



# BEST FULL-SIZE CRUISER, 45 TO 49 FEET



## BAVARIA VISION 46

FOR 2013, BAVARIA YACHTS BROUGHT a pair of new boats to the marketplace, including the Vision 46, the first in a new series of very contemporary, forward-thinking cruising boats. In layout and execution, it's meant to be the ultimate "couple's" cruiser, easy to sail and operate and possessing lavish appointments and accoutrements at anchor or dockside. The BOTY judges believed Bavaria, in collaboration with Farr Yacht Design, more than met its stated objective, and they named the Vision 46 the year's Best Full-Size Cruiser, 45 to 49 Feet.

Right off the bat, the 46-footer received high marks from the judges for its easily driven hull and notable sailing characteristics. "It felt right," said Alvah Simon, as the boat registered speeds in the mid-7-knot range in just 10 to 12 knots of breeze. "I thought it performed pretty well, given the conditions for our sea trials."



**"I like the aesthetics of this boat. It's got a modern, contemporary look that I find quite appealing."**

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The boat also drew favorable reviews under power. One of the new trends in cruising boats are software-driven engine controls; Bavaria's system employs a set of joystick-controlled thrusters fore and aft. "I found it very

intuitive," said Tim Murphy. "And they've done a good job of providing a simple manual override in case of emergency," said Sherman.

Over the last several years, Bavaria has completely revamped the lines, and Sherman, who's very familiar with the brand, believes the evolution has been significant. "As far as the overall quality and fit and finish, it just keeps getting better and better," he said. The proof is this winning design.

### WINNING DETAILS

**+** Exceptional light and ventilation below, thanks to four opening coachroof hatches, a pair of overhead "skylights," and a series of windows to port and starboard in the hull.

**+** Noteworthy cockpit execution, with well-thought-out helm stations and winch placement, a clever daybed for lounging and relaxing, and an offset companionway.

**+** The Bavaria Docking Control system, utilizing a joystick, a bow thruster forward, and a retractable thruster aft, is a nifty solution for close-quarters maneuvering.