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## Contessa 26

**£12,250 GBP**

**United Kingdom**

**Very nicely presented example of this GRP classic**

Manufacturer/Model	Contessa 26
Name	CAROLINE IV
Designer	David Sadler
Year	1973
Category	Sail
New or used	Used
Status	Available
Price	£12,250 GBP

Price comment

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Lying

Argyll, United Kingdom

## Specifications

Length overall	7.77 m
Length waterline	6.08 m
Beam	2.28 m
Draft	1.21 m
Displacement	2,449 kg
Hull	GRP
Keel	Long keel

## Propulsion

Engine	Beta Marine B-14 marine diesel engine (2010) 14hp @ 3,600rpm Twin cylinder, naturally aspirated, indirectly Mechanical reversing marine gearbox Single lever morse control
Fuel	Diesel
Fuel capacity	45 litres

## Description

The Contessa 26 was a joint project between David Sadler and a young and enthusiastic Jeremy Rogers. Taking inspiration for the wooden folkboats Rogers was building at the time. With her all GRP construction the first Contessa 26 launched in 1966 and immediately proved to be a highly capable little yacht with some of the early yachts putting up notable results in both inshore and longer distance, offshore races. The design was the foundation of successful partnership between Sadler and Rodgers who went on to design and build several other Contessa designs.

The Contessa 26 CAROLINE IV is a much-loved example of the class; one of the best we have had the pleasure of seeing in recent years. Extensively re-fitted and upgraded by successive owners she boasts a comprehensive modern inventory including highlights such as:

- Windows all removed and professionally restored in 2005
- Beta Marine B-14 marine diesel engine (2010)
- Boat extensively re-wired in 2005
- Raymarine ST60 navigation instrumentation
- Garmin GPS152 GPS
- NASA Marine SX35 DSCVHF
- Origo 3000 spirit stove
- Jabsco manual marine toilet (2012)
- Stainless steel standing rigging, fully replaced in 2019
- Running rigging replacement in 2019
- Lewmar self-tailing primary winches
- Sprayhood fitted new in 2023
- Full cockpit canopy
- Inflatable dinghy

Lying afloat on a mooring at Tighnabruaich the Contessa 26 CAROLINE IV is available for immediate viewing.

### CONSTRUCTION

#### Hull Construction:

- Single piece GRP moulded hull with encapsulated keel
- Hand consolidated, monolithic laminate
- Topsides finished in blue two-pack paint
- Underwater hull finished in red antifouling with white boot top line

#### Deck & Superstructure Construction:

Single piece GRP moulded deck incorporating coachroof superstructure and self-draining cockpit  
Non-slip moulded texture panels to finish deck and coachroof  
Windows all removed and professionally restored in 2005  
Teak slats to finish cockpit seating  
Moulding finished in white paint

#### Keel & Rudder:

GRP encapsulated long keel  
Lead ballast  
Full depth pintle hung rudder with prop aperture

#### MACHINERY

##### Engine:

Beta Marine B-14 marine diesel engine (2010)  
14hp @ 3,600rpm  
Twin cylinder, naturally aspirated, indirectly  
Mechanical reversing marine gearbox  
Single lever morse control

##### Maintenance & Performance:

Engine service annually  
Cruising speed under engine 5kts  
Set of cruising spares aboard

##### Propulsion & Steering:

Stainless steel propshaft  
Three blade, bronze fixed propeller  
Laminated hardwood tiller

#### ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

##### Voltage systems:

12VDC onboard power system  
Boat extensively re-wired in 2005

##### Battery Banks:

Battery 1 - 1x 12VDC, 75Ah, lead acid (2023)  
Battery 2 - 1x 12VDC, 110Ah, lead acid  
Merlin S100 battery isolators (2005)

##### Alternator:

Single engine driven alternator  
Merlin M-Power voltage sensitive relay to split charging current between batteries

##### General:

12VDC charging sockets at chart table  
SunGuard charge controller for solar panel - no panel fitted currently

#### PLUMBING

##### Fresh Water:

Manually pumped fresh water system  
Manual cold water tap in galley

##### Bilge Pumps:

Manual bilge pump

## TANKAGE

### Fuel:

Single diesel tank

Stainless steel tank construction

Tank capacity 45ltr – approximate range of 200nm

### Fresh Water:

Single fresh water tank

GRP moulded tank

## NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

### On Deck:

Depth – Raymarine ST60

Speed/Log – Raymarine ST60

Wind – Raymarine ST60

Repeater – Raymarine ST60 Graphic display

Magnetic Compass

### Below Decks:

GPS – Garmin GPS152

### Communications Equipment:

DSC VHF – NASA Marine SX35 DSCVHF

## DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

### Galley:

Stove – Origo 3000 spirit stove, gimballed mounted

Sink – With manually pumped cold water tap

### Heads:

Toilet – Jabsco manual marine toilet (2012)

## ACCOMMODATION

### Forepeak

Two single berths in V-layout with infill to create double

Shelves above bunks, outboard forward

Bottle storage locker beneath central section of bunks forward

Storage in lockers beneath bunks

### Heads:

Bi-fold door between heads compartment and forepeak (not currently fitted)

Jabsco manual marine toilet located outboard to starboard

Wet locker opposite to port

### Galley/Nav Station:

Located forward of saloon.

Galley unit outboard to port with cooker mounted on gimbals above storage unit.

Selection of lockers below and outboard.

Worktop area to starboard with inset sink below cover panel centrally.

GPS mounted outboard of worktop

Fold out section of worktop to extend Nav table work space aft.

Selection of lockers below worktop

Pull-out bench seat to span between galley and nav station

#### Saloon:

Located between companionway and galley/nav station

Bench settees outboard port and starboard

Settees convert to single bunks which extend aft under the cockpit to extend bunk length

Batteries located beneath starboard bunk

#### DECK EQUIPMENT

##### Rig:

Deck stepped masthead sloop rig

Gold anodised alloy mast and spars

Stainless steel standing rigging, fully replaced in 2019

On boom roller reefing mainsail

Majority of running rigging replaced in 2019

Block and tackle kicker (2019)

Mainsheet horse upgraded with block and tackles to pull mainsheet to windward

##### Winches:

Primary Winches – 2x Lewmar 16, self-tailing, two-speed

Secondary Winches – 2x Gibb, single-speed

##### Sails:

Mainsail – White dacron, on boom roller reefing

#1 Genoa – Mylar

#1 Jib

Storm Jib

Spinnaker – Tri-radial

Gennaker

##### Canvas Work:

Mainsail Cover (2005)

Sprayhood (2023)

Winter Sprayhood

Spray Dodgers (2005)

Cockpit Canopy (2005)

Cockpit Cushions

##### Anchoring & Mooring:

Bower Anchor – CQR anchor on chain (36m) / warp (40m) rode

Kedge Anchor with approximately 10m of chain

Mooring Warps – Selection

Fenders – Selection

##### Tender:

Inflatable Dinghy – Plastimo dinghy

##### General:

Single bow roller

Stainless steel pulpit rail

Deck mounted stainless steel stanchions, custom made stanchions to curve out over toerail

Single, plastic covered stainless steel guardwire

Deck mounted alloy mooring cleats forward and aft

Toerail mounted fairleads forward and aft

Upgraded forward hatch with conventional style glazed opening hatch

Hardwood grabrails running the length of the coachroof, outboard

Stainless steel liferaft cradle mounted on coachroof between sprayhood and mast

Moulded cockpit coamings with winches mounted on coaming top

Bench seats to port and starboard sides of cockpit with lockers beneath aft sections of both  
Mainsheet horse mounted aft of cockpit.  
Small section of deck aft of cockpit with hatch to access lazarette locker  
Stainless steel pulpit rail  
Outboard storage bracket located to port side of rail.

#### SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

General note on safety equipment: Any safety equipment such as liferafts, Epirbs, fire extinguishers and flares etc. are usually personal to the current owner(s) and if being left on-board as part of the sale of a used vessel may require routine servicing, replacement, or changing to meet a new owners specific needs.

#### Navigation Lights:

Masthead tri-colour and anchor light (2005)  
Steaming light  
Navigation lights (2005)

#### Safety Equipment:

Liferaft – 4 person cannister raft – Last serviced 2014  
Horseshoe lifebuoy with light  
OSCAR MOB recovery sling  
Fire Blanket  
Fire Extinguisher

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