



An ample length-to-beam ratio allows the HR342 to squeeze two staterooms (above) into a 34-foot boat without too many compromises. It lacks a true U-shaped galley, but it does not sacrifice two 6-foot-2-inch sea-berths in the main saloon. The cruiser-friendly fractional sail plan features a powerful main and a manageable jib, with all sheets close at hand for the helmsman. Comparing the HR342 to the Najad 332 (another Orust-built boat) and the Ohio-built Tartan 3400, shows the HR and the Tartan in about the same class in terms of performance ratios. Though handicapped by waterline length, the Najad's narrower, heavier ballasted hull offers the potential for a more seakindly ride. All of the boats could use more tankage, but the HR342 comes closer to the numbers an ocean voyaging couple would likely require.

HALLBERG-RASSY 342 IN CONTEXT

	HR 342	TARTAN 3400	NAJAD 332
LOA	33' 10"	34' 5"	32' 8"
LWL	29' 10"	30' 5"	26' 8"
Beam	11' 3"	11' 11"	10' 8"
Draft (shoal)	6' 0"	6' 6"	5' 6" / 4' 11"
Displacement	11,684 lbs.	10,800 lbs.	11,660 lbs.
Ballast	4,300 lbs.	3,500 lbs.	4,620 lbs.
Sail area (100%)	594 sq. ft.	620 sq. ft.	505 sq. ft.
Engine	30 hp.	27 hp.	28 hp.
Water	71 gal.	60 gal.	45 gal.
Fuel	44 gal.	25 gal.	24 gal.
SA/D ratio	18.46	20.3	15.7
D/L ratio	197	171	272
Sail-away price*	\$269,000	\$180,000	\$230,000

* Sail-away equipment can vary greatly between manufacturers.