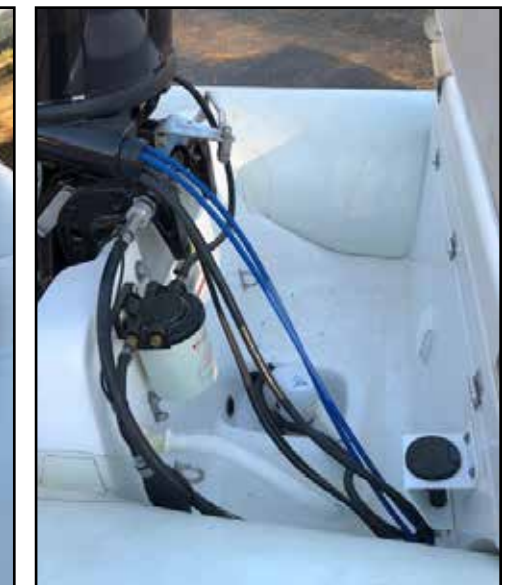
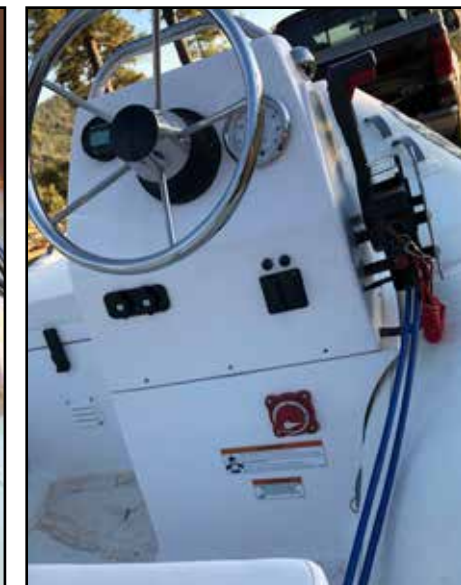


For Sale

AB Inflatable VST-12 w/ Tohatsu 30

Better than new. Professionally set-up. Less than 2 hours total time in water, on a lake. Includes custom trailer, custom cover, safety gear, electric 6 foot pump, elec. bilge pump and more.



AB VST 12 Inflatable

- LED Navigation Lights
- All Around LED Anchor Lights
- Compartment Yacht Quality finish
- SS Gas Springs for easy lifting
- Rigging Included • "V" Hull
- NMMA Certified Alum. Fuel Tank
- Overall length - 12' / 3.66m
- Overall Beam 6'1" / 1.86m
- Inside Length 9'2" / 2.79m
- Inside Beam 2'10" / 0.86m
- Tube Diameter 18" / 0.46m
- Number of Chambers 3
- Person Capacity 6
- Weight 405lb / 184kg
- Recommended HP 40hp / 29.8kw
- Shaft Length 20" / 50.8cm
- Hand Laid Fiberglass Deep "V" Hull

- Stringer System Laminated into Hull
- Diamond Shape Non-skid Deck
- Integrated Marine Grade Aluminum • Plastic External Transom Plate
- Aluminum Internal Transom Plate
- Splash well, Draining
- 1 Front & 2 Side Orca (CSM) Fabric Handles on Tubes
- 1 Port Inside Transom Orca (CSM) • Fabric Handles on Tubes
- 2 Inside Bow Orca (CSM) Fabric Handles on Tubes

Tohatsu 30 HP Outboard

- Engine Type: 4-Stroke
- Propshaft HP: 30hp
- Shaft Length 20" (Long Shaft)
- Consol Steering
- Electric Start

- Weight 161 Lbs
- RPM Range: 5250-6250
- Displacement: 32.09 cu.in.
- Gear Ratio: 2.17:1
- Standard Propeller: 3-Blade • Forward, Neutral and Reverse shift
- Electronic Fuel Injection
- Water cooled
- 6.6 Gallon External Fuel Tank and Fuel Line
- 15 Amp Alternator
- Less than 2 hours total on engine, only run in fresh water.

Custom Trailer

- Built for this boat
- Electric winch for loading
- Lights



Who Are You Calling Dinghy?

or, Getting ashore while anchored is more than half the fun!

One of the most asked questions we get at cruising seminars is about the dinghy. There's a lot to consider when you select your dinghy, and a lot of the things you look for are self-cancelling.

"Like what?" I hear you ask from the back of the room. Well, let's take a look at what it is we have a dinghy for in the first place... Convenience.

Okay, now that we have that figured out, what makes a dinghy convenient? For the answer to this I get to go back thru the past 35 years of living aboard a boat and cruising. I have to tell you, some of the funniest stories I have concern dinghies.

Let's talk about the time I was on a large (110') power boat a friend of mine had. We went to Catalina on her (burning more fuel in a minute than I usually burn in a year) for a quick trip of 25 miles. Once there my friend Dave lowered the 18' inflatable using an electric crane (!) and soon it was ready for shore duty. It was a great dinghy.

Plenty of room, a nice rigid fiberglass bottom and an outboard that put it up on a plane in a few seconds! BUT, it seems we had a few too many people aboard to make it ashore in one trip.

I saw another dinghy up on the upper deck and we dropped it in the water as well. Now this dinghy was one of those with an inflatable floor. It was about eight feet long and used oars. I volunteered to take it with a couple of the other people on board and row it in to the dock. As I stepped off the swim step and into the middle of the dinghy, the bottom was "a little soft" and the dinghy folded up around me like a Venus Fly Trap eating a fly. I tried to flatten it out but to no avail. I found myself climbing out of the water.

The laughing went on all weekend. The people aboard all knew that I had sailed the world, and I guess that made it all the funnier. But wait, there's more!



The first time I sailed to Hualapai in the Society Islands I had a 12' inflatable that had another type of inflatable floor. This one had tubes that ran from the bow to the stern and had interlocking floorboards that kept it rigid. We had a nice 30hp outboard on it and it was pretty good.

Until one of my crew members who had been "partying" for the afternoon ashore returned to the boat in the evening, and as he was climbing the boarding ladder I noticed the dinghy was full of water. Now, a little water in a dinghy is normal, but the dinghy was about 1/2 full. I honestly don't know how he managed to get it back to the boat. But he didn't notice the water. That was probably due to a couple bottles of rum that he'd emptied ashore.

Anyway, when I pointed out the water, he mumbled something about fixing it in the a.m. and wandered off to crash in his bunk. In the meantime I removed the outboard and hooked the halyard up to the painter and hoisted it slowly out of the water, letting the water drain. Once out, I found a four-foot gash across the bottom. It seems he'd cut across the submerged reef and cut it a "bit too sharp."

Long story short, in the a.m. my erstwhile crew member had disappeared, along with the return plane ticket I had to buy him when we entered French Polynesia.

For most of that day I searched the island for enough PVC glue to try and fix the boat. I found it, at one of the hotels that used PVC pipe for their plumbing. That fixed it (temporarily).

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So what did I learn from this, you ask? I learned that whenever I got a new dinghy, I wanted one that has a rigid fiberglass bottom, better known as a RIB. And so it was, when we started looking for a good dinghy we had a criteria we were looking to fill. We wanted a good, strong, fiberglass bottom. We wanted a boat large enough to be comfortable, while being small enough to hoist on davits when needed. Oh, yeah, and it had to get up on a plane with at least three people in it.



The people at AB Inflatables suggested that we use a 30hp motor. We talked with Kurt Gardner at Tohatsu and found the 2016, 30hp 4-stroke motor with EFI (Electronic Fuel Injection) was exactly what we needed.

The upper and lower motor cover make for easier access to regular maintenance items. Some of the features we found that helped us make up our minds were the canister style oil filter for easy replacement and larger capacity oil reservoir. It also has a tuned intake system for faster takeoffs and is ultra low emission, EPA and CARB approved.



It has a lower gear ratio from 1.92:1 to 2.17:1 which gives you better low end torque and the ability to turn a higher pitch prop for better top end performance. Add to that the electronic fuel injection and the boating industry's first battery-free digital CD ignition system for quicker starts and large alternator and rectifier for superior battery charging, and you have a very nice package.

It also has an adjustable steering friction and trim tab for reducing steering effort. We chose the electric lift version, which allows us to go into shallow water using the power trim and tilt remote control.

We found it also had a built-in fresh water flush



It comes with built in LED navigation lights and a bilge pump, as well as a stainless steel steering wheel and grab handle. There is concealed storage in the bow locker to hold anchors, rods, etc. The center console and flip open rear seat give instant access to other storage.

The modest weight of this 12-foot boat is a manageable 337 lbs. Four stainless steel davit lifting points are pre-installed for convenience.

system on the lower motor cover for easy access. The through-the-prop exhaust gave us a much quieter ride, and the 6.6 gallon (25 liter) fuel tank fits easily under the seat and allows for even more storage.

But that's all technical stuff. As they say, the proof is in the pudding, so we were pretty excited to take her out and put her through her paces. The first thing we found was how easy it was to start this puppy. Tip the starter and it is running, and running quietly. It's actually quiet enough to have a conversation while you are motoring around the harbor! How kewl is that?

The ride in the VSX 12 was smoother than expected. To "test it out" we brought it up to Lake Oroville, which our "offices" overlook in Butte County, CA.

Want More Info on this Setup? <http://www.abinflatablesusa.com> <http://www.tohatsu.com>

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AB Oceanus 12 VST Rigid Hull Inflatable (RIB) with Yamaha F50 EFI 4-Stroke
Item #: 458604

- AB 12 VST / Yamaha F50, Gray 2020
- Length: 12' 0". Material: Hypalon-CSM, Rugged Package

Model Number: 12 VST / F50 2020

Factory Warranty Begins on Date of Purchase. Specifications: Length: 12' Beam: 6' 1" Hull Weight: 405 lbs Motor: Yamaha 50 hp Motor Weight: 247 lbs Capacity: (6) Persons or 1699 lbs Tube Diameter: 18" ... more...

List Price: \$24,293.00
Our Price: \$21,490.00

Tohatsu 30 HP 4-Stroke

- Tohatsu MFS30CETL EFI, 4-Stroke 2016
- 30 HP, 20" Shaft, Remote, Electric start

Item #: 307780
Brand: Tohatsu
Model #: MFS30CETL (EFI)-REMOTE

Packaged Weight: 245.00 Lbs.
List Price: \$5,161.00
Our Price: \$4,547.00

Retail Price New: \$29,454.00 + Trailer \$1,699.00 = Retail Value \$31,153
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\$13,000.00

This AB Inflatable from AB Inflatables was professionally set up and has been stored under cover in a carport. Since it was new. It has less than 2 hours in the water, one day for shooting the article. It was originally purchased to be used as a tender for the Lost soul, a 56' ketch, which is no longer being sailed.

The boat is located in Berry Creek, CA, about 2.5 hours east of San Francisco Bay. For pick-up ONLY. No delivery available.

The boat comes complete with cover and trailer. Boat is registered as is the trailer. This vessel was professionally set-up by the Tohatsu dealer in Sacramento. It comes complete with oars, two inflators (one electric, one foot-pump) as well as gas tank, PFD's, Running Light, Bailer, anchor w/ rode and more.

The trailer was custom made for this particular boat. It includes an electric winch for loading the boat, tie-downs, new wheels, tires, rims, etc.

The boat is set up with electric up-down for the motor, with the controls on the consol. Battery is good and charged.

Can be seen by appointment only at the Cruising Outpost/Latitudes & Attitudes offices located in Berry Creek, CA (20 miles east of Oroville.)

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