

CRITIC'S CORNER: HALLBERG-RASSY 342



PROS

- Teak deck provides outstanding nonskid, rugged working surface.
- Hard, glass windscreen protects with minimal loss of visibility.
- · Wide, 18-inch side decks.
- · Tight sheeting angle for genoa.
- · Self-tacking working jib.
- · Big, well-reinforced mooring cleats.
- · Mainsheet sail control at helm.

CONS

- Teak deck picks up dirt and gets hot in the tropics.
- Oh, the joys of keeping that 80 running feet of teak caprail looking like new.
- Optional wheel steering leaves barely enough room for Olive Oil behind the binnacle.
- · Mainsheet traveler chops cockpit down in size.
- Working jib sheet is a tripping hazard on foredeck.