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*Sophyra*

#### **44' Island Packet 44**

- Year: 1993
- **Current Price:**  
**US\$ 199,900** (01/13)
- Located in Annapolis, MD
- Hull Material: Fiberglass
- Engine/Fuel Type: Single diesel
- YW# 4344-2475298

#### **Major Price Reduction! Motivated Seller!**

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Bob Johnson, owner of IP and designer of this yacht, has a passion for yacht design and boat building that has fueled the company through more than 30 models. Island Packet's success is built on a the commitment to build a quality boat that meets the needs and expectations of her owners. While the vessels have evolved with new layouts and new creature features, often with lots of input from current IP owners, you can see through new models for sale today the heritage that comes from this model, so popular through the 1990's. These vessels age very well and they hold their value better than many other brands on the market today. This yacht has evolved over the years into their current model, the IP460, a yacht that, similarly equipped, will set you back about \$750,000.

What makes them so ideal? This yacht is incredibly solidly constructed, a feature you'll notice before you're even out of the slip and sailing. She's so easy and safe to sail -- nearly everything is controllable from the cockpit. Her cockpit is huge, great for safety in big waves off shore, accommodating for crew and several guests AND plenty of length for those lazy sailing days when you just want to unwind and take a nap while your companions run the boat. Her decks are wide and easy to transit as you head forward.

Throughout their large and versatile line of yachts, IP44 continues the traditions of top quality construction, top-of-the-line gear and systems, plenty of room all the tasks and projects you may want to enjoy while aboard. The main salon is spacious and versatile, with L-shaped seating to starboard & twin lounge seats to port. The flip down salon table gives you so much room when you need the space while entertaining. Her galley is second to none in her size range and ideal for gourmet meal preparation. Her nav station, nowadays nearly a thing of the past, is huge and makes a great home office space as well as having plenty of room for real charts and plenty of electronics. She has two full sized staterooms, each with a head. The aft head doubles as a day head. There's tons of natural light via numerous deck hatches and opening ports (everything opens).

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Located in Annapolis, Maryland on Back Creek, showing appointments can be easily arranged. **Contact DAVE TOWNLEY at 410.271.5225 (mobile) or 888.352.1797 (toll free)** for information and a tour! A note to brokers: Our singular goal is to SELL this boat! We'll do everything we can to help you and your client towards that goal.

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## **Additional Specs, Equipment and Information:**

### **Dimensions**

LOA: 44.5 feet                      LWL: 37 feet                      Beam: 13.08 feet  
Displacement: 27500 pound    Bridge Clearance: 58.5 feet    Ballast: 12500 pound

### **Engines**

Engine Brand: Yanmar  
Cruising Speed: 7 knots @ 2500 RPM      Maximum Speed: 8 knots

### **Tankage**

Fuel: 100 gallon                      Water: 195 gallon                      Holding: 30 gallon

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## DAVE'S RATING

I know that when I travel with clients FAR out of town for yachts, I don't like surprises when I get there. It's embarrassing for me and can make for an expensive trip. With that in mind, I'd like to share my rating of various systems on the boat so you'll be as informed as possible before you come for a visit. My rating system is on a 1-10 scale with 10 being 'excellent' (in MY opinion). Please view this list as a GUIDE only. Everyone's idea of good and bad can vary quite a bit. My goal in doing this is to help you reach a comfort level with the boat before you invest time and energy to come and see it. I'll summarize by saying that this appears to be an excellent yacht worthy of serious consideration.

- Overall Rating: 9.0/10
- Very well maintained and thoughtfully updated. Regardless of age she shows extraordinarily well. Considering she is 19 years old, she's just superb. The hull both above and below the waterline is pristine. I've learned when I shop for buyers to ask brokers about what's wrong with a boat. It's just as important as what's right about it. Here is all I could find:
- The radar/chart plotter is in the wrong place. I'd update to a new plotter/radar screen at the helm. It's a fine unit though but it just needs to be relocated.
- In my history of selling over 200 yachts, I'm just amazed that the decks are so dry -- yet another testament to the build quality of Island Packet Yachts. I remind you however, you'll need to have your own surveyor perform his own examination to confirm my findings.
- Interior: 9.5/10
- Cabinetry in excellent condition. Interior upholstery in pristine condition.
- The cabin sole is in great shape.
- Hatches as well as fixed and opening ports all look good.
- Exterior: 9.0/10
- Entire exterior is in superb condition.
- Dodger and bimini are all less than 3 years old.
- Exterior teak is beautiful. Needs some minor refinishing at the helm seat and around the companionway hatch.
- Electronics: 8.5/10
- Needs some minor updating. Update radar/chart at the helm and you're set to go.
- SSB, VHF, EPIRB, other gear all good.
- Engine Room: 9.5/10 (visual inspection only)
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- Engine appears to be in excellent shape. Well serviced. Hoses and wiring all look good.
- Wire and plumbing runs throughout engine room are to typical off shore standards
- Galley/Head Systems: 9.5/10
- Excellent condition. Stove/oven is clean. Icebox is super well insulated and huge.
- Storage compartments and spaces are thoughtfully laid out for maximum efficiency. I like that the galley is out of the way of passage through the yacht. The chef does not impede traffic flow through the boat.
- Rig & Sails: 9.0/10
- Rig is turn-key and sail inventory is plentiful. Sails are new in 2009.

## **EXTERIOR VESSEL TOUR**

Classic IP lines, powerful rig, huge cockpit, easy movement around the decks, well placed top quality rigging, lots of opening ports. You'll see that this is obviously a passagemaking yacht before you even step aboard.

Boarding is through gates on either side right near the front of the cockpit. The cockpit is almost 8' long with plenty of room for lots of crew or lounging topsides. All lines come aft for sail handling, furling, hoisting, trimming. An electric halyard winch allows you to do everything, from hoisting the main, to hoisting the dinghy/outboard, to furling headsails in a big wind, to pulling guests from the water! If you haven't had one on your previous yachts, you'll instantly fall in love with it and what it does to make your life aboard simpler.

Broad side decks take you forward to the mast and foredeck. More winches on the mast facilitate hoisting the jib and staysail onto the furlers. Lines are smartly run around the boat out of the way for easy passage around the boat in rough seas.

Every hatch and port opens to bring light and air into the boat. All are top quality aluminum (hatches) and chromed bronze (ports) for serious off shore work.

## **INTERIOR VESSEL TOUR**

When it comes to accommodations, Island Packet is famous for space, headroom, and storage! It could be the foremost reason that people love their Island Packets. For living aboard and cruising in your home, it doesn't get better! The IP44 was designed to be the most luxurious of all the IPs up until the 90s. There are two large double staterooms and two large bathrooms with showers, and a huge galley and spacious salon. There is plenty of room for a couple to have guests or family aboard for extended periods in absolute comfort. The overall ambiance is one of space, light, and ventilation. Headroom of 6'5" gives the vessel a wonderful roomy, light feeling. The folding dining table seats six easily, but is also folded and secured against the bulkhead to provide a roomy salon where you can walk around without squeezing by people. The starboard settee berth is a perfect sea berth and makes a double for guests. The port seating arrangement has two chairs with a table between, but it also makes a straight settee seaberth. Storage below and outboard of the settees is magnificent. Bookshelves and cabinets outboard port and starboard are very nice. The galley is a truly supreme workspace! The ship's office is a private nook on the port side. The owners aft stateroom is private and comfortable with its own access to the large aft head which actually has a bath tub that is also a generous stall shower with the fold down teak seat.

- Two stateroom layout with plenty of privacy
- Two heads
- Headroom 6'5"
- Forward owners stateroom with temperpedic mattress and
- Aft cabin with private access to head
- Aft head has tub and shower!

- Beautiful large main salon with tasteful decor and forest green cushions in great condition
- Dining for eight, if you want
- Pullout double berth too
- Nav Station
- Open large galley
- Storage beyond your imagination
- Interior teak woodwork in excellent condition with matte vanish finish
- Cabin teak and holly sole refinished
- Teak hatch and companionway screens
- Solid teak companionway doors
- Stainless steel opening ports with bug screens
- Opening hatches for great ventilation
- Airconditioning system - two units with reverse cycle heat
- Hella cabin fans (six)
- Brass clock, barometer,
- Carbon monoxide detector (hard wired)
- Cockpit amenities - cockpit cushions, table
- Entertainment system JVC CD/DVD/Ipod
- Satellite Radio XM
- Flatscreen TV 13"

### **Galley & Plumbing**

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- Large double stainless steel sinks
- Seaworth 110v refrigeration with holding plate system two cooling plates
- Princess propane stove: 3 burners, oven and broilers
- Hot water 11 gallon Attwood stainless steel (new)
- Pressure water
- Manual hand pump
- PUR Filtered water
- Installed microwave oven
- Cabinets and counters
- Storage beyond!
- Trash bin
- Cutting board on stove top
- Built in dish rack and silverware drawer
- PLUMBING:
- Huge water capacity (190 gal) SS tank with gauge
- Deck fill
- Two heads
- Large forward head with shower faucet
- Electric toilets Raritan
- New head hoses!
- 40 gallon holding tank deck pump out or overboard at sea (macerator pump)
- Y valve
- Aft head with tub and shower!
- Cockpit/Transome shower
- PROPANE:
- Propane locker for two tanks, solenoid, vented (runs stove)

## **VESSEL HIGHLIGHTS & HISTORY**

This yacht has practically everything you could need for round-the-world passagemaking.

Her most recent additions include two new (2011) Kohler Solar panels professionally mounted over top of the large cockpit bimini. They're completely out of the way and bring in ample power to run basic systems during a day of sailing.

She also just got (2011) an AIR Breeze wind generator to further detach you from engine driven power generation.

Between the solar, wind, main engine, and Fischer Panda genset, you can easily satisfy your power needs across entire oceans.

## **WHY FOR SALE?**

As with so many boaters, plans change. These owners bought the boat for some serious voyaging. After purchase and thoughtful updating, an unexpected but awesome business opportunity arose that kept them far from their boat for too much time. Sophyra was built and outfitted for a voyage her current owners just don't have time for right now.

## **DECK, RIGGING AND SAILS**

### **Rig and Sails Inventory**

Island Packet has a wonderful formula for easy sail handling. She's a true cutter offering an easily managed sailplan with many options for all conditions. The aluminum mast is keel stepped and is easily intercoastal capable. The cutter rig includes a self tending staysail on a furler to make it even easier to sail shorthanded. The total sail area is 1082 sq ft. giving the boat a sail area to displacement ratio of 19. The headsail is a 110% high cut furling yankee. The staysail is a 90% furling sail that is self tacking. The mainsail is a traditional mainsail system with five full battens and two reef points led aft to the cockpit and a beautiful Doyle stackpack. One electric winch makes it super easy to raise the mainsail. Everything works really well. She sails great, especially when the other boats go home you'll be happy and comfortable. Again, whatever could be improved in the year of boat ownership was, without a mind to cost. Start with new sails, new running rigging, a new strong track, and ....!

- True cutter rig
- Keel stepped double spreader mast
- Standing rigging inspected 2008
- Running rigging new in 2009
- Bow sprit
- Traditional mainsail with lazy jacks and stack pack (not inmast furling)
- New strong track makes the main go up like butter
- Mid boom sheeting to traveler forward of the dodger
- Vang system
- Downwind pole on mast mount
- Sail area 1082 sq ft
- Mast height 59'
- All running rigging new in 2008
- Headsail on Harken furler
- Staysail also on Harken furler

- New mainsail, five full battens
- Two reef points with jiffy reefing system to the cockpit
- Doyle stackpac with lazy jacks
- WINCHES:
- Primary sheet winches are Lewmar 44
- Secondary (staysail sheet winches Lewmar 16
- Furling line winch
- Mainsheet Winch Lewmar 44 ST(Electric!) on the cabin house
- All winches greased in 2009

### **Hull, Deck & Ground Tackle**

A The draft of only 5'7" makes this a great Bahamas boat. As you know, Island Packet builds a phenomenal boat by never compromising their core design principals that include a strong lain laid solid fiberglass hull. The interior construction uses a fiberglass component that is attached to a structural gridwork of floor timbers and bulkheads. The fiberglass work is excellent of triaxial roving and glass matt with the finest quality resins. The IP exclusive PolyCore system used in the deck is a modern core material that does not deteriorate. The gelcoat and stainless steel work are second to none. The boat is strong (beyond) and Island Packets typically stand up to years and years of service. There is a certain comfort in a strong boat! The build quality and comfort is a great formula. You'll spend your time in the cockpit due to the managed sail plan and everything on furlers. The cockpit is very comfortable and inviting, large enough for guests. With the beautiful dodger and bimini.

- HULL:
- Full keel with cutaway forefoot
- Encapsulated lead ballast
- Protected prop aperture
- Waterline length 37'
- Draft 5'7"
- Bronze ball valve sea cocks
- DECK:
- Polycore deck
- Nonskid molded into deck mold
- High safe bulwarks
- Teak exterior trim and toe rails finished beautifully in Cetol for easy maintenance
- Hand rails on cabin house
- Dorades with boxes
- Stainless steel opening ports
- Screens
- Lewmar Ocean series hatches with canvas covers and screens
- Topsides waxed and polished
- Bottom paint in 2009 Interlux ablative paint
- COCKPIT:
- Everything is managed from the cockpit
- Binacle with teak wheel
- Edson Rack and pinion steering
- Swim ladder
- Cockpit shower
- Manual bilge pump
- Cockpit table from Island Packet
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- Sunbrella bimini & dodger with connector
- DINGHY STUFF:
- Davits



- Flag pole ( a must have)
- Outboard motor lift
- Edson outboard motor mount on stern rail
- EXTRAS:
- Sunbrella hatch covers and winch covers
- Sunbrella binnacle and wheel cover
- GROUND TACKLE:
- Anchor platform
- Dual bow rollers
- Divided chain locker
- Simpson Lawrence electric windlass with foot controls and cockpit remote
- Salt water anchor washdown system at bow
- SeaSafe anchor roller guards
- Toe rail SS chafe guards
- 44# Delta anchor w/275? chain rode 2009
- 45# Bruce w/chain and 200? rode
- Fortress 37
- DECK STUFF:
- Teak rub rail with SS striker
- Chrome plated bronze Island Packet step plates at boarding gates
- Transom Ladder
- Dinghy Achilles 9'6" 2006
- Outboard 15 hp
- Davits

## **MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**

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Sophyra is complete with a beautiful Yanmar 62 hp engine with low hours, AC/Heat, Invertor, Propane, and ample batteries for a comfy cruising lifestyle.

- MECHANICAL:
- Yanmar 4JH2TE 62 hp
- SS Shaft One and 1/4 inch
- Max prop
- Electric fuel pump
- 100 gallons of fuel
- ELECTRICAL:
- 12v system includes House Bank of four, T105 Trojans 2009
- Engine start bank includes two Group 27s
- Batteries in aft cabin under berth
- Balmar alternator 100 amp
- Regulator is Arc II
- Monitoring - Link Pro
- Nav lights
- Tricolor mast head light
- Steaming light
- Anchor light
- Strobe light
- Stern light
- Deck level running lights
- 12v outlets at nav and in aft cabine
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- Red LED courtesy lights
- Deck wash pump 12 v
- Electric bilge pump 12 v
- Cockpit shower pump 12v
- Pressure water pump 12v
- 110 V. System:
- 30 amp shore power system
- NewMar Charger
- Two power cords
- AC Breaker panel (IPs Paneltronics)
- Eleven 110v outlets
- 110 v Refrigeration
- Cruiserair AC systems 30,000 BTUs (two) and Reverse cycle heat at the dock
- Invertor 2000 watt runs microwave and appliances

## **ELECTRONICS & NAVIGATION**

Nicely equipped with everything you need to get there and enjoy the Bahamas! Radar, GPS plotter, SSB, VHF radio, and wind, speed, and depth. Nice compact nav station provides a ships office below decks.

- Raymarine R80 radar display and 2kw mast mounted antenna
- Garmin 520 GPS display plotter
- Raymarine ST60 network depth, wind and log instruments
- Simrad autopilot
- Icom VHF at nav station with DSC full function remote mic in the cockpit
- Insulated backstay antenna
- SCG 2000 single sideband

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- PROPANE:
- Propane locker for two tanks, solenoid, vented (runs stove)

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> cockpit



> helm



> cockpit



> cabin



> salon



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> nav and galley



> galley



> galley



> galley sink



> galley stove



> galley



> nav station



> nav station



> nav station electronics



> nav station electronics



> nav station electronics



> owner's stateroom 1



> owner's stateroom 2



> owner's stateroom 3



> owner's stateroom 4



> forward head 1



> forward head 2



> aft head 1



> aft head 2



> aft cabin 1



> aft cabin 2



> helm



> helm electronics 1



> helm electronics 2



> helm electronics 3



> compass



> helm electronics 4



> engine start



> port deck



> bow







> bow



> deck



> starboard deck



> starboard deck



> solar panels



> wind generator



> batteries

> engine



> engine