

RIVIERA 70

FLYBRIDGE CONVERTIBLE

CROWNING GLORY

Imagine being able to entertain all your family and friends together out at sea. Riviera's newly-launched Flybridge Convertible has been designed to do just that, and orders are flying in fast and furiously for this model.

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iviera has dedicated 27 years to building the best luxury boats in the world – so it comes as no surprise that their flagship 70 Enclosed Flybridge is one of the most majestic crafts to be launched in Australia. According to importer Derrick Levy of Boating World, this spectacular 70-footer has to be seen to be believed. "She is the

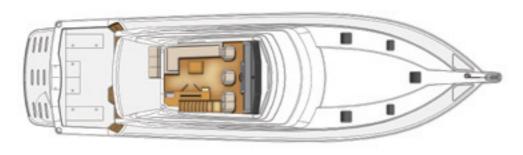
epitome of grace and elegance and one can be forgiven for thinking that you are on a small ship," he says.

This style is further emphasised by the sophistication of the enclosed flybridge, which adds that regal touch to the Riviera 70. The latest user-friendly engine display panels and instruments nestle in the newstyle dash console, which has been integrated into the helm station. A gleaming

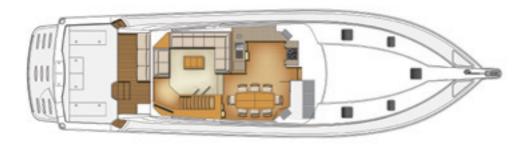
stainless steel Edson steering wheel tops the picture. Ship's skipper and companion have a bird's eye view of the horizon from this stately position while reclining in their high-backed adjustable and pivoting chairs complete with arm and footrests. Friends can join them in the large air-conditioned, L-shaped lounge, which conveniently features a coffee table, liquor cabinet and entertainment unit. Topping this is an











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In the saloon area, the U-shaped lounge comfortably seats eight people. In a single, step up one finds the dining area and fully-equipped galley. When dinner is ready to be served, your guests can all enjoy their meal together around the large timber table. An under-bench dishwasher takes care of the dirty dishes.

Just in front of the dining area is a temperature-controlled wine chiller, lest you need a refreshingly cool glass of wine. It is housed in a utility room where you will also find a separate washing machine and dryer.

An enormous amount of planning has gone into the design of this four cabin/ four bathroom model to offer sleeping quarters for up to 14 people, including 10 in the cabins. The massive home-fromhome master stateroom stretches across the full beam of the boat (6.32 metres) amidships, with a king-size bed flanked by bedside tables. Walk-in wardrobes and a spectacular en suite bathroom with marble/ quartz finishes round out the picture. The forward accommodation includes a twin cabin to port, a twin or double to starboard and a forward cabin that can be fitted out with either a double bed or four tournament bunks. The boat is fully air conditioned throughout, including separate units for the flybridge, saloon, dining area, galley, all cabins and bathrooms. This is indeed luxury living on the water.