

How much does a Westsail-32 cost?

Westsail prices are all over the place. I've seen them range from \$79K down to a few thousand dollars. There's even one in Mexico that is free for the taking. Remember, the most expensive boat you can own is a free boat!

As a Westsailor for over 34 years, I offer my rule of thumb to understand Westsail pricing.

A fully equipped Westsail32, capable of ocean voyages for extended time and distances, would be on the order of \$60K to \$80K, maybe closer to \$100K. So if you purchased a project boat for \$10K, expect to spend at least \$50K before you head offshore. And, the departure date will be at least 5 years from when you started your maintenance, upgrades and repairs, if you have the time to do all that.

If you only want a coastal Westsail, something that you can take the intercostal to the keys, and jump over to the Bahamas, you should be looking at a \$30K to \$50K. *CAPRICA* fits in this category. All of the expensive parts are in service, well maintained, and renewed to better than original condition.

Finally, if you just want to sail in circles or take a weekend overnight-er, or just lounge at the marina's pool, \$15K to \$20K would be a fair price, but make sure you have a Boat-US towing package if you leave your slip.

There are some other things to consider when buying a Westsail.

If you buy a boat in Seattle and have it transported to New Jersey, you just added between \$10K to \$30K to the price. If the Iron Genny is worn out, a new engine will run between \$10k to \$20K, plus installation costs. If the sails are blown out, replacements will be \$5K to \$15K. Electronics are always outdated and cannot be repaired after a couple of years. If she has been in the water for 20 years, a bottom job will be on the order of \$10K.

When you buy you should always get a marine survey, or at the very least, you must be an experienced sailor and you trust the seller.

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