

Launchings

New boat: Bavaria Cruiser 45

Not that long ago, many purpose-built cruising boats paid attention to comfort first and performance was little more than an afterthought. Fortunately, those days are all but gone and prominent designers who have made their name creating some of the best-performing boats on the planet frequently lend their talents to the cruising boat set, proving that it is possible to have the best of both worlds.

In the case of the Bavaria Cruiser 45, Farr Yachts and BMW DesignWorks USA collaborated on the sturdy but attractive cruiser, one of six in the Cruiser line that ranges from 32 to 55 feet.

The hull's most noticeable feature may be its wide transom and 14-foot-3-inch beam which offers considerable volume both in the cockpit and down below. The transom opens up at the push of a button to expose a lavish swim platform. Twin rudders allowing for good control of the boat despite the width and offering a superb emergency steering setup; if one rudder

is lost, the boat can be sailed using just the remaining rudder.

Of course a comfortable cockpit is to be expected, and the boat comes standard with a cockpit table, lots of storage and a wood sole and seats. A shoal-draft keel drawing less than 6 feet is standard as is a saildrive.

Down below the 45 has an option of a three- or four-cabin layout. In the three-cabin layout, each double cabin has an en suite head with the master suite having a separate shower. Bavaria calls it "outrageously civilized" and it would be hard to disagree.

A center galley leaves plenty of room in the ends for the cabins and a proper nav station.

Hatches and windows are numerous helping the voluminous interior feel even larger. Little touches that give the boat a level of panache can be found throughout: from the fold-out foot braces for the helmsman to the double German mainsheet system and roller furling sails, the Cruiser 45 delivers.



LOA 46'10"; LWL 41'8"; Beam 14'3"; Draft 5'8"; Displ. 27,777 lbs.; Sail Area 1,151 sq. ft.; Auxiliary 72-hp Volvo-Penta; Water 96 gal.; Fuel 56 gal.

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Estimated price

\$279,000

Sailing Calendar

July 4 Transpac Race, Los Angeles to Hawaii, Newport Beach, California, www.transpacrace.com

July 9 Edgartown Yacht Club's 'Round-the-Island Race, One-design, PHRF and IRC, Edgartown Yacht Club, Edgartown, Massachusetts, www.rtirace.org

July 10 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race, PHRF, IRC and ORR classes, Boston Yacht Club / RNSYS, Marblehead, Massachusetts, www.marbleheadtohalifax.com

July 15 IRC National Championship, One-design IRC, Royal Ocean Racing Club, Cowes, United Kingdom, www.rorc.org

July 16 Chicago-Mackinac Island Race, One-design ORR, Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois, www.cycracetomackinac.com

July 16 Lake Ontario 300, One-design, PHRF and

IRC, Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, www.lo300.org

July 22 S. D. Kids Afloat, Match Racing, Harbor Island Yacht Club, San Diego, California, www.sdkidsafloat.info

July 23 Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race, one-design, PHRF and IRC, Bayview Yacht Club, Port Huron, Michigan, www.bycmack.com/mack

July 29-31 IRC Canadian Championship, Port Credit Yacht Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, www.lorc.org

July 29-31 Melges 32 North Americans, one-design, Sail Newport, Newport, Rhode Island, www.melges32.com

July 29-August 1 North American Challenge Cup, Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois, www.chicagoyachtclub.org