



# Racer Cruiser Royalty

44' (13.41m) 2024 Beneteau First 44 PERFORMANCE  
Houston, New Orleans, St. Petersburg Texas United States



## OVERVIEW

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|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Manufacturer: | Beneteau         | Hull Material: | Fiberglass      |
| Engines:      | 1 Yanmar         | Cruise Speed:  |                 |
| Engine Model: | 4JH57 CR SD      | Max Speed:     |                 |
| Engine HP:    | 57               | Cabins/Heads:  | 3 / 2           |
| Beam:         | 13' 11"          | Fuel Type:     | Diesel          |
| Max Draft:    | 8' 6"            | Fuel:          | 53 G (200.63 L) |
| Water:        | 190 G (719.23 L) |                |                 |

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## Data Sheet

Category: Racing Sailboat  
Subcategory: Cruiser-Racer  
Condition: New  
Model Year: 2024  
Beam: 13'11" Max Draft: 8' 6" (2.59m)  
LOA: 48' 1" (14.66m)  
LWL: 42' 1" Cabins: 3  
Head Room: 6' 6"  
Heads: 2

Fuel Type: Diesel  
Hull Material: Fiberglass  
Hull Finish: Gel Coat  
Bridge Clearance: 72'

Displacement: 23148 lbs  
Fuel Tank: 53 gal (200.63 liters)  
Fresh Water: 190 gal (719.23 liters)  
Holding Tank: 42 gal (158.99 liters)  
Builder: Beneteau  
Designer: Roberto Biscontin  
Interior Designer: Lorenzo Argento

## Engines/Generators

### Engine 1

Yanmar  
4JH57 CR SD  
Inboard  
57HP  
42.50KW  
Fuel: Diesel

## Summary/Description

The FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE

# First 44

RACER-CRUISER ROYALTY

"FIRST was born forty-five years ago with the launch of the legendary FIRST 30, and we doubly celebrate the occasion this year with the announcement of the FIRST 36 in January and the arrival of the FIRST 44 today, finalizing the renewal of a standard-bearing range now entirely redrawn and complete", says Yann Masselot, BENETEAU's Brand Director. "The boat pencils itself in among such great 40' to 45' BENETEAU yachts as the FIRST 40.7, the 45f5 or more recently the FIRST 40 and 45".

NAVAL ARCHITECT: BISCONTINI YACHT DESIGN

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DESIGN: LORENZO ARGENTO

Today, the FIRST 44 embodies a natural link between the FIRST 36 and FIRST 53, equally refining and redefining performance, elegance and comfort - a new Biscontini/Argento creation that truly denies itself nothing. She's a lovely sailing yacht with a remarkable design, offering through her architecture and build quality an experience underway that is simply second to none.

## A DUAL DESIGN

With the new FIRST 44, BENETEAU has delivered the noblest version of a "racer/cruiser": an elegant and comfortable yacht that provides unequaled enjoyment under sail. With the same methodical approach honed on his work on America Cup racers, Roberto Biscontini went through several revisions and improvements to deliver a powerful and well-balanced hull, which is coupled with an ample sail plan to deliver lively sailing in any conditions.

The FIRST 44 was imagined with two deck layouts to satisfy a greater variety of wishes and needs. The FIRST 44 version distinguishes itself with an inviting and comfortable cockpit, where wide side decks converge towards a folding cockpit table. Four winches, a fixed centerline block for the mainsheet, and a mast that is set further aft all maximize the potential of her modern sail plan, defined by a slender mainsail and generously sized foresails.

In order to make the serious performance even more accessible, BENETEAU used experience from ballast systems and the Figaro 2 to deliver that same technology to FIRST 44 owners; twin 80-gallon ballast tanks, activated electronically

from the helm stations, offer the possibility of reaching the boat's full potential with a reduced crew.

On the FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE, deck ergonomics were studied and developed with fully crewed regattas in mind. Equipment and systems are geared towards racing, such as the foam non-skid surfaces that replace the teak on the cockpit sole, six well-placed winches, and a conventional mainsail traveler. The rigging and sail setup includes a 4 ½' bowsprit, a hydraulic backstay, a powerful in-hauler system, and a performance keel/mast combo that will satisfy the most demanding captains and crews.

## **A SUPERIOR STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATIONS**

The FIRST 44 is infused with Lorenzo Argento's style, a distinctive blend of elegance and modernity. Her three-cabin, two-head layout is a combination of quality materials interwoven into a masterful finish. In the salon the six-seater table stands opposite the couch and nav station; its position in reference to the mast eases the movement between the galley and master stateroom, accentuating the spacious interior.

This arrangement is enhanced by superb craftsmanship, a refined combination of white lacquered surfaces, molded woods, touches of indirect lighting and a large selection of luxurious upholsteries.

## **EXPERTISE AS A CORNERSTONE**

Assembled in a specially dedicated workshop, the FIRST 44 takes full benefit of BENETEAU's expertise and the knowledge of the industry's sharpest minds. Subjected by their owners to the rigors of offshore racing, FIRSTs are always the result of a rigorous development and perfection process. The engineering of the FIRST 44 was entrusted to the Mer Forte firm, well known for its work on high-end blue-water race boats, including the celebrated Figaro BENETEAU 3.

## **DUAL DESIGN**

The FIRST 44 is presented in two main setups, FIRST 44 and FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE, each with different deck plans and options for keels and masts.

## **STREAMLINED INTERIOR**

She offers a streamlined interior layout that is modern and well-lit, with a blend of white lacquered surfaces, molded woods, and tasteful upholsteries.

## **EXPERTISE**

She is crafted and finished in a dedicated workshop that delivers the full scope of BENETEAU expertise.

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## FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE

FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE VERSION (compatible with standard mast, black lacquered aluminum 2 aft swept spreaders mast, and carbon mast, compatible with both keels)

- Carbon bowsprit, 1,50m / 4'11" (in lieu of standard)
- Mainsail Cunningham
- Mainsail traveler at bottom of cockpit (instead of single point of attachment)
- 2nd genoa halyard
- Harken Carbo racing dual-groove head foil instead of the flat deck furling system
- 8:1 barber hauler
- DOWNWIND Pack (2 Harken Black Magic blocks for spinnaker/ code 0 sheet, 1 Harken Black Magic block for spinnaker tack led back to the dedicated cleat in the cockpit, Dyneema halyard sheave with block for spinnaker or code 0, 1 Dyneema halyard for spinnaker, Barber hauler with blocks and chainplate on bulwark, Short sheet pad eye)
- 1 Wichard double chainplate on forward deck for removable forestay, 1 Dyneema halyard sheave with block for staysail
- Dual textile lifelines
- Cockpit sole, benches, platform with synthetic foam coating (light grey color)
- White gel-coat, Aluminum grey hull decoration, white decoration film layer on cabins hull porthole Winches - HARKEN Performa
- 2 H50.2 STP Harken Performa manual manoeuvre winches on the roof + 3 clutches on port and starboard roof
- 2 H60.2 STP Harken Performa manual genoa winches behind cockpit benches
- 2 H60.2 STP Harken Performa manual Spinnaker winches (For manoeuvring: main sail sheet, adjustment of Genoa sail carriage staysail sheet - downhaul - foot of main sail + reef 1&2 - and for spinnaker sheets - spinnaker tack - barber hauler)

- 4 Aluminum Speed Grip winch handles
- Winch handle storage in dedicated space in rope bags

Other specificities of the PERFORMANCE version

- No windlass
- No bow roller
- No helm consoles for better access to the mainsail traveler on cockpit sole
- No side access gates
- No HiFi equipment (Fusion / Loudspeaker)
- No courtesy lighting on side decks
- Without cockpit table
- Fresh water tank limited to 200L / 53 US Gal and positioned aft to starboard for a better distribution of weight aboard (in lieu of 330L / 87 US Gal)
- 3 Lee cloth (Saloon & Aft cabins)

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Beneteau FIRST 44 PERFORMANCE Deck Layout



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