



SMOOTH OPERATOR

Horizon's E75 Motoryacht lets you cruise the way you want.

By Kevin Koenig

COMING IN AT AN EVEN 75 feet length overall, the Horizon E75 debuted to U.S. yachting enthusiasts at November's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. She falls in the middle of this builder's nine-model E series, running from 56 to 98 feet length overall. For seasoned owner-operators who want to voyage to far-flung waypoints, this yacht is ready to travel.

Horizon is confident that its owners are up to the challenge. The yacht has

an 18-foot-6-inch beam that helps keep her manageable, and her systems are designed for use without crew. Says Horizon USA Marketing Director Elise Moffitt: "None of this boat's systems require a professional engineer. If you're a knowledgeable owner — which, at this size, almost everyone we see is — you're going to be comfortable working the things we have on board. This boat's got ABT Zero Speed stabilizers, [1,150 hp C18s or 1,600 hp C32s] Caterpillar engines, the swim platform. This is



SWEET DREAMS

The master stateroom on the E75 spans the yacht's beam, which is 18 feet 6 inches. Notable features include a walk-in closet and en-suite his-and-her head with tub. The stateroom is amidships belowdecks, with the en suite providing a noise and vibration barrier from the engine room.



HIGH-LOW

Horizon wants to push into the market share of its European competitors, so the builder is focusing on elegance in a way that incorporates Horizon's reputation among hardcore cruisers, hence the concept of high-low "casual elegance," perhaps best exemplified by this salon.

Lines like those you see above are a true evolution for Horizon. Note the private settee up on the bow too.



THE FINER POINTS

- 1. The hydraulic swim platform is designed for ease of use, and its size illustrates Horizon's emphasis on outdoor space.
- 2. This deck plan shows the galley aft, but owners can also place it forward or amidships.
- 3. The E75's helm offers excellent sight lines for an owner-operator.
- 4. Horizon spruced up the bow deck with a dining settee to create an entertainment space.

all stuff that people can use themselves.”

If an owner decides he wants to have crew or a captain, the yacht comes with aft quarters for two crew, with a sleeping cabin, head and sitting area. Horizon suspects that for cruising families, that crew space may well end up being a hideaway for the kids. (The yacht also has three staterooms, including a full-beam master.)

Another part of the E75 that Horizon paid attention to was her lines, which are sleeker than you might expect. The idea was to give this model a fresh, Euro look. And it worked.

“Honestly,” Moffitt says, “we couldn’t keep people off of her at the Fort Lauderdale show. They were crawling all over it the whole time.”



LOA
75'
MAX
BEAM
18'6"

Those potential customers got a first-hand look at Horizon’s “casual luxury” interior ambience. The E75 is nice enough to host a Champagne-and-caviar fete, and laid-back enough for board shorts and bikini tops (though probably not worn by the same person). She also has a refrigerator, grill and optional hot

tub up on her bridge deck, which is designed to be an optimal outdoor entertaining area.

As for those all-important performance attributes, with the standard C18s, the E75 will hit 22 knots, according to the builder; with the optional C32s, she should see a relatively speedy 27 knots.

Horizon expects big things from the E75 Motoryacht, and for good reason. The yacht has it all: owner-operator appeal, onboard luxury and admirable performance numbers. I have a feeling you’ll be seeing more of these yachts out on your local waters soon. Heck, you might even find yourself driving one. ♣

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