



The Sydney 36CR's high-aspect sailplan and deep bulb keel offer long leading edges to develop lift to windward. The interior (above) isn't short on berths, but water, galley essentials, and cruising comforts are limited. Design ratios for four modern racer-cruisers show just how competitive this niche has become. The Sydney 36CR's additional sail area and waterline length offer an edge over the J-109. The C&C 115, which comes with a carbon-fiber spar as standard, has the waterline advantage over the Sydney, and more creature comforts. The Beneteau 10R, also with a carbon spar, is handicapped by its length, but minimal wetted surface, an easy-to-set asymmetrical and an attractive price work in its favor.

SYDNEY 36CR IN CONTEXT

	SYDNEY 36	J/109	C&C 115	BENETEAU 10R
LOA	36'	35' 3"	37' 9"	32' 9"
LWL	31' 4"	30' 6"	33'	28' 8"
Beam	11' 4"	11' 6"	11' 11"	11'
Draft	7' 6"	7' (5' 9")	6' 8"	6' 7"
Displacement	11,244 lbs.	10,900 lbs.	11,800 lbs.	9,715 lbs.
Ballast	3,800 lbs.	3,900 lbs.	4,200 lbs.	3,693 lbs.
Sail area (100%)	753 sq. ft.	644 sq. ft.	781 sq. ft.	570 sq. ft.
Engine	30 hp.	29 hp.	28 hp.	20 hp.
Water	26 gal.	35 gal.	70 gal.	26 gal.
Fuel	29 gal.	20 gal.	26 gal.	20 gal.
SA/D ratio	24	21	24.1	19.3
D/L ratio	163	172	147	208
Price	\$255,000	\$212,750	\$200,000	\$136,000

* Sailaway U.S. price, standard features may vary greatly between boats.