room to get this shot tells us that there's excellent access to the grounding tackle.

The Pilothouse

The Salon. Doublewide glass doors in powder-coated aluminum frames slide open for easy entry into the salon. The opening is 31" wide, but down low, one of the salon seats cuts that to 16" (.41 m) wide, so people will want to be aware of that when entering. Immediately inside, there are facing lounges with storage in the base. The battery switches are in a small glovebox-style compartment in the base of the starboard seat.

A stainless-steel pole that extends from the deck to the overhead is for more than entertainment. A table that secures into the overhead can be slid down to create a booth-style dinette. Also, in the overhead is a large manually opened sunroof. Forward to port, a hatch lifts to reveal the sink and propane stove. Across, the refrigerator drawer is in the base of the helm seat.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 salon doors

The salon doors open wide to facilitate entry into the Barracuda 9's pilothouse.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 salon seats

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Beneteau Barracuda 27 battery switches

The battery switches are positioned to be in reach from the cockpit or helm.

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There's storage in the base of both salon seats. Smaller removable hatches make it easier to retrieve the contents.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 in deck hatch

The in-deck hatch between the salon seats opens to reveal a large storage compartment and notice the powder-coated aluminum ladder.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 salon table stowed

When storage space is at a premium, the smart place to stow the salon table is overhead.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 salon table

Release a retaining pin and loosen a large plastic knob to lower the salon table.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 salon table

Once the table is in the position the user wants, simply tighten the plastic knob and the salon is now a cozy place to enjoy lunch.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 sun roof

The large sunroof opens up above the helm and salon to let the sunshine in.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 counter top

Forward to port, the galley is beneath this hinged countertop.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 galley

The galley hatch stays open thanks to the forward gas strut and beneath are a sink with a foldup faucet and a propane stove with a potholder.

The Helm. Across from the galley, the helm has a 31" (.79 m)-wide two-person seat with a foldup bolster. Our test boat had the optional Electronics Upgrade Pack with the 12" (30.5 cm) Lowrance HDS 12" Carbon multifunction display and the joystick for the optional bow thruster is just alongside above the steering wheel. To starboard are the Mercury SmartCraft screen and two analog fuel gauges.

Accessory switches are to port of the fixed position wheel and the Mercury digital controls are to starboard. The compass is properly positioned in line with the steering wheel. Outboard to each side are full height sliding doors that make it easy for the single-handing captain to handle amidships lines. Beneteau builds the boat with a large wraparound windshield that provides a good overall view, but with some distortion in the corners.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 double helm

The double-wide helm seat has an open space in the backrest to let air pass through.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 drivers bolster

The bolster can fold up for stand-up travel, but we'd like to see it split in half so the driver and a companion can each choose how they want to ride.

BENETEAU Barracuda 27 helm

The helm has a straightforward layout and we like that the screens are positioned high on the panel so they can be checked with a quick glance.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 Helm Station

Shown here is the optional 12" Lowrance chart plotter with the controls for the optional bow thruster alongside. A 9" unit is also available.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 screen

The SmartCraft screen provides all of the engine data in one screen and the fuel gauges are just below.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 switches

The accessory switches are labeled with icons rather than named so boaters can identify their use regardless of language.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 windlass switch

If an owner opts for the windlass and spotlight, the switches are installed down low near the emergency shutoff lanyard.

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The starboard salon door opens to the passageway and just outboard of this is the boarding door in the hull side.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ port salon door

There's a similar door to port and the step up to the bow passage is just ahead.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ windshield

Here, Captain Steve points to the distortion in the Barracuda 9's windshield in the starboard corner.

The Cabin. Entry to the Barracuda 9's cabin is via twin hatches centered between the helm and galley.

Aft the cabin stairs is an amidships cabin with a berth that measures 55" (1.4 m) fore to aft and 74" (1.9 m) across. Forward is a V-shaped seating area that can be filled in to create a second berth. There are large windows in the hull sides and opening ports that let in fresh air. The private head has a folding bench that covers the toilet, a sink with a pull-up shower, and an opening port.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ cabin entry

Adjacent to the helm, the cabin entry closes off with a traditional top hatch and two folding vertical doors.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ entry open

Opening all of the hatches provides adult-sized access to the Barracuda 9's cabin.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ cabin stairs

Aft the cabin stairs is a full-width mattress that should comfortably sleep two.

~~Beneteau Barracuda 27~~ head door

Just ahead of the cabin stairs is the private head that has full stand-up headroom.

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The head is fully equipped for weekending with a manual-flush toilet and sink with a pull-up shower wand.

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In the open configuration, the bow has space for folks to sit and take a break.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 berth

Fill in the berth and there's space for two people to sleep and notice the large hull side window and opening port.

Fishing Options. Our test boat wasn't equipped for fishing, but the Barracuda 9 can be upgraded for angling. The storage compartment in the aft starboard passageway to the cockpit can be ordered as a live well and the storage compartment in the aft bench seat becomes a fish box. A cast-net roller is on the starboard aft deck and rocket-launcher-style rod holders are installed on the trailing edge of the pilothouse hardtop.

For fishing, the compartment in the aft starboard passageway becomes a live well with a clear panel for viewing bait in the hatch.

Beneteau Barracuda 27 cast net

Just above the live well, we see the optional stainless-steel cast net roller.

rod holders

Five optional rocket launcher-style rod holders are custom fabricated for the Barracuda 9.

Performance

The Numbers. Beneteau estimates the Barracuda 9's empty weight at 8,254 lbs. (3,744 kg). With the twin 200-hp Mercury outboards, 79.5 gallons (301 L) of fuel, two people and test equipment on board, our test model had an estimated weight of 10,121 lbs. (4,591 kg).

The motors spun 17" (43.2 cm) pitch Mercury Rev 4, four-blade stainless steel propellers, and at 5300 RPM, we hit a top speed of 40.5 mph.

Best cruise came at 4000 RPM, where we recorded 28.5 mph and 19.1 GPH, which translated into 1.5 mpg and a range of 142 statute miles with 10 percent of the boat's 106-gallon (401 L) fuel capacity in reserve. In acceleration tests, the boat planed in 3.1 seconds and ran to 20 mph in 7.1 seconds. At 600 RPM, she ran 3.3 mph and at 1000 RPM, we recorded 5.6 mph.

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With twin 200-hp Mercury outboards, the Barracuda 9 tops 40.5 mph.

Bottom Design

Beneteau calls the Barracuda 9's bottom design the Airstep2. It has a sharp entry with three strakes per side and chines designed to provide lift and improve efficiency. The strakes and chines end at a step in the bottom that's at about the three-quarter mark.

There's a second step just ahead of the transom and both steps run forward from the chine to the keel at an angle. The transom is also notched to allow for a higher engine mounting position and to provide cleaner water to the propellers.

Options to Consider

- Complete mooring kit
- Cockpit table
- Sliding cockpit bench seat with cushion
- Two foldable side cockpit bench seats with cushions
- Bow thruster
- Pump for deck washing
- VHF radio
- Water heater
- 4 KVA 220-volt generator
- Two 300-gallon (1,136 L) fuel tanks
- Electric trim tabs

Retail Price

- \$93,200 without power

Observations

The Barracuda 9 has a decidedly European feel with its enclosed pilothouse and small salon and galley. For anglers who go out to fish no matter the weather or cruisers who overnight in rainier or cooler areas such as the Pacific Northwest, the protection provided by the interior quarters could be of interest.

Within the past year, Beneteau announced an exclusive supply partnership with Mercury, so the Suzuki outboards seen on the Beneteau website are no longer available. With the range of Mercury outboards

available and the fact that the engine manufacturer has the largest worldwide dealer network, the partnership should prove to be beneficial to Beneteau and boat owners when it comes to speed of service.

Obviously, the concept of this boat is to give the owner the maximum utility at the minimum price. She has lots of points in her favor and is certainly functional.