

Bavaria



Words by Scarlett Steer. Pictures courtesy of Wiltel Marine.

If our intention was to test the Bavaria 30sport's handling in tempestuous sea conditions, then we certainly chose the right day for our review of the German sports cruisers new family addition. Howling winds and a broken and battered sea set the scene for a pretty wild ride as we cleared the V&A Waterfront's breakwater and thundered into open waters. How did she handle? Impeccably. Was this the only thing I was impressed with? Turn the page and find out!

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Bigger and better

At first glance, anyone who is familiar with the Bavaria range will probably notice straight away that the layout of the 30sport is very similar to that of the 27sport, and they'd be entirely correct. The 30sport's cockpit has been modelled on that of her slightly smaller sister, the only difference being that the new cockpit has obviously been extended. In true Bavaria style the self-draining cockpit is all about comfort, functionality and sociability. As a self-confessed sun worshipper and water baby, the fabulously generous aft sunbed and stern hot/cold shower are massive bonuses, as is the maximisation of storage and comfortable seating. A mini wet bar houses a sink and stainless steel drink holders, and a removable GRP table is perfect for drinks and snacks. All upholstery is covered in heavy-duty marine fabric, making it durable and hard-wearing. A radar arch with cockpit illumination adds a sleek and sporty overall look and features a stainless steel handle and safety handrails.



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A sleek dashboard houses analogue instrumentation including a log, depth finder, voltmeter, fuel gauge, oil pressure gauge, rev counter, engine temperature display, hour counter, and illuminated compass. The steering wheel is made from carbon fibre and is fully height adjustable. A safety glass windscreen, with windscreen wiper, set into a stainless steel frame shelters the cockpit area and offers good all-round visibility.

Access to the bow is gained via a good-sized walkway surrounded by a stainless steel bow rail. The bow area features a stainless steel bow fitting with anchor roller, self-draining anchor locker, 500 W electrical windlass with an anchor and chain, and six stainless steel cleats. The bathing platform of the 30sport is teak and boasts a cold/hot shower and bathing ladder for easy access to and from the water.

True Bavaria style

A sliding door in tinted glass seals the cabin off from the cockpit. Because of the extended cockpit area, I was expecting the interior to have suffered a little in terms of space and headroom, and was pleasantly surprised to see that, thanks to a new layout, this potential problem has been avoided. The head is now on the starboard side of the craft with the pantry to port, making the new Bavaria 30sport more spacious than the 29sport. Headroom is a fantastic 1.9 metres in the cabin, and the interior is peppered with portholes for extra added light and fresh air. The interior is as to be expected from Bavaria Yachtbau – comfortable and cosy with furniture in mahogany and



veneer, plenty of lockers and shelves for storage, and U-shaped seating in the saloon that can be converted from a dining room to an extra place to lay your head. The aft cabin is home to a double berth, hanging locker and wardrobe and ceiling lights. The only thing I might ask to be added to my Bavaria 30sport in the aft cabin are some reading lamps.

The galley sits opposite the dining area and is fitted with enough kitchen necessities to keep the home-cooked meals coming. The water system is pressurised, and amenities include a two-flame cooker, 12 volt refrigerator and AC outlets.

The marine head also boasts great headroom and comes with a washbasin, hot and cold shower with electrical pump, AC-outlet, and sea toilet with

manual pump. Disposal of unmentionables is via deck suction.

I've often said that it's difficult to have a favourite Bavaria model. Just when you think you've found "the one," a new and improved craft bursts onto the scene and virtually steals its predecessor's thunder. One thing you can be sure of though is the excellence of craftsmanship, technology and love that goes into making each model. It is well-known that Bavaria is certainly not a company to rest on current success. The group is forever pushing boundaries, shifting ideas, updating concepts and broadening minds in the ever-present challenge to build the best boat that they possibly can. The Bavaria 30sport is a fine example of the group's constant involvement and growth. All the right things have been reworked and redesigned, resulting in a fantastic family craft that would do any owner proud. For more information contact:

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At a glance

LOA	9.6 m
Hull length	9.2 m
Beam overall	2.98 m
Height above waterline	approx. 2.75 m
Height in cabin	approx. 1.9 m
Draft, drive lowered	approx. 0.85 m
Draft, drive raised	approx. 0.65 m
Cabins	1
Berths	2/4
Unladen weight (incl. engine)	approx. 4 800 kg
Water tank	approx. 110 l
Fuel tank	approx. 560 l
Waste water tank	approx. 70 l
Max. persons	8

Engines

Petrol	2 x Volvo-Penta 4.3 GXI DPS-Duoprop. (Incl. prop.); 168 kW/225HP
Diesel	1 x Volvo-Penta D6-310 EVC DPH-Duoprop. (Incl. prop.); 223 kW/303HP
	OR 2 x Volvo-Penta D3-160 PS-Duoprop. (Incl. prop.); 115 kW/156HP
	OR 2 x Volvo-Penta D3-190 DPS-Duoprop. (Incl. prop.); 134 kW/182HP

Electrical systems

- Electrical trim flaps
- Bow thruster SP 55
- Domestic battery, 140 Ah
- Starter battery
- Main switch for domestic battery
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- Sumlog-echosounder, Bidata
- AC-shore supply
- Warm water boiler, 20 l
- Navigation lights (BDI)
- Engine compartment ventilator
- Check-control-panel with diesel engine
- Battery charger 45 Ah, 3-channel
- Bilge pump
- Horn
- Electrical engine hatch lifter
- Stereo-radio with CD-player, 2 saloon speakers
- 2 cockpit speakers

Certification

- CE Category B
- CE Certificate

Miscellaneous

- CE fire extinguishing system
- 2 fire extinguishers

