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# BAVARIA 35HT

## topless may not be the best choice!

BAVARIA INTRODUCES YET ANOTHER HARD TOP MODEL! THE 35SPORTHT. ALL MODELS OVER 32 FEET ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH A NORMAL OPEN SPORT CRUISER CONFIGURATION AND A HARD TOP CONFIGURATION.

**THE HARD TOP** variation makes a lot of sense in countries where the weather is unpredictable. Imagine spending that perfect summer's day on the boat, and later trying to fit the camper cover screen in a 20 plus knot wind on your return. The hard top also provides cover from the sun through its electric sunroof, which can be closed at the push of a button.

Over the years Bavaria has been renowned for their master craftsmanship and excellent quality yachts. The entry into the Sports cruiser market has proved to be highly lucrative for this German based company.

Due to the efficient production line assembly and manufacturing process at Bavaria, they are able to offer excellent value for money. The production process runs at optimum efficiency, with each worker specialising in a limited area of expertise. The company has 3 production lines for yachts and 1 for power boats, producing a total of just under 3,000 boats per annum.

Due to the success of the sport

### AT A GLANCE:

- \* Overall length: 11,40 m (37feet 4 inches)
- \* Hull length: 10,60 m (35feet 2 inches)
- \* Beam: 3,68 m (12 feet 7 inch)
- \* Fuel tank capacity: 800 litres
- \* Fresh water tank: 250 litres
- \* Displacement: 8,500 kilograms
- \* CE Rating: 10 persons
- \* Draught with drives raised: 0,60 m
- \* Draught with drives lowered: 0,92 m
- \* Height above waterline: 3,25 m

cruiser series, plans are imminent to double the Sports cruiser capacity. The 25 Sport has been recently replaced with the 27 Sport, in the Day Cruiser models. This model has been extremely well accepted in the market.

The introduction of the 42 series at the Düsseldorf Boat show, held recently in Germany, will surely add increased impetus to keep up with demand.

The 35HT was unveiled for the first time at the Cape Town International Boat show during October last year. The success of this model worldwide made it the perfect model for our first ever boat test at Prestige Boating and Yachting.

### TESTING DAY

We had a light offshore South Westerly wind, providing the perfect chop for the 35 to show its metal. As we left Cape Town harbour we experienced some very unpleasant conditions. The wind blew water across the bow and enclosed cockpit. Those proponents of hard tops had perpetuated their argument and convinced us of their value, especially in Cape Town.



# BOAT TEST BAVARIA 35HT

BOAT TEST

After leaving the harbour, we had an opportunity to try out the handling. The 8 ton plus fully loaded weight proved beneficial, as the boat felt solid in the water.'

The aft area of the hardtop can be fully enclosed, providing total protection against the elements.

The test model had the latest Volvo Penta D6-310 diesel engines with stern drives. At 25 knots the hard top provided a feeling of security usually found on boats over 40 feet.

Although advocates of shaft drives are bountiful, the benefits of a stern drive on a leisure boat cannot be disputed. Stern drive makes the boat extremely agile at both high and slow speeds. Stern drives will ensure that even the greenest of skippers will have the confidence to manoeuvre the 35 into very tight mooring spots. This is further assisted by Volvo's Duo props.

### COMPETITION

In a recent shoot-out in a United Kingdom boating magazine, the Bavaria 35HT was tested against the Elan and Jeanneau boats. Apart from the fact that the Bavaria won the overall test, there was also special mention of the sunroof, visibility from the cockpit and the accommodation.

### THE COCKPIT

Offers certain benefits over a fly bridge boat. Although a fly bridge is great for fishing etc., we have found that during bad weather conditions, the fly bridge is normally the first place exchanged for the comfort and warmth of the cabin or cockpit. The lay-out of the cockpit immediately offers the solution to the problem of the lonely skipper on the fly bridge.

Next to the skipper there is seating for 3 to 4 people with further seating around the cockpit table for additional 5 to 6 adults. This means that there is adequate space for all the passengers in the cockpit.

On the port side behind the skipper's seat, the boat being tested had an optional cockpit fridge plus an electric grill installed. What more could the entertainer ask for.



### THE INTERIOR

The interior is huge for a boat of this size. Bavaria has to be complimented for managing to squeeze out two full cabins without compromising on the cabin seating and entertaining area. The aft cabin offers sleeping on a double berth with plenty storage under the bunks. The seating area offers headroom for the average sized adult with two cupboards and two port holes, one opening into the cockpit and the other on the port side. You get the feel of a spacious cabin, even though the area above the bunks offers limited headroom.

### SPACIOUS SALOON

The saloon offers a c-shaped seating area on the port side, equipped with a solid table. The test model included carpets which created a very warm atmosphere.

Further storage can be found under the seating area, including Bavaria's trade mark pigeon hole storage areas located flush underneath the port side deck. The table can be removed if more space is needed.

The galley situated on the starboard side offers all the equipment you would need to spend couple of days on the boat. The 2 plate hob

works with both electricity and alcohol. The basin has a mixer for hot and cold water. The cupboard offers space for a microwave, a cutlery drawer and a dustbin that folds open neatly when opening the cupboard. The cabin fridge is colour coded with the interior, designed in wood and stainless steel trim. It is fully fitted with the necessary electronics, and the entertainment system which includes a CD player and tuner are conveniently located on one panel. Also included is a genset and 10,000 btu air-conditioning unit.



### THE FORWARD CABIN

Offers a queen sized double berth with a deck porthole right above the bed. All deck portholes come with standard retractable sunshades while all side port holes have curtains which match the upholstery colour. Bavaria has used every possible space for storage with sufficient cupboards and cubicles for storage.

### THE EXTERIOR

Is finished with a standard teak transom, swim step and handheld showers with hot and cold water. On the bow, the deck is fitted with handy stainless steel drinks holders and a luxurious sun lounger.

Access to the engine compartment is possible from the cockpit floor, using an electric lifter underneath the cockpit table. We were impressed by the vast working space around the engines even though the test boat was fitted with the largest engine option.

### STANDARD EQUIPMENT WE LIKED:

- Bow thruster
- Electric windlass
- Battery charger
- Cabin fridge
- Black water tank
- Depth finder
- All SAMSA equipment including life raft



### PRICING (VOLVO PENTA ENGINES):

#### Petrol:

- Twin 5.7 litre V8 priced from R2,195,000 (incl. VAT)

#### Diesel:

- Twin D4-225 priced from R2,245,000 (incl. VAT)
- Twin D6-310 (engines tested) priced from R2,395,000 (incl. VAT)

### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT ON TEST BOAT:

- \* Raymarine radar, gps and plotter with C80 display
- \* Electric grill in cockpit
- \* 85 litre cockpit fridge
- \* 10,000 BTU Aircon
- \* Genset

### IMPORTERS NOTES:

The local agent, Witel, import only the Bavaria range of Sport cruisers. According to Willie Truter, Managing Director of Witel, the Bavaria boats offer more boat for your money. Added to Bavaria's superior craftsmanship and quality, which is what we have come to expect from this German manufacturer or, this offers a superior alternative to the variations currently on offer in South Africa.

The series offered by Bavaria ranges from the 27 Sport to the latest 42 series with Volvo's revolutionary IPS system. Read more about the IPS system elsewhere in this magazine.

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