

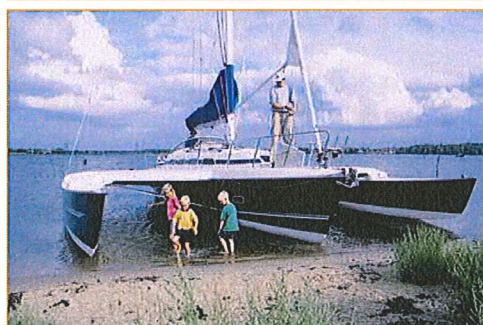
# \$ 200,000 - Dragonfly 1200 Ocean Cruiser

## A trimaran with an aft cabin

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Launched in 2000, the 1200 is the flagship of the Dragonfly range of folding trimarans. Its name OC - Ocean Cruiser - underlines its long-distance capabilities. More comfortable than the Corsair 36/37, it is also almost twice the weight - but with significantly more canvas. Thanks to its electrically folding arms, its beam reduces from 28'2" (8.6 m) when sailing to 14'1" (4.3 m) when safely moored in port. A width comparable to that of a modern 46-foot (14-metre) monohull and therefore the means to reduce the mooring bill. Why 46 feet and not 40? When folded up, the trimaran lengthens by 6'4" (1.94 m) because the arms move backwards.

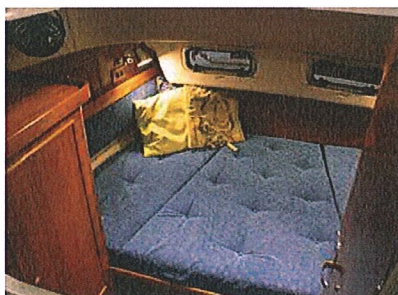
The famous Swing Wing process is so well-proven that it takes only 30 seconds per float... And with a sail area/weight ratio of 16.67 m<sup>2</sup>/t where most 40-foot catamarans barely reach 10, the 1200 is fast on the water. It will tack through an angle of only 85°. By pushing it under spinnaker with 28 knots of wind on flat seas, we managed to reach 20 knots during our test sail in Denmark. The deck plan offers a central cockpit and limited deck space. The deck fittings and maneuvers may seem sophisticated but are well suited to short-handed crews. Inside, the manufacturer offers two distinct volumes thanks to an independent aft cabin.



The Dragonfly 1200 is one of those rare ocean-going and comfortable 40-foot trimarans.

Builder: Quorning Boats  
Architects: Børge and Jens Quorning  
Material: foam/polyester sandwich  
Hull length: 39'3"/45'7" (11.96/13.90 m)  
Waterline length: 36'9" (11.20 m)  
Beam: 14'1"/28'2" (4.3/8.6 m)  
Draft: 2'6"/6'7" (0.75/2 m)  
Light displacement: 12,570 lbs (5.7 t)  
Sail area: 1,025 sq ft (95 m<sup>2</sup>)  
Mainsail: 645 sq ft (60 m<sup>2</sup>)  
Genoa: 375 sq ft (35 m<sup>2</sup>)

Engine: 50 or 78 HP diesel  
Secondhand price: \$ 200,000 to 240,000 ex-tax  
Production: 18 units built from 2000 to 2007



The interior offers the comfort of a 40' (12 m) monohull with a central cockpit... but not that of a catamaran!



**The plus:** A trimaran really designed for offshore sailing, flattering performance, build quality and finish - carbon mast  
**The minus:** Length increased by 6' (2 m) when the floats are folded up, narrow side-decks, limited living space

### POINTS TO CHECK:

The quality of construction from the Danish shipyard is not to be underestimated - little concern about the ageing of this model, especially as this three-hulled limousine is usually well maintained and generously equipped.

Quality/price ratio: ★★★★★

Availability on the market: ★☆☆☆☆