



Riviera 43

Open Flybridge

Latest Addition

The new Riviera 43 Open Flybridge offers the latest in flybridge design from Australia's most awarded luxury boat builder. At the recent Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show, where 19 new Riviera boats were sold with a total retail value of over AUD \$20 million, nine of these were the brilliant new 43 Open Flybridges.

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The vanguard for a new line of flybridges, this new Riviera model incorporates great function and style within a supremely comfortable, sea-friendly hull built specifically for Inboard Performance System (IPS) pod

drives. According to Derrick Levy, owner of Boating World, the South African importers of the Riviera range, the new look and feel Sport Fisher is not only an excellent choice for serious sport fishing far out at sea, but is great for entertaining and cruising too, something which

the new style reflects completely.

Bringing the outdoors inside, the Riviera 43 Open Flybridge features an alfresco environment with a seamless transition between the oversized cockpit, which is deeper than a Riviera 47, and the plush, five-star interior. An aft-facing outdoor lounge on a

mezzanine level hard up against the saloon bulkhead is a brilliant feature – what a spot for relaxing outdoors.

The spacious, self-draining cockpit features recessed toe-holds for the avid fisherman and a large, teak swim platform for water sports fanatics. A cabinet below the stairs (to the flybridge) accommodates a complete deck wash system with both salt and freshwater – ideal for washing down equipment. And there's a sink and fridge box in the stairway base with plenty of storage all round. Access to the engines for services is incredibly easy via the push-button lift cockpit floor.

The cockpit gives access to both the flybridge, saloon and engine room. The flybridge is accessible via a new style wide-step stairway replacing the conventional flybridge ladder. This new addition has made all the difference to the sophistication of this craft, with its teak treads and ergonomically designed vertical rise to make navigating these stairs much easier.

Seated in style in the flybridge, pilot and co-pilot have fingertip console control, while four guests can relax in the L-shaped lounge in front of the helm, enjoying refreshments from a wet bar with settee opposite on the port side.

The 43 Open Flybridge only has one helm station on the flybridge, making space for more living space in the saloon. The new structural hard-top canopy is mounted on stainless steel supports, allowing 360-degree vision with minimal interruption.

On the dash controlling all onboard electrics is the digital CZone system, which talks the same data language as the Volvo Penta IPS system, meaning all your engine parameters are metered through the same monitoring system. This revolutionary design allows finger-touch control of everything electrical from entertainment lighting to navigation equipment. Boat handling is made carefree with the use of the integrated joystick control.

Moving down the stairs to the cockpit one finds the main saloon,

which is both beautiful and practical. Seating for seven is comfortable around a generously sized folding table in the U-shaped lounge, while two separate dining chairs (with storage underneath) can also be brought forward to the table for additional guests.

There's been no stinting on convenience with an attractive liquor cabinet featuring a bar/fridge/ice maker combination, not forgetting the pop-up television and electrically-controlled storage locker in the saloon ceiling. The easily accessible galley includes a dishwasher, with crockery and cutlery safely stored in pull-out drawers. Closer inspection reveals fridge and freezer drawers, a ceramic cook top with extractor fan, and a microwave oven.

Below decks there is sleeping accommodation for up to nine people in two large cabins with convertible options in the saloon and flybridge. The two-metre-long double bed in the forward master stateroom is a sight for tired eyes. Light and airy, and decked out with contemporary fabrics, soft carpeting and long-wearing, leather-style upholstery, this en suite cabin exudes style and comfort. In a new and unusual trend, a full beam cabin fills a massive area aft, with a double bed mounted on tracks (which can be separated into two singles) and a single berth positioned horizontally starboard. Both bathrooms feature an overhead hatch, roomy shower, bench-mounted vanity and a vacuflush toilet.

Riviera has powered this new generation cruiser with the impressively robust yet economic Volvo IPS 600. The new flared hull was designed in collaboration with Volvo to ensure its suitability for IPS and ensures easy access to the engine room. The proven Volvo Penta IPS features twin counter-rotating, three-bladed, forward-facing propellers for a powerful and smooth ride. Those deep-blue fishing grounds are closer than you think when cruising at 28 knots with a top speed of around 31 knots. She gets onto the plane at just over 12 knots using 74 litres/hour at



2,300rpm. Cruising at eight knots she's really economical at only 24 litres/hour. The 43 Open Flybridge has a range of 350 to 500 nautical miles from her 1,800-litre tanks, depending on speed.

The 43 Riviera Open Flybridge is a lot of boat with a lot of power, sure to guarantee a lot of fun. With Riviera anticipating an annualised production of over 100 new boats next financial year, you'd do well to place your order now. ✨

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