

45 ft 1990 Hans Christian Independence, SALTY LADY

US\$269,000

Old Saybrook, Connecticut, United States



Boat Details

Make:	Hans Christian	Hull Material:	Fiberglass	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Model:	Independence	Drive Type:	Direct Drive		
Year:	1990	Beam:	14 ft 6 in		
Length:	45 ft	Boat Location:	Old Saybrook, Connecticut, United States		
Price:	US\$269,000	Name:	SALTY LADY		
Condition:	Used	Guest Cabins:	2		
Class:	Trawler	Guest Heads:	2		



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Description

Hans Christian Independence 45, SALTY LADY, Hull #17: an extremely rare and coveted twin-engine example, one of only four built.

The Hans Christian 45 Independence Trawler stands as a distinctive blend of rugged passagemaking capability and classic nautical elegance. Designed for long-range cruising, this vessel reflects a philosophy of self-sufficiency, comfort, and seaworthiness that appeals to serious mariners and liveaboard enthusiasts alike. With its sturdy construction, generous fuel capacity, and thoughtfully designed interior, the Independence 45 is built to handle extended voyages while providing the warmth and charm of a traditional trawler. The folding mast is perfect for the Great Loop, reducing the air draft to approximately 16'.

Whether navigating coastal waters or crossing open seas, SALTY LADY offers a reliable and refined platform for those who value both adventure and enduring craftsmanship. A handsome yacht with an instantly recognizable profile, she is a strongly built, raised pilothouse trawler with a high prow, intended for those who take their cruising seriously. SALTY LADY is built on a semi-displacement hull with moderate beam, hard aft chines to reduce roll (rather than rounded bilges common to most displacement designs), and a long, prop-protecting keel.

Designed by James Backus and Gary Grant, and built in Taiwan, a total of 18 Independence 45s were made. Production was relocated to the U.S. in 1996 where the well-regarded Cherubini Boat Company built hull #19 that same year. The deck plan, which has remained essentially unchanged over the years, differs from many pilothouse designs as both staterooms are reached via a companionway from the salon. Visibility from the raised pilothouse is excellent. Lacking side decks, the full-width salon is particularly spacious with plenty of seating space and room for a large U-shaped galley.

WINTER SERVICE 2025-6

- Bightwork wooded and revarnished with 13 coats
- Hull and house waxed
- Bottom and running gear painted
- Stainless steel polished
- Serviced and painted swim platform
- All hoses, clamps and belts checked and replaced as needed
- Annually: Oil, filters, impellers and zincs changed
- New Life Rings
- New A/C for Staterooms

RECENT UPGRADES 2019-2024

- New Mattresses and custom bedding
- Refinished interior teak in Galley and Salon with satin finish
- Added aft-facing video camera
- New custom blinds in Salon
- (2) New TVs
- New Pilot house A/C
- Updated Wi-Fi
- Serviced/replaced/rebanded cockpit teak deck fasteners
- New holding tank and sanitary hoses
- New generator battery

- Upgraded engine room insulation with 2" thick Soundown
- Reconfigured Pilot House instrumentation
- New ICOM 605 VHF radio and antenna
- New Raymarine Autopilot
- New Raymarine Wind speed and Direction
- New custom Drapes in Salon & Main State room
- New Xantrex 3000W inverter/Charger
- New pilothouse Carpet and Stair Treads
- All deck and house hardware removed, and legacy holes filled and repaired
- Bow cleats removed, deck rebuilt and strengthened from below deck
- All nonskid removed
- Dinghy davits reset
- House repainted with AwlGrip
- Nonskid reapplied with additional Awlgrip
- Repainted Bottom (Pettit Trinidad)
- New Depth finder sounder Furuno GP1917F Chartplotter & Chirp fish/depth finder
- New screens on all ports
- New second refrigerator/freezer
- New Engine & House Batteries with (4) new 8D Lifelines
- New Spendide Washer/Dryer with external vent
- New Master head Sink faucet with new faucet
- New Dinghy with New ZAR HDL 10 mini rib
- New TV broadcast & 4G LTE Antennas
- New propeller shafts
- New dripless seals
- New cutlass bearings
- New line cutters
- Tuned props
- New engine mounts
- New heat exchangers on both engines
- New Vitrifrigo refrigerator/freezer
- New hydraulic steering cylinder
- New dinghy winch
- New Bow Thruster/Windlass 8D battery
- New Mixer Faucet in galley

FEATURES

- Twin Ford Lehman, naturally aspirated diesels
- (3) reverse cycle A/C and heat units
- Side Power bow thruster
- Electronics Include GPS/Chartplotter, depth, radar, AIS, autopilot, (2) ICOM VHF radios, fishfinder
- Maxwell vertically-mounted windlass
- Dutton-Lainson 120VAC powered davit on upper deck
- Great interior Layout with (2) staterooms, each with head and separate shower

- Well-equipped galley
- Spacious full beam salon
- Raised pilothouse with settee/daybed and table
- Transom door and two side boarding gates

This well-maintained trawler is powered by dependable twin Ford Lehman diesels which offer excellent maneuverability and a reported cruising speed of 7.5 knots at an economical 4.5 gallons per hour, giving a range of over 1,000 NM.

The comfortable interior offers two spacious staterooms, two full heads, a well organized galley up and a large salon that opens to a partially covered aft deck. The raised pilot house has easy access to the wide port and starboard forward side decks, making line handling safe and easy.

Given the best of care by her knowledgeable owner, SALTY LADY is in excellent condition and awaits the change of command. So, if you are looking for stability, comfort, economy, dependability and safety for both vessel and crew, SALTY LADY is a "MUST SEE"! Read the full specs for more details and contact Essex Yacht Sales today!

Information & Features

1990 Ford Lehman SP135 (Engine 1)

Engine Type:	Inboard	Drive Type:	Direct Drive
Fuel Type:	Diesel	Power:	135 hp
Engine Hours:	3500	Propeller Type:	3 Blade

1990 Ford Lehman SP135 (Engine 2)

Engine Type:	Inboard	Drive Type:	Direct Drive
Fuel Type:	Diesel	Power:	135 hp
Engine Hours:	3500	Propeller Type:	3 Blade

Dimensions

LOA:	48 ft 8 in	Min Draft:	4 ft 6 in
LWL:	40 ft 9 in	Gross Tonnage:	32.7
Beam:	14 ft 6 in		

Weights

Displacement:	38,000 lb
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Speed

Cruising Speed:	7.5 kn
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Tanks

Fuel:	680 gal
Fresh Water:	300 gal
Holding:	30 gal

Accommodations

Guest Cabins: **2**

Guest Heads: **2**

Other

Hull Shape: **Displacement** Builder: **Kingdragon Yacht for Hans Christian**

Flag Of Registry: **United States**

Designer: **James Backus and Gary Grant**

Accommodations

Spacious Main Salon

The full beam main salon is very comfortable with large windows that provide panoramic views and offer a spacious, open and bright feeling while aboard. There is a large, U-shaped leatherette settee (70" x 65") on the port side that seats 6-8. This settee wraps around a varnished teak table with inlaid compass rose 45" x 35". There are two built-in barrel chairs and end tables across to starboard.

- (4) Opening windows with screens and shades
- A blue tinted solar-control film has been applied to the salon windows and some pilot house windows. This may be peeled off, if desired
- Sharp 32" HD flat screen TV
- Sony AM/FM/CD model CDX-GT510 stereo with speakers throughout the boat
- LG DVD/CD/DVR Player
- Ship's clock & barometer
- Dry bar
- Dometic refrigerator/freezer, model 1.6 cubic feet, CXR0050, 12VDC/120VAC
- Spendide washer/dryer, model WDV2200XCD, fully enclosed in cabinet
- Custom window blinds, shades, drapes
- Brass table lamp
- Reverse cycle A/C and heat, 16,000 BTU
- Aft door to cockpit

Fully Equipped Galley

The galley is an open, U-shape, in the forward port side of the salon and offering the Chef the ability to communicate with guests in the salon while preparing meals.

- Vitrifrigo full size refrigerator/freezer, model DP2800IBD4-F-3, 12VDC/120VAC
- Princess 3-Burner propane stove and oven
- Dometic microwave/broiler/convection oven
- Dual stainless-steel sink
- Hot & cold pressure water with mixing faucet (2026)
- Marble counters
- Pull-out chopping board
- Extensive storage and refrigeration for extended cruising
- (2) pot lockers
- Under counter lighting
- Duplex 120VAC GFCI outlets

The Luxury Master stateroom features a centerline Queen berth (6' 9" x 55"), (3) hanging lockers, and multiple drawers and bookshelves that provide generous storage. There is a wall mounted 24" TV. (2) opening hatches offer natural light, ventilation and emergency egress. Portside aft is the ensuite head with marble vanity, with stainless steel sink with Grohe fixtures, faucet and a Vacuflush toilet. The large tiled stall shower has teak seating, port, and an opening hatch for additional natural light and fresh air. The Master Stateroom has its own control for 16,000 BTU Heat and A/C. There are (2) reading lamps and multiple 120VAC duplex GFCI outlets.

Amidships to port is the comfortable private **Guest Stateroom** with generously sized twin berths (6' 6" x 28") and two ports. Excellent storage is provided by a large hanging locker between berths, lockers overhead, drawers and cabinets under the berths. There are multiple 120VAC duplex GFCI outlets, and (2) reading lamps

The **Guest Head**, across the companionway to starboard, has a marble vanity and stainless steel sink with Grohe fixtures, faucet and a Vacuflush toilet. There is extensive storage, a 120VAC duplex GFCI outlet and (2) opening ports for additional light and fresh air. The large, tiled stall shower has teak seating.

Pilothouse & Helm

The pilothouse is easily accessed from the interior via three steps on the forward, starboard side of the salon. Side doors, both port and starboard, offer easy deck access. There is a blue leatherette settee/berth with custom table, just aft of a matching blue leatherette Stidd pedestal-mounted helm seat. There are (4) opening windows and (2) opening hatches. The helm has a comprehensive array of navigational aids, plus an commanding view from the high Portuguese bridge.

Electronics

- Furuno MFD 12 NavNet 3D with chartplotter
- 18" 24MI HD radar & FA50 class B AIS
- ICOM VHF IC-M504 radio
- ICOM VHF M-127 radio
- Standard Horizon LH10 hailer
- Autohelm 7000 autopilot
- Autohelm Tri-data
- Autohelm wind speed & direction
- Starlink for fast internet, streaming and TV
- Furuno 1971, back-up chartplotter and fishfinder
- Ritchie compass

Mechanical, Fluid Systems and Tankage

SALTY LADY is equipped with dependable twin Ford Lehman diesels that offer excellent economy and dependability. Outfitted with only the best mechanical components, extended cruising is safe and comfortable.

- (2) 135 HP Ford Leman model SP135, normally aspirated, diesel engines, approx. 3,500 hours
- No aftercoolers to maintain!
- New water pumps on each engine (2019)
- (2) PRM Transmission hydraulic reverse/reduction Gear
- (2) Stainless-Steel 2 1/4" propeller shafts
- Bronze struts
- (2) Dripless seals
- (2) 28" dia. RH/LH bronze 3-blade propellers
- Morse controls with separate levers for throttle & gearshift
- VDO control Panel with start switch, tachometer, engine gauges
- Bronze rudders with stainless-steel shafts
- Glendinning engine synchronizer
- Racor fuel filters
- Fuel polishing system
- Oil change system
- Fireboy fire system
- Tank Tender fuel tank monitoring system
- High water alarm
- Audible alarm for low oil pressure or high temperature
- (2) 120VAC Reverse Cycle 16,000 BTU A/C and heat units (2012 and 2026)
- Coleman A/C and heat 15,000 BTU Unit mounted above pilothouse
- Side Power 12VDC bow thruster
- (2) propane tanks with shut-fff valve, pressure gauge, regulator and seamless copper piping
- (2) Stainless-Steel potable water tanks, total capacity 300 gal.
- Seaward water heater, 11 gall., 120VAC
- 12VDC fresh water pump
- Dockside water hook-up with pressure reducer
- Fresh water wash down
- Raw water wash down
- (2) Rule 12VDA electric, submersible bilge pumps with automatic float switches
- (2) Dometic VacuFlush marine heads, USCG MSD Type III
- 30 gal Holding Tank. There is ample space to accomodate an additional tank for extended cruising

Electrical

- 8.5 KW Phasor generator (approx. 450 hours)
- AC/DC breaker panel with voltmeter and ammeters
- (5) 8-D Batteries for engine start, house, bow thruster & windlass
- Group 27 battery for generator start
- Xantrex 3,000W inverter/charger, (will operate pilot house A/C)
- 50A dockside power hook-up
- 50A power cable
- (2) 30A to 50 A splitter
- 110VAC lighting
- 12VDC lighting
- Running Lights (R/G side Lights, stern Light, masthead light & anchor light)
- (3) A/C units, including new 16,000 BTU unit (2026)

Hull, House, Cockpit and Decks

The deck area of SALTLY LADY is equipped with Atkins & Hoyle port lights and hatches. A large, unobstructed top deck has a folding mast (designed to be easily lowered) with radar, navigation lights and wind instruments. This area also includes (2) deck boxes, a power winch for the stainless steel dinghy davit, and a cradle for the tender. There are built-in storage compartments to port and starboard of the pilothouse. A spacious, partially covered teak deck is aft and has a ladder to the top deck, a walk-through door to the swim platform, lazarette access, room for chairs and a storage locker to port.

- White Awlgrip topsides and house
- Maxwell 2200 VWC 12VDC windlass, vertically mounted
- Plow anchor (75 lb.) with approx. 75' 5/16" chain and 250' 5/8" nylon rode
- Fortress FX-22 second anchor with approx. 25' 5/16" chain and 300' 5/8" nylon rode
- Raw water wash down
- Twin stainless-steel bow rollers
- (6) Dorades for interior ventilation
- Emergency tiller
- External covers for all windows
- (2) 30 lb. propane tanks in vented locker
- Stainless-steel mooring cleats on bow, midship and stern
- Welded stainless-steel rails and stanchions with boarding gates port and aft
- Folding boarding ladder on swim platform
- Stainless-steel stanchions and rails on upper deck
- Dutton-Lainson Model SA9000 120VAC powered davit on upper deck (1,000 lb working load)
- Zar HDL 10 mini RIB RIB (2022)
- 15 HP Yamaha outboard motor
- (2) Dock boxes on upper deck
- Magma propane Grill at Cockpit
- Exterior brightwork wooded and refinished with 12 coats (2026)
- Topsides and House waxed (2026)
- Stainless-steel polished (2026)
- Bottom and Running gear painted (2026)
- Sockets on swim platform for Weaver davits
- Hot and cold transom shower
- Ladder to upper deck
- Large lazarette
- Teak cockpit deck
- Cockpit storage locker
- (2) retractable cleats on swim platform
- Air draft with antennas down 23'
- Air draft with mast down 16'

Safety

- Dual trumpet horn
- Visual distress Signals
- Numerous USCG Type-I Wearable PFD's
- (2) USCG Type-IV Throwable Rings (2026)
- Smoke alarms
- CO alarms
- Fixed automatic SeaFire model FE-241
- (4) Portable USCG BC-dry chemical fire extinguishers
- First aid kit
- ACR Category II EPIRB

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