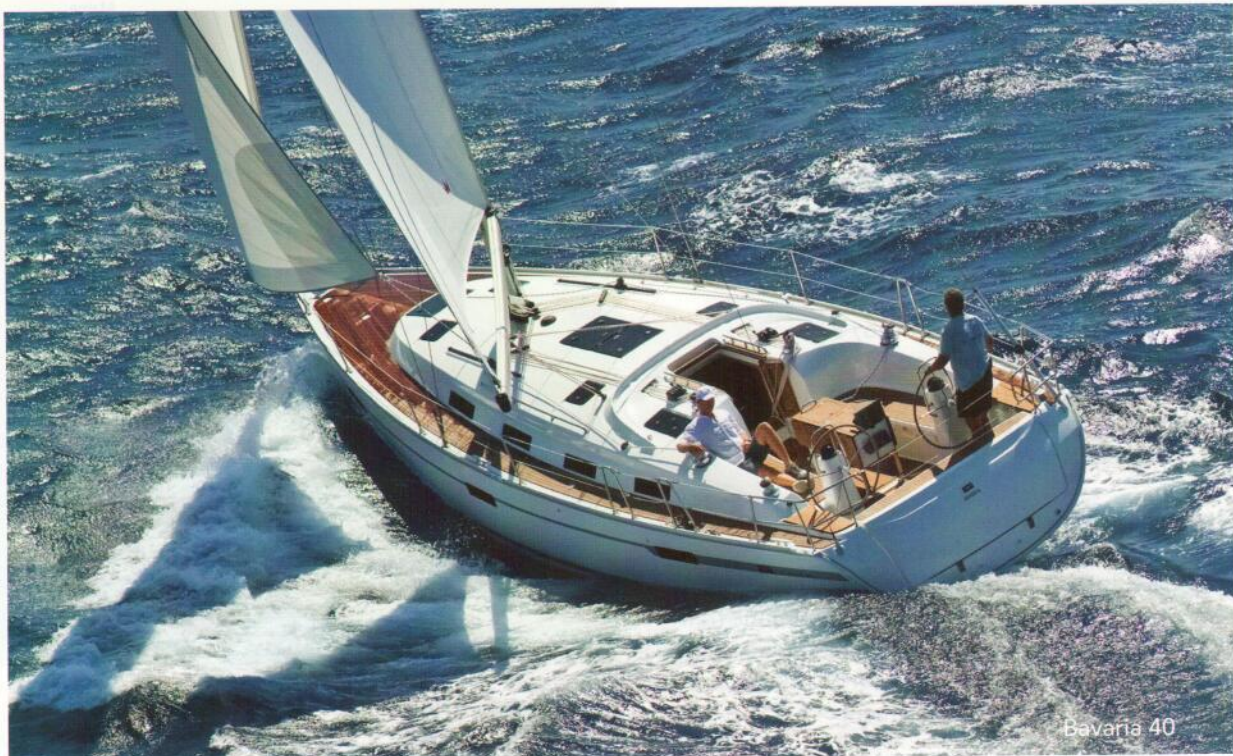


Bavaria in America



The German production boat builder is all set to make waves in North America with a new line of cruisers

Bavaria Yachts of Germany has one of the largest and most advanced production boat building facilities in the world. The company has the capacity to build more than a thousand sailboats up to 55 feet each year. While they haven't been building at full capacity during the long recession, Bavaria is poised to fill orders in a huge way as buyers return with checkbooks in hand.

Part of the company's worldwide strategy has been to earn a secure and growing position in North America. This spring, Bavaria took

a positive step in that direction by appointing their existing Caribbean dealer, Horizon Yachts, as the new distributor and dealer for the brand on the U.S. East Coast, Great Lakes and Gulf Coast. The new company, which will have its flagship office in Annapolis, Maryland, is called Bavaria Yachts USA.

From June 2011 onward, Bavaria Yachts USA will have the new Cruiser 32, 36, 40 and 45 available on the Chesapeake Bay for charters and test sails. Kenny Feld, the company's new managing director, commented in a press release, "This is a very exciting time for Bavaria Yachts in the USA. The new Farr Yacht/BMW DesignworksUSA designed range differentiates itself from the competition by redefining quality, design and value in cruising yachts. Bavaria Yachts USA distinguishes itself through its specialized integrated sales, service and charter operation that is concentrated exclusively on Bavaria Yachts."

Here are quick looks at the four boats that will be available in Annapolis this summer:

CRUISER 32

The Cruiser line was launched in Europe in 2009 with the Cruiser 55, which set the tone for the line by producing a boat that combined thoroughly modern styling, good sailing characteristics and an unusually vast interior. The new 32 is the baby sister of the Cruiser fleet, but lives up to the standards laid down by the 55. The little boat has two sleeping cabins and one head. The saloon has six-foot headroom, white interior headliners, two deck hatches and six opening ports so you will never feel claustrophobic below. The huge cockpit has a single wheel. All control lines for the Selden main mast and roller furling headsail lead aft to the cockpit, so you can reef both sails without going on deck. Like all of the Cruiser line, the 32 has a fold-down transom that becomes a huge, full-beam swim platform. For novices getting into their first cruising boat or veterans looking to scale down to an easily handled cruiser, the new Bavaria Cruiser 32 offers a lot in a very attractive package.

CRUISER 36

The 36 has an interior plan that looks like most production 36s, so it's no surprise that it feels like a 40-footer below decks. It comes in two- and three-cabin versions, both with a single head and shower compartment. The 36 has all of the features of the 32 on a larger scale, including the easily handled rig and the fold-down transom. Owner options abound for interior joinery (Bosse mahogany, oak or walnut) and fabric choices. Plus, you can add a demountable bowsprit—the perfect way to deploy a cruising chute or self-rolling Code Zero for some spirited sailing. The voluminous 36 will make a fine liveboard boat for a couple who want to keep life simple but demand a thoroughly modern design that sails well.

CRUISER 40

Once below on the 40, you will swear you are aboard a 45-footer. The design has an almost full-length waterline that runs from the plumb bow to the wide transom. This hull shape offers good windward sailing ability, stiffness under a press of sail and excellent reaching characteristics. With the beam carried so far aft, the boat has lots of space for the aft cabins, plus ample storage and locker spaces. The 40 is a three-cabin, two-head design with the galley built in along the saloon's port side. The dinette seats eight and the amidships seat has a stainless steel rail that you can use to brace yourself while cooking at sea. With twin wheels, the same simple rig as the smaller boats and the fold down transom, the Cruiser 40 is a voluminous family cruising boat that would also do well in charter to help defray the costs of owning a 40 foot boat.

CRUISER 45

We have noted that the Cruiser designs have long waterlines and carry their beams all the way aft. In the Cruiser 45, the beam aft is such that the designers and builder opted to go with twin rudders as well as twin wheels. This is an excellent solution to keeping the rudder in the water when the boat is heeled. Also, the twin rudders make the boat track like it is on rails when running and reaching, even in rolling seas. The 45's fold-down swim platform has electric motors that deploy and retrieve it, as you will see on superyachts. With the platform down, the cockpit offers a huge space for lounging and entertaining. The 45 comes in a three-cabin, three-head version or a four-cabin, three-head plan, the latter being better suited to large families or those who want to put their boats into charter. Like the rest of the Cruiser fleet, the 45 can be personalized for each owner with a choice of joinery finishes and fabrics. ≈

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