



# *The Bavaria* **42** *SPORT*

The latest Sport Cruiser from the *largest manufacturer in Europe*, sets new standards in size and performance. *It is also the first boat in South Africa* with Volvo Penta's new *IPS system*.

**W**e have featured a number of Bavaria's Power Boats in the Prestige Boating and Yachting magazine. Why then another boat from this manufacturer? The reason is quite simple. The yard seems to be churning out new models quicker than any other boat yard. Not only is Bavaria the biggest yard in Europe, with 3,500 boats coming off the production line annually, but you are also 'assured of consistent quality and value for money, according to Erik Bjerring, from Wiltel, the local distributors in South Africa.

The 42 is the biggest boat on offer from Bavaria and is available in both the hard top and sport versions. It is also the first boat in South Africa with the Volvo IPS system (we featured in an early issue of Prestige Boating and

Yachting). Our international correspondent gave us a preview of this exciting new boat.

The 42 Sport can be described as palatial. I have reviewed a number of boats, but what fascinate me about any Bavaria boat is the volumes of space they manage to squeeze out of their boats.

The 42 has an interesting blend of the Day Cruiser and Sport versions seen on the smaller models. The Day Cruiser normally offers a large sunbed. The 42 however, has a nice balance with a large cockpit and an integrated sunbed. The back rest of the aft seat in the cockpit can be folded down to instantly offer an even larger sunbed.

Instead of the normal tender garage, normally offered on boats of this size, Bavaria has opted for a huge storage area underneath the sunbed. Although the tender garage would be a great idea in the Mediterranean, the larger storage area will probably suite South Africans as they normally travel shorter distances, and generally return back to port the same day.

The stainless steel railing between the transom and sunbed adds a sophisticated





touch. This could be very useful when entertaining and having a barbecue on the transom because it offers additional hand rails. For this application it will prove to be very useful. The 42 also offers great access to the side deck via comfortable steps integrated into the deck. The transom is covered in teak, while an optional teak is available for the side decks and cockpit. The side decks offer easy access to the forward deck with a handle on the radar arch.

The boat is CE rated for 12 people and they can easily be accommodated in the cockpit. The aft seating will comfortably seat 7 to 8 adults, while the C shape seating on the port side next to the skipper's seat can seat 3 people. The C shaped seating is slightly elevated, and this allows for excellent viewing. This gives extra head room in the aft cabin directly below, giving Bavaria an extra tick for originality. On the starboard side behind the skipper's seat you will find any entertainers dream. There is a basin and space for an optional fridge. The basin can be accessed by lifting the neat double molded counter top. Also optional is the griller which can be fitted below this counter.

The instrument lay-out is

superb with excellent spacing for a large LCD display unit. The new data style switch panel is laid out so well that it actually makes the normal rows of switches, normally found on other boats, look totally redundant.

The 42 offers a new antiglare instrument panel. The panel even offers space for the Volvo IPS joystick, which can be added to the boat at a later stage as an after market product. The adjustable steering wheel allows for steering, whether standing or seated.

The interior of the boat is huge, with a maximum standing room of 2,20 metres. This adds even further to the volume of space in the cabins, as previously mentioned. The wood work offers that trade mark Bavaria finish. One of the problems Bavaria has



The cabin offers 2,2 meters of head room



been experiencing is reliable supply of the wood panels and doors. Not many manufacturers can keep up with the huge

demand. Bavaria recently invested around 5 million in this regard. Every 1,6 minutes a locker door is precisely cut

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to size, solid wood edge trims applied, attachments assembled, and the ventilation slots and holes for hinges and locker assemblies are routed on the fully automated robotic production line. Most manufacturers simply offer reduced interior wood trim, but this mean more exposed GRP. The wood really warms up the interior of the boat and you have to really search to find exposed GRP.

The galley on this boat has

a Siemens double plate stove, Sharp microwave, and a large fridge. There is also a freezer box within the counter top. The double stainless steel basin makes this galley any "galley slaves" dream. There is literally storage space

system, with seating for 6 to 8 people. A full leather seating option is also available.

The aft cabin has 2 separate large bunks. A full head, including a shower and electric toilet, offers total privacy for your guests. There is also

offers lots of additional storage space.

Moving towards the front cabin you'll find a full double bunk with a small seater. Storage and full hanging space can also be found. The head is larger than the one in the aft cabin, with a fully enclosed shower and electric toilet.

The engine compartment access can be found below the sun bed. The electric lifter makes access quick and easy.

#### STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

Electric Anchor winch (1000 W)  
Bow Thruster SP75  
Cockpit fridge  
Siemens Ceran cooker  
Microwave  
Electric sea toilets  
Holding tank (Black water)  
Anchor and chain  
Electric trim flaps  
Electric shifter (EVC system from Volvo Penta)  
Battery charger  
Stereo CD layer  
Teak on transom  
Bathing ladder  
Depth finder  
In-harbour cover  
VHF Radio  
Bavaria Sea School Training  
Safety equipment (Life raft, life jackets and all SAMSA required equipment)  
Fenders and mooring lines

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everywhere. There are even deep-flow-coated bins below the floor boards. The seating area has its own wine cupboard, storage, and sound

a small couch which can easily be used for a child to sleep on. A small reading cupboard and pigeon holes above the headboard of the two bunks



The aft cabin offer to separate bunks with seating area

The IPS engines are well laid out with easy access. To accommodate the length of the engines and the gear box, Bavaria has moved the fuel tanks to the outer side of the engine compartment.

The IPS engines offer superb handling at low speeds, making maneuvering in around marina's a stitch. There is a huge premium for the IPS system, but Bavaria has opted for IPS on all their boats over 40 feet. They believe this is the best way forward. According to their spokesperson, Bavaria's boats are much heavier than most boats of a similar size. The hulls are still hand laid. The factory believes this produces a better product.

The extra weight also means that stern drives could be problematic. Stern drives were never designed to really handle more than 350 hp. With a boat of this size it could prove tricky pushing this much weight through the water. The IPS is therefore a logical choice due to the many benefits over the shaft drives. Top speeds of about 35 knots are easily achieved. Keeping in mind that this boat weighs in at 12,5 tons (14 tons fully loaded), it's pretty impressive.

The 42 Sport is also available as a Hard Top version with an electric sunroof. Based on the market acceptance of the Bavaria

35 Hard Top this may prove a popular choice for South African conditions. With the local agents, Wiltel offering a full turn key solution including all Safety equipment and the

popular Bavaria Sea School Training, owning a Bavaria 42 Sport may be one of the best ways for locals to get into boating.



#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Overall Length:	13,40 m
Hull Length:	12,95 m
Beam:	4,28 m
Height above waterline:	3,00 m
Displacement:	12,5 metric tons (dry)
Number of persons rated:	12 persons
Cabins:	2
Heads:	2
Height in Cabin	2,2 m

#### Engine options:

Twin Volvo Penta IPS 400	217kW / 295 hp
Twin Volvo Penta IPS 500	248 kW / 337 hp

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