

1987 Island Packet 31 Cutter

"John B" | Wilmington, North Carolina | Fiberglass

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Solid and dependable cruising in classic Island Packet style. Welcome aboard John B, a meticulously maintained 1987 Island Packet 31 cutter rig designed by renowned naval architect Bob Johnson. With an immaculate Yanmar 3GM30F engine showing only 680 hours, professionally inspected standing rigging (2022), and comprehensive sail inventory including roller furling genoa and club-footed staysail, she's turn-key ready for weekend cruising, long-distance sailing, or living aboard.

DIMENSIONS & CAPACITIES

- **LOA / Beam / Draft:** 31'0" / 11'6" / 4'0"
- **Displacement / Ballast:** 11,000 lbs / 4,500 lbs
- **Fuel / Fresh Water:** 20 gals / 75 gals
- **Holding Tank:** 14 gals

ACCOMMODATIONS & INTERIOR

- **Layout:** 2 Cabins / 1 Head
- **Galley:** U-shaped to port with 2-burner propane stove and oven | Deep ice chest | Two-tub stainless steel sink
- **Main Salon:** Generous seating both sides with fold-up table and abundant storage
- **V-Berth:** Exceptionally wide forward cabin with chain locker access
- **Quarter Berth:** Large to starboard, can be enclosed to create private second cabin
- **Head:** Starboard with manual marine head and shower compartment
- **Navigation Station:** Comprehensive to starboard with all electrical controls

MECHANICAL & PROPULSION

- **Engine:** Yanmar 3GM30F | 30 HP | 680 Hours (1987)
- **Drive & Prop:** Shaft drive with 2-blade propeller
- **Hot Water:** 10-gallon tank with dual heating (120 VAC shore power and engine heat exchanger)

ELECTRONICS & NAVIGATION

- **Chartplotter:** Garmin (New 2025)
- **Autopilot:** Belt-driven system located in cockpit
- **Radar:** Garmin
- **Instrumentation:** Raymarine Windlog/Multi Display

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- **Shore Power:** 30 amp connection

- **Battery Charger:** Xantrex
- **Bilge Pump:** Electric

SAILS & RIGGING

- **Sail Inventory:** Mainsail | 110% Genoa (roller furling) | Staysail on club (roller furling)
- **Rigging:** Standing rigging professionally inspected - excellent condition (2022)
- **Mast Height Off Deck:** 47 ft
- **Deck Layout:** Classic Island Packet bowsprit carrying two anchors with ample chain and rode

DECK & EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT

- **Cockpit:** Spacious and secure with aft helm steering
- **Canvas:** Complete cockpit enclosure plus full dodger
- **Fresh Water:** Deck washdown system
- **Storage:** Deep lazarettes
- **Ports:** Stainless steel port lights
- **Dinghy:** Davits installed

GROUND TACKLE

- **Anchors:** Two anchors with chain and rode on Island Packet bowsprit

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

The Island Packet 31 represents Bob Johnson's masterful integration of traditional catboat design principles with modern cruising requirements. Built by Island Packet Yachts from 1983-1989 with only 262 hulls produced, this design features a long keel configuration with optional centerboard. The wide 11'6" beam provides tremendous interior volume while maintaining excellent sailing characteristics. The full keel with cutaway forefoot offers superior tracking and seakeeping while the cutter rig allows versatile sail configurations for all weather conditions.

CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS

Island Packets are renowned as tough, seakindly vessels designed to meet the needs of serious cruising sailors. The wide decks provide secure, ample maneuvering room with all sail handling accomplished from the safety of the cockpit - no need to go forward. The spacious cockpit features secure seating with the steering quadrant conveniently accessible under the helm seat. Below, the exceptional beam creates remarkable living space that belies the 31-foot length. The vessel's design philosophy emphasizes ease of handling, comfort, and blue-water capability.

VESSEL CONDITION

John B has been meticulously maintained and upgraded by her current owner. The engine is in immaculate condition, all sails are ready for immediate use, and recent upgrades include a new Garmin chartplotter installed in 2025. The standing rigging received professional

inspection in 2022 and was found to be in excellent condition. This vessel is truly turn-key and ready to take you on your next journey.

ABOUT THE ISLAND PACKET 31

With a displacement of 11,000 lbs and ballast of 4,500 lbs (40.91% ballast-to-displacement ratio), the IP31 offers stability and comfort in a manageable size. The full keel draws 4 feet (with centerboard option allowing 3'0" board up / 7'0" board down for shoal-draft cruising). Her modest 530 sq ft sail area and long waterline of 27'75" provide a comfortable hull speed of 7+ knots while maintaining excellent fuel economy from the reliable Yanmar diesel.

VIEWING

Contact Cape Fear Brokerage today to schedule a showing of John B and discover where this capable Island Packet 31 can take you next - whether that's weekend getaways on the Intracoastal Waterway or long-distance coastal passages.