



The new
Bavaria SPORT 28
A great all-rounder sport and family cruiser.





spanning more than 6 kilometres in Giebelstadt, Germany.

When the economy took a decline, Bavaria was one of very few manufacturers who did not have to retrench staff. They reduced their 24/7 production capacity and focused on setting up a new production line. They then set about developing a range of new powerboats and yachts using the design services of BMW DesignworksUSA, a subsidiary of the BMW Group. The challenge was to establish a partnership, which will not only produce a stunning boat, but also something that can be integrated within their serial production processes. The benefit of this is that the consumer ends up with exceptional value for money with a modern, practical boat ultimately offering more boat for your money. Early in the year they first launched the Deep Blue 46. This boat went on to be awarded Powerboat of the Year in Europe for boats under 50 feet in size.

This award is also known as the "Oscar" of boating awards. Simultaneously Bavaria also launched their largest sailing yacht ever, the Cruiser 55, followed shortly thereafter by the Cruiser 32. This shows a serious commitment and should give any potential boat owner a lot of comfort in the Bavaria brand. The challenge was

then to develop a family cruiser offering the same styling as the Deep Blue 46. The new SPORT 28 offers the same clear lines and innovative design while still remaining functional. The German builder therefore followed up on the success of the Deep Blue 46 by applying the same design and styling principles to a 28-footer. (The 28 follows closely behind the Deep Blue 46's in terms of sportiness and dynamic powerful proportions. The boat offers features and space normally only found on much larger boats.)

The first thing that will get your attention is the higher freeboard. This is normally a challenge on a smaller boat. The higher freeboard offers exceptional interior space and full separate aft cabin with a double bed. In the cockpit they have even managed to fit a double sunbed.

Underneath the sunbed you will find a large storage area for your "braai" and water toys. The cockpit offers seating for up to five people. The skipper's driving position is well laid out with good visibility all round. The dashboard offers a modular angular instrument panel with an optimized position for a chart plotter between the steering wheel and instrument cluster. The throttles on the starboard side are mounted on a raised section creating the feeling ▶

2009 will always be remembered by many due to the global economic downturn. This downturn had a massive impact on suppliers of the luxuries we would all like to own. Whether it is a boat, motorbike, refurbished kitchen or that overseas holiday. The boating industry specifically went through a really tough year with sales staff numbers being reduced, factory workers retrenched and a number of brands disappearing from the market. The eternal optimists out there always say that you should see the glass as half full and not half empty. Bavaria Yachtbau was one of those who came out of the recession with an unbelievable new product line-up, increased production capacity and a motivated production and management team. Bavaria runs one of the largest serial production facilities



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of a sports car whereby the seat is normally surrounded by the gear lever and instrument panels. Although we said the 28 is a great family cruiser it also offers that sporty feeling for when you need it most. The international press confirmed the handling matches its looks. Behind the skipper's seat you will find a wet bar with basin, serving area and optional cockpit fridge.

The deck and cockpit is peppered with large square portholes. These new portholes provide a more flush fitting look than the traditional round raised portholes. We spoke about the separate aft cabin. This is normally only found on a boat over 30 meters. On the port side there is a cupboard, seating area and a

night table. Yes you will definitely want to overnight on this boat, so that is a nice touch. The new lighter wood and light fittings break away from the traditional nautical look and would be more at home in a loft apartment. I believe this contributes a lot to make the boat feel even bigger than what it actually is. There are also two portholes at eye level, which really brightens up the cabin even more.

Next we looked at the class-leading toilet and shower compartment. The head offers a shower, plenty of storage with a well-placed corner basin, surrounded by a couran top. The porthole includes a pull-down privacy screen.

The U-shaped seating in the bow converts to a full double bed at night-time. The boat can therefore easily accommodate a family of four wishing to overnight. Above the forward sleeping area you will find Bavaria's trademark enclosed pigeonholes. These create a lot of space for storing those bits and pieces we all collect!

The galley is an entertainer's dream. The two-plate hob and large stainless steel sink is conveniently placed on either side of the counter creating a clever central working area. The work area also offers an integrated holding area on the right side. A very good idea when you are out at sea. The fridge is

just the right size for a weekend away.

The Sport 28 replaces South Africa's top selling 27 Sport, and was nominated for the "European Power Boat of the Year 2009/10" award just after it's launch. The smallest powerboat of the Sport Series is a great all rounder that can be used as a sporty performance boat as well as for pleasant family cruising.

With the introduction of a number of new models and Bavaria's recently launched new corporate identity, Wiltel Marine is poised for an exciting year. All the changes at Bavaria and a host of new models to follow will arguably give them the edge and surely lead to an even bigger base of happy Bavaria customers in South Africa. An award winning partnership, with award winning boats.

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Technical specifications:



Length Overall	8,95 m
Length Hull	8,50 m
Beam overall	2,99 m
Height above waterline	2,90
Draught, drive raised	0,50 m
Draught, drive lowered	0,90 m
Fuel tank	520 l
Water tank	120 l
Persons (CE)	6
Cabins	1
Engines (Petrol)	1 x Volvo Penta 5,7 GXI (235 kW / 320hp) 2 x Volvo Penta 4,3 GXI (168 kW / 225 hp)
Engines (Diesel)	1 x Volvo Penta D4-260 (186 kW / 253 hp) 1 x Volvo Penta D4-300 (212 kW / 288 hp) 2 x Volvo Penta D3-160 (115 kW / 156 hp)

