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Tartan 3800 1999

Year: 1999

Length: 38 ft

Price: \$139,500

Located in: Seattle, WA US

Hull Material: Fiberglass

Engine/Fuel Type: diesel

Make

Make: Tartan

Builder: Tartan

Designer: Tim Jackett

Measurements

Length Overall: 38.00 ft

Max Draft: 5.33 ft

Displacement:16.00 lb 16.00</br>

Ballast Weight: 6.00 lb

Beam: 12.00 ft

Engines

Total Power: 37|horsepower

Engine Brand: Yanmar

Year Built: 1999

Engine Model: 3JH2E

Engine Type: Inboard

Engine/Fuel Type: diesel

Engine Hours: 1130

Engine Power: 37|horsepower

Tanks

Fresh Water Tanks: 180Gallons

Fuel Tanks: 138Gallons

General Boat Description

La Bamba is an exceptional, meticulously maintained example of the highly regarded Tartan 3800 — a sloop celebrated for its high-quality craftsmanship and construction, elegant lines and balanced performance. Among the **43** hulls built, La Bamba (Hull No. **41**) is almost certainly one of the finest examples, presenting more cleanly and more comprehensively upgraded than any comparable boat on the market.

This vessel has benefited from truly exceptional ownership, with extensively documented upgrades and maintenance which go far beyond routine care. In 2020, the mast and boom were stripped, powder-coated, extensively rewired, new mast lighting and all accompanied by all-new standing rigging throughout; a major and costly refit rarely seen. The modern Raymarine Axiom+ 12" and accompanying electronics suite fitted 2022–2023, Webasto diesel hydronic heat, hot water system, and fridge/freezer, combined with the warm cherry interior contribute to this is a high quality yacht.

Tartan has long been admired for building yachts that combine beauty, strength, craftsmanship, and intelligent design. La Bamba represents that heritage at its best. Whether cruising with family or sailing single-handed (all lines lead to the cockpit), this 3800 delivers comfort, confidence, and the unmistakable feel of a premium performance cruiser.

Cruising World captured the essence of the design perfectly in its 1995 review: "The Tartan 3800 is a sensible cruising boat... comfortable to work or relax aboard, conservatively constructed, and its profile will please the eye as much in 10 years as it does today." That prediction proved true — the 3800 still turns heads in every marina, and La Bamba stands out even among them.

Step aboard and you immediately sense the difference: the woodwork is rich and clean, systems are thoughtfully updated, and every component reflects careful stewardship.

If you're searching for a Tartan 3800 that rises above the rest — one with a major rig refit, modern navigation suite, and the kind of care that makes a 25-year-old yacht feel like a 5-year-old one — La Bamba is the standout choice.