

FAIRLINE SQUADRON 78

Leader Of The Pack



It has been scientifically proven that first impressions are made within two seconds of seeing a person or an object and Fairline's Squadron 78 is absolutely no exception. One quick glance at this flagship model and the word "spectacular" immediately comes to mind!

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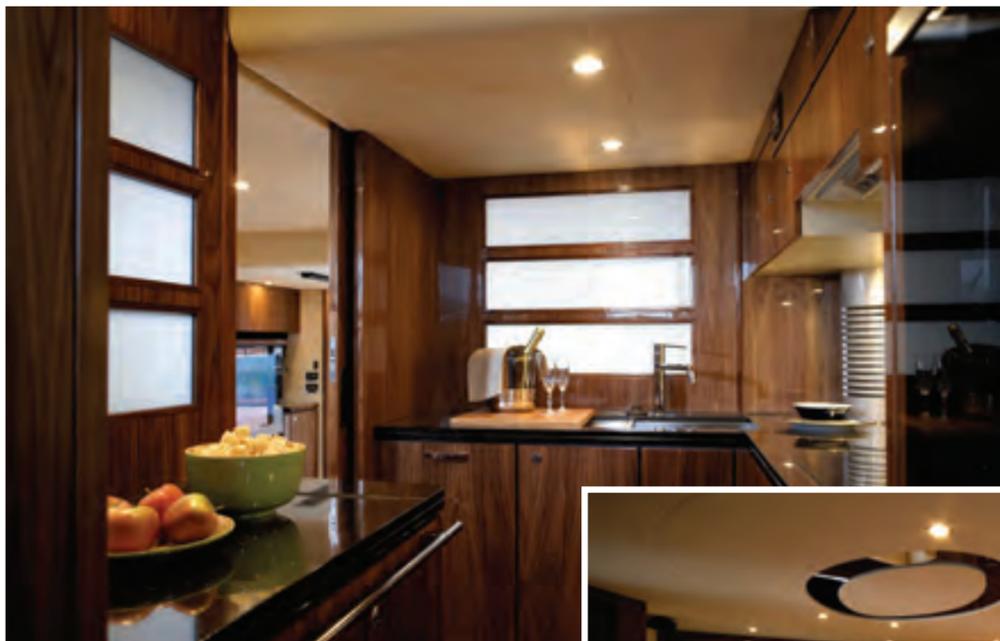
Reporter Derrick Levy of Boating World says, "Considering the pedigree of this craft, descendant of a long line of the world's best boats in their class between 30-foot and 85-foot, it is no surprise that she is masterfully impressive. Over 40 years of producing exceptional yachts has given Fairline the edge when it comes to perfecting offspring. And the 78 exceeds expectation."

Why would one go for her? Simply for the sumptuous luxury she exudes from every inch of her makeup to the sheer size of her – she's BIG. If you want to showcase the best life has to offer, then this is the cruiser for you!

Top drawer elegance characterizes this 80 footer (24.38 m including gunwale) which boasts a vast array of amazing and unusual features, some of which we will highlight for the discerning buyer. Remember that this state-of-the-art vessel can be customized to suit your needs, providing the materials you choose do not compromise Fairline's top quality standards.

Action lovers will be thrilled with the surprising inclusion of a Seadoo GTI 4-TEC PWC, complete with a heavy duty crane fitted to the aft flybridge for launching and recovery. And making life even easier is the hydraulic hi/lo bathing platform (with a lift capacity of 350kg) to get the Williams 385 Jet tender in and out of the water.

And when you've had enough fast and furious fun, how about a touch of whale



watching or running alongside a frolicking school of dolphins to get the adrenalin going? Your guests will delight in the leisure opportunities this magnificent craft has to offer. When the day draws to a close shrouded in stunning sunsets, how about a cocktail cruise with family and friends – nothing can beat the sound of evening on the water.

The flybridge is the place to be if entertaining is your pleasure. Endless views from this magnificent setting will delight the skipper and second-in-command at their dual helm position and several passengers can keep them company. Everyone will enjoy the dining seating around a large teak table and a flick of a switch will electrically adjust the rear backseat backrest, creating an extended sunbathing deck. There is also a fantastic and well positioned griddle braai for all those fun outings on a summer's afternoon.

Derrick explains that the cockpit area can also be used for entertaining especially at night, thanks to the low-level lights, with lights under the flybridge overhang

and the blue mood light creating a magical atmosphere. The self-draining deck section has a Teak-laid floor and handrails. A stainless steel-framed sliding door gives elegant entrance to the main saloon and there is an easy access hatch to the engine room.

"Passengers will appreciate the relaxing indoor area which beckons those who enjoy a haven of luxurious comfort," says Derrick. "Co-ordinated carpets, upholstery and curtain fabrics blend to create a calming ambience of utter luxury." There is a huge choice of colours, styles and fabrics available to meet individual tastes. American cherry and eucalyptus or walnut gloss panelling completely enhance the atmosphere.

Eight people can enjoy a meal in style around the freestanding table and chairs in the dining room, complete with china dinner service, cutlery set and lead crystal tumblers. Next door, the galley has a real home-away-from-home feel and offers clever crockery and cutlery stowage. Food can be preserved in the dedicated fridge or freezer below the countertop.

"The electric induction hob with four-

burner, extractor fan, microwave oven combination with separate convection oven, an integrated waste bin, and the built-in dishwasher in the galley mean easy cleaning and food preparation for your crew and family," says Derrick.

Thirteen people can comfortably be accommodated overnight in large, beautifully finished private staterooms (three forward cabins and an aft crew cabin) featuring full-length beds, wardrobes and stunning en-suite bathrooms.

The master bedroom boasts a king-size bed with sprung mattress, full-height standing headroom, loads of stowage and a 15" LCD TV. The refrigerator/mini bar can be well stocked with choice refreshments. The master en-suite dressing room even has a built-in security safe. Any of the cabins can be changed into an office, should that be your preference.

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like reading in bed? You can enjoy the comfortable sofa.

The en-suite bathroom features an extractor fan, freshwater vacuum flush toilets and a large walk-in shower complete with body-jets. The vanity unit has twin washbasins and there is a bidet and a 220v/240v shaving point (in each bathroom).

The aft crew cabin holds a clothes washer/dryer and there is an en-suite shower/heads facility. This cabin also has two full-length berths, a half-height hanging locker with rails, and an LCD TV/DVD.

There are adjustable air vents to all upper-level living accommodation with an air conditioning unit to serve the aft areas.

Long distance cruising is a breeze with

either C32 Caterpillar Diesel engines (1572 MHP) each. These should give you an estimated speed of 35 knots or the MAN 1360 CRM Diesels (1360 MHP) offer around 33 knots. Fuel capacity is 5892-litres and water capacity is 1140-litres.

No expense has been spared and the Squadron 78 has a full house of top-of-the-range electronic equipment including tachometers, oil pressure gauges, temperature gauges, battery condition indicators, audible alarms and engine hour meters. The GPS / radar / chartplotter interfaces with autopilot and there is a helm position indicator and a high speed magnetic compass. Naturally this craft has power steering. There are two full navigation display units. A red night-light illuminates helm

controls without affecting your night vision.

With this quick overview of the numerous features and benefits the Fairline Squadron 78, one can easily see how from design concept through to build execution, nothing has been left to chance with this beauty. Indeed, every inch of this boat fits a precise design purpose and the uncompromising quality of the marine engineering, equipment, detailing and finish reflect that philosophy impeccably.

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