

2018 Helmsman 38E - Pelican

\$535,000

Pelican is a 2018 Helmsman 38E with something most boats cannot claim: two completed Great Loop's. That means proven capability, real cruising credibility, and confidence where it matters most: underway.

LOCATION
Stuart, Florida

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LOOPER STATUS
Two-time Great Loop boat

Quick Sale Highlights

- Cummins 380 hp diesel
- 2100 hours, well maintained
- Excellent documentation
- Two-time Looper boat
- Two Webasto heater-air conditioners
- Nova Kool 12 volt refrigerator
- Electric cooktop stove
- Microwave-convection oven
- Garmin chart plotter and autopilot
- Starlink internet
- Sirius satellite radio (450 channels)
- VHF radio with AIS and DSC
- Nebo transponder for Looper connections
- Two heads with separate walk-in shower

Core Specifications

LOA 40' 10"	LOD 37' 10"	BEAM 13' 11"
DRAFT 4' 0"	FUEL 400 gal	WATER 145 gal
WASTE 45 gal	DRY WEIGHT 30,000 lbs	ENGINE Cummins 380 hp diesel
ENGINE HOURS ~2,100	HEADS 2	LOOP HISTORY Two-time Great Loop

Layout Profile



Official layout profile with pilothouse-forward plan and full-beam salon flow.

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Wide, stable platform with generous interior volume
- **4' 0" draft**
Cruise shallower waters with added flexibility
- **400 gal fuel**
Long-range trawler mindset

Design & Construction

- Semi-displacement hull design with soft chines, deep forefoot, broad aft sections for form stability, and full keel.
- Strong stainless steel skeg and large rudder.
- Flybridge with access ladders on both port and starboard sides
- Single stateroom layout with separate head and shower compartments.
- Convertible L-shaped dinette in salon, L-shaped galley, and Pullman-style pull-out settee.
- Solid FRP laminate hull with vinylester external layers and internal FRP grid.

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Thoughtful Design For Serious Cruising

Pelican combines practical cruising sensibility, comfortable living spaces, and Loop-proven pedigree. Detailed specifications, systems, and onboard features are provided below.

Looper-Proven Notes

- A boat that has completed the Great Loop twice gives buyers confidence in route fitness and owner-operated usability.
- At approximately 7.5 knots, owner notes call out about 2 nautical miles per gallon and roughly 800-mile practical range with 400 gallons onboard.
- Engine-room access is repeatedly described as unusually service-friendly for both daily checks and maintenance work.
- Gunwale-to-gunwale salon volume is highlighted as a key comfort advantage for long-duration cruising.
- Fore and aft thrusters, side-door helm access, and manageable dimensions support short-handed docking and lock transits.
- Foldable mast and flybridge configuration are called out for Great Loop bridge-clearance flexibility.

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- Decks built with substantial laminations and PVC foam coring.
- FRP fuel tanks (2), stainless steel water tanks (2), and FRP holding tank (1).
- Extensive sound-deadening techniques and composite interior floor construction for lower vibration and noise.
- Teak solids and veneers with hand-applied polyurethane finish.
- Ceiling panels, wireways, and cable runs arranged for access and serviceability.
- Oversized double-rung stainless steel safety rails and quality deck hardware throughout.

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- Base Price: \$535,000
- Two-time Great Loop boat with documented maintenance, practical owner-operator systems, and well-supported Cummins propulsion.
- Two-time Great Loop completion history.
- Located in Stuart, Florida.
- Cummins 380 hp diesel with approximately 2,100 hours and strong service records.
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Long-range trawler mindset
- **145 gal water**
Comfortable capacity for extended time aboard
- **45 gal waste**
Practical holding capacity for cruising use
- **2 heads**
Guest-friendly layout
- **30,000 lbs dry weight**
Heavy-displacement feel with offshore confidence

Exterior

- Matterhorn White gel coat hull, superstructure, and deck surfaces.
- Sloop bow and stern thrusters.
- FRP integrally molded swim platform and transom door.
- Full-length cockpit cover.
- Lewmar V4 windlass with 200 feet of 5/16 inch high-tensile chain plus 200 feet of line
- 45 lb stainless steel Bruce-type anchor.
- Anchor washdown at bow.
- Aft-mounted dinghy with 20 hp outboard on Liftwise-style handling system.
- Flybridge helm station with stainless steel wheel and settee.
- Radar mast with hinge for bridge-clearance operations.
- Three pantographic windshield wipers.
- Seahawk epoxy barrier coating and bottom paint.

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Engineroom

- Cummins QSB 6.7 liter 380 hp electronically controlled common-rail diesel engine.
- Owner sheet indicates approximately 2,100 engine hours with maintenance documentation aboard.
- Dual Racor or Griffin fuel filters with visual bowl monitoring.
- PYI dripless prop shaft seal with inspection window.
- Tides Marine rudder shaft seals.
- Sea Star hydraulic steering system with autopilot steering taps installed.
- Electric bilge pumps (3) with automatic switches and high-water bilge alarm.
- Shower sump pump.
- Built-in oil-change scavenge system for engine, transmission, and generator.
- Hinged floor hatches and removable deck plates for engine-room access.

Electrical

- 5 Victron 200 A-hr batteries: Engine start, bow thruster, stern thruster, generator start, and house.
- Victron inverter/charger.
- Blue Sea Systems remote battery switches and automatic charge relays.
- SmartPlug 30 amp shorepower inlets (2) on transom.
- Owner sheet notes routine use with dual 30A service plus 50A splitter flexibility.
- Victron isolation transformers (2).
- Blue Sea Systems AC/DC distribution panel.
- Bonding system with anodes.
- New-in-2025 6 kW generator called out in owner sheet for anchor-power support.

Interior

- LED interior overhead lighting with dimmers.
- LED engineroom lighting.
- LED reading lights in salon, galley, and stateroom.
- LED cockpit lighting.
- Pilothouse control center with teak wheel.
- Stainless steel overhead hatch and portlights with screens.
- Opening center windshield window.
- Bench-style helm seat with flip-up bolster.
- Caesarstone galley countertops.
- Owner sheet calls out extensive interior storage and practical long-cruise liveability.

Navigation And Comms

- Garmin chart plotter and autopilot with route-follow functionality.
- VHF radio with AIS and DSC.
- Nebo transponder for Looper-to-Looper connectivity.
- Starlink internet installation with low-draw anchor-use profile.
- Sirius satellite radio (approximately 425-450 channels depending on package).
- Helm side-door line handling and rear-view camera support short-handed operations.

Domestic Systems

- Two Webasto heater/air-conditioner units referenced in owner one-pager.
- Nova Kool 12V refrigerator/freezer.
- Electric cooktop stove.
- Microwave-convection oven.
- Raritan Elegance macerating electric head.
- Two-head layout with separate walk-in shower.
- Simple, reliable single speed fresh water pump with a separate accumulator for smooth water delivery.
- 17 gallon Torrid electric hot-water heater.
- Cockpit shower (hot and cold).

Miscellaneous

- Lines, fenders, shore power cable, and USCG safety equipment included.
- Owner notes emphasize complete maintenance invoices stored aboard plus a 33 page boat specific Systems Instruction Owners Manual that explains to the owner how to operate all systems on the boat.
- Delivery/transport details should be confirmed during purchase process.

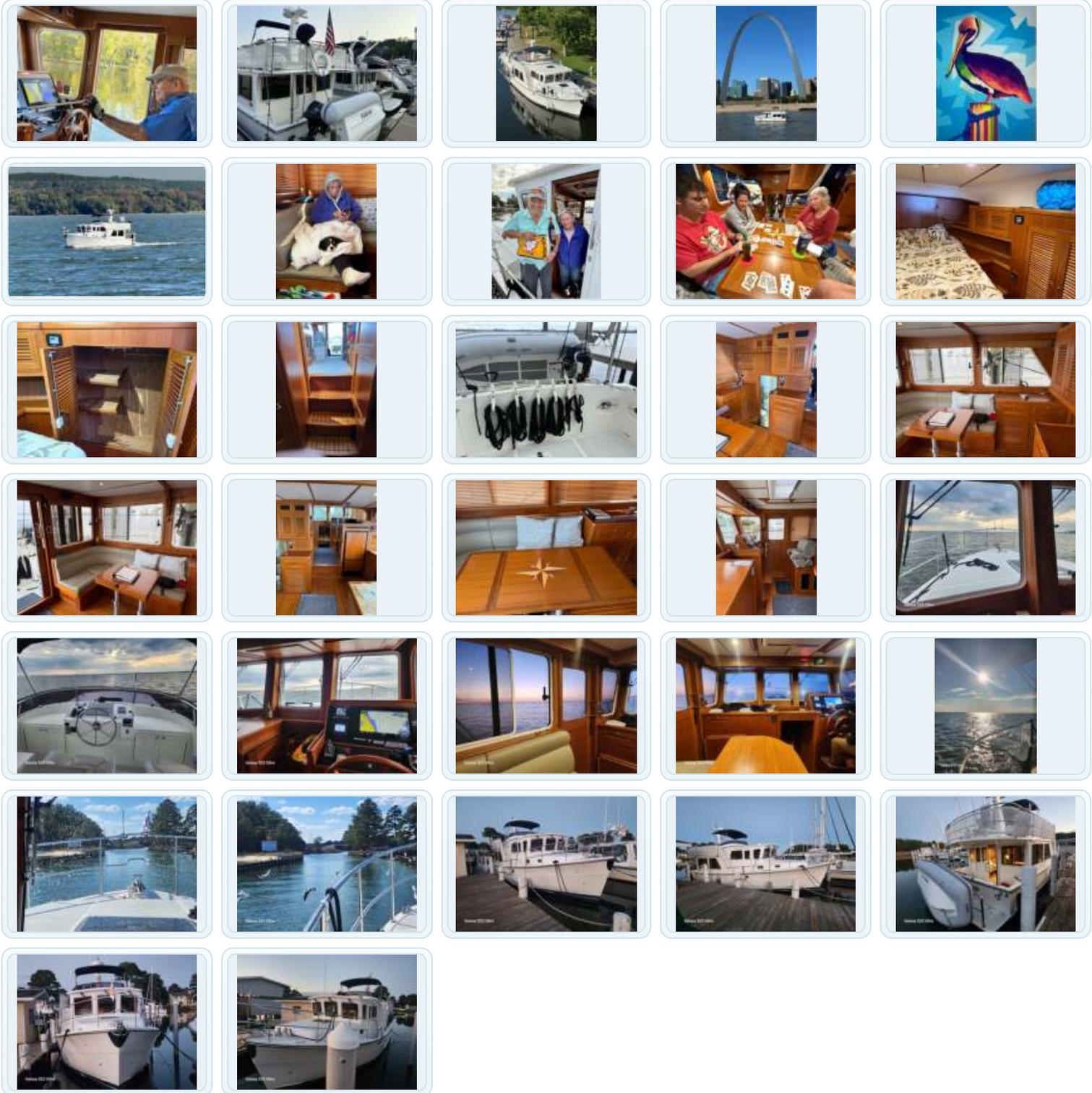
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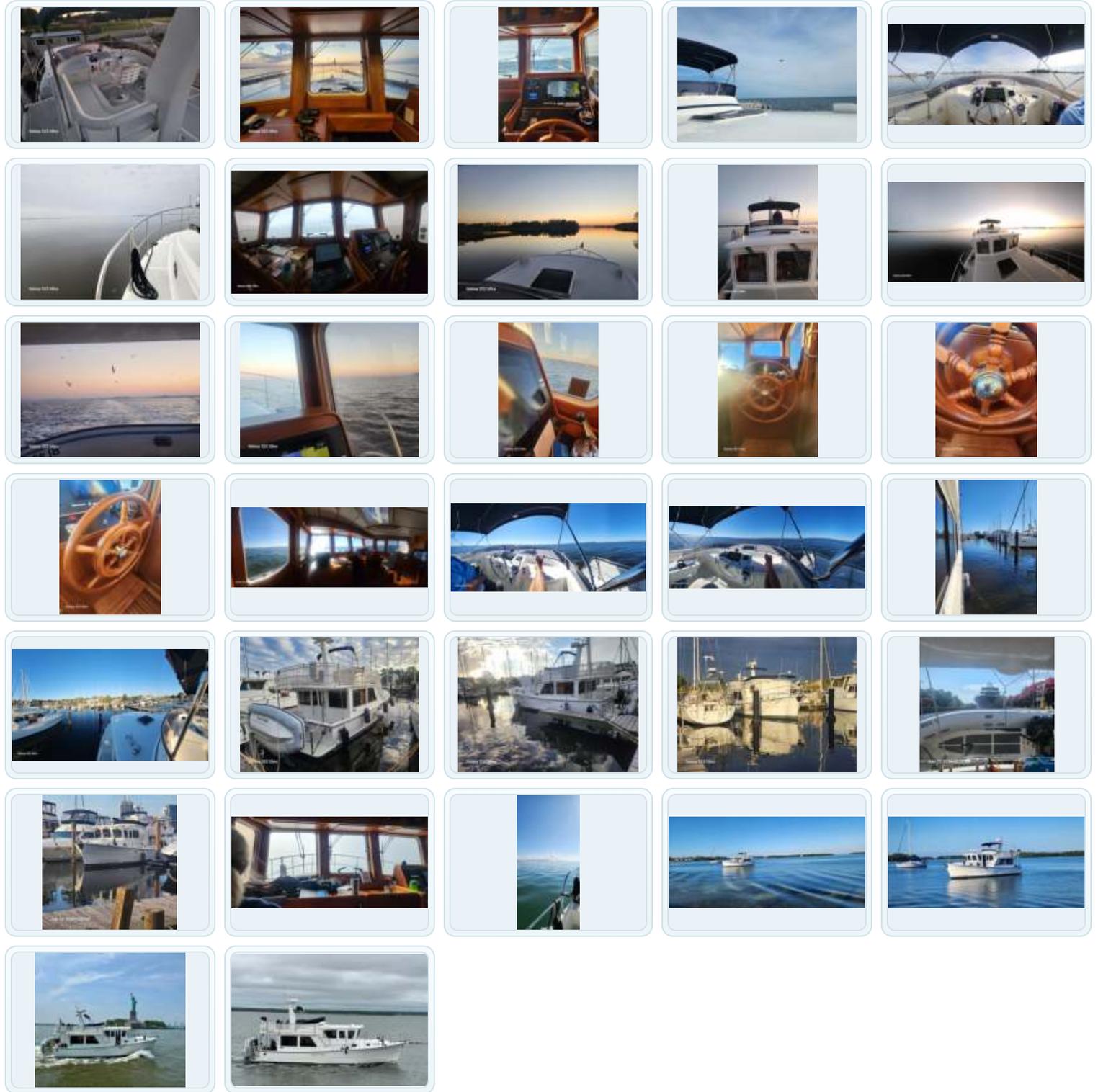
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Great Loop Story Context

It is often said that the best Looper boat is a boat that has done the Loop. If so, this is a great boat as she has completed the Great Loop twice.

Powered by a Cummins 380 hp diesel with about 2,100 hours, parts and service support are widely available. With 400 gallons of fuel onboard, owner notes report a comfortable 7.5-knot cruise and approximately 2 nautical miles per gallon.

The salon runs gunwale-to-gunwale, creating living volume that feels larger than many boats in the class. Around marinas and locks, manageable dimensions plus bow and stern thrusters support short-handed docking.

Helmsman boats are known for quality and practical systems thinking. This 38E carries that reputation with a strong support network and owner-focused design decisions.

The engine room is spacious and repeatedly praised by mechanics for accessibility. Daily checks are straightforward, and the built-in oil-scavenge system simplifies service for engine, transmission, and generator.

Electrical flexibility includes dual 30 amp shorepower service with splitter options. The boat remains practical in marinas with limited hookups while still supporting key comfort systems.



Route Context

- South Florida start point with Atlantic and ICW legs up the East Coast.
- Transit through New York into Canadian waters, then west into the Great Lakes.
- Southbound inland river legs through the Midwest and Mississippi system.
- Exit through Lower Alabama, across the Florida Gulf and Okeechobee corridor, then return to Florida east coast waters.
- Loop-proven bridge-clearance and lock-handling profile with a foldable mast and owner-operator setup.

Great Loop Story Visuals (8) • Batch 1 (1-8)



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