

Hello Everyone!

Manatee the boat needs a new partner. She is a Tanzer 28 that has a long history and is a sweet and forgiving sailor. The ideal cruising boat for a small family, she has been given a lot of TLC and is looking for some more from her present and new skipper.

Manatee has standing headroom and a recently overhauled engine. Her sails have been restored, and her all-fiberglass hull is thick and sound. The deck is solid. She uses old-fashioned hank-on sails and a spinnaker, so she can race as well as provide comfort. She is also fast. Clocked at 6.8 knots in a stiff breeze, and nice and beamy to make the ride comfortable. She is perfect for the cruise through the thousand islands into Lake Ontario and beyond, and has been sailed to the Bahamas by other owners. More information is available on google under "Tanzer 28".

Manatee has been recently surveyed at 13,500, but has the rare potential of going significantly higher in value. Getting into a 50% partnership is negotiable, as long as half the club fees and TLC is provided. It would be very difficult to get into such a good, upgradable cruising boat without a lot more effort and expense. Her current owner has just had a new child and will be concentrating on fitting out for cruising for the next two years, so the partner would have lots of time to sail while the additional crew is in training. The partnership will be written down, reasonable and easy-going. The perfect slip at Beaconsfield, with 10 minutes to the wind, would be maintained as part of the deal.

Please contact John at jdb@wihive.com to have a chat to see if this would be a good fit for you. An ideal partner would be family-friendly and willing to put in some modest, mutually agreed upgrades to add to her comfort and capabilities.

In Summary, the ideal situation for someone looking for an easy step into a cruising sailboat.