

BAVARIA'S 38 SERIES

BAVARIA'S 38 SERIES IS THE FIRST OF ITS RANGE
EQUIPPED WITH VOLVO'S IPS400 SYSTEM.



THE 38 SERIES is available in a sport or hard-top version. The sun-roof on the hard-top version can be operated electrically. For South African conditions the hard-top concept is great as it can extend the boating season, and offers passengers protection from the elements.

Aside from the sport and hard-top specifications, both boats offer the same configuration and layout. Once you get onto the teak-laid transom you will notice the boat offers a large permanent sunbed. The sunbed can be raised to gain access to the huge engine compartment and a tender storage area. A C-shaped seating area is situated on the port side. This is great for socialising as it is situated right next to the skipper's seat. The table is made of solid teak in a matt, oiled finish. There is an option of a cockpit fridge and electric grill beneath the serving flap situated behind the skipper's seat. There is also a convenient basin below the serving tray. All the seating areas offer superb views due to their slightly elevated positions.

Moving to the bow area, it is great to have easy access to the side decks with a grab-rail lining the length of the hard top. The deck is expansive with an optional sun-lounger. All the exposed metal on the boat is of high-grade stainless steel. This is comforting as I have seen many boats five years down the line with an anodised or epoxy-coated finish deteriorating under the African sun. I believe this is probably part of the reason why second-hand Bavaria boats are scarce on the international market. It is the small things on a boat that can withstand wear and tear, and thus its improved resale value. The electric windlass is concealed under the forward hatch. The pulpit's railing design is great for the quick disembarkment of people without having to first moor the boat. The boat's standard supply of equipment includes a 25m chain, windlass and a delta-shaped anchor. Six cleats are situated along the length of the boat. I liked the location of the aft cleats as this allows you to better tie the boat especially when you have to go astern when mooring.

INTERIOR

The interior consists mainly of wood finishings that create warmth downstairs. It is amazing what a difference an extra 16cm of beam makes on a boat. In our first issue we featured the 35HT. The 38' offers more workspace in the galley, and the aft cabin has port holes on both sides. This is a direct result of the increased beam width.

The forward-cabin features a double berth with sufficient space around the berth and the port-hole located directly above the berth. All the deck port-holes come standard with a sun-filter roll-up blind. You also have ample storage space due to two cupboards on either side of the cabin as you enter and "pigeon holes" along its length. The cupboards include shelving and hanging space.

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The aft cabin offers two single berths as well as a two-seater that could easily be used as a bunk for a toddler. The cabin offers sufficient natural lighting and is finished in light teak wood. For a boat of this size, this makes for a roomy aft-cabin. The head is situated aft of the galley and has a basin, hand-operated toilet and a hand-held shower. This can be converted easily to a fixed shower by simply adding a support bracket.

GALLEY

The galley offers a cosy well-upholstered C-shaped seater on the port side with an oval-shaped solid-wood table finished in a high gloss. In the galley there are a host of standard features which one has come to expect from Bavaria. This includes a two-plate hob, a CD player with FM-tuner and a cabin fridge. The galley offers ample storage space behind the solid teak-wood panels. Four port-

holes offer a generous serving of natural light. The electrical panel offers separate switches for all the appliances, and includes fresh-water and battery-status monitors.

PERFORMANCE

In a previous issue we had a full feature on the new Volvo Penta IPS system. Basically, the system works on a pod system with forward-facing dual propellers. This offers many advantages including up to 30% improved fuel efficiency, up to 15% improved acceleration, an improved top speed of up to 35% and reduced noise and vibration compared to that of a shaft system.

As far as we know Bavaria is the first to launch the IPS system in South Africa. The deep vee-stepped hull delivers an unbelievable ride while offering the option of a soft ride with

manoeuvrability. The 38' is based on the prior success of the 37' hull and has proved itself in varied conditions across the world.

SAFETY FIRST

Wiltel, Bavaria's southern African distributor, offers an all-inclusive package. This includes a "Dockside Package", all the safety equipment and Bavaria Sea School training.

The Dockside package includes equipment such as fenders and fender lines. The safety equipment includes the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) prerequisite of flares, a VHF

radio and a life raft. The Bavaria Sea School is exclusively there for Bavaria customers. It provides training on your own boat by SAMSA-approved lecturers to enable you to get your SAMSA skipper's ticket.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Bavaria boats are known for offering exceptional value for money. This is partly due to the host of standard equipment offered with the vessel. These include bow thrusters; an electric windlass; a teak-covered transom with a swim platform and a hot-and-cold shower; a grey water-tank and cabin fridge.

EXTRAS

You can add a genset, air conditioner, cockpit fridge and visual entertainment-system if you wish to do so. Other options include a barbecue, radar, gps plotter and auto pilot.

The boat offers superb finishes for a leading boat manufacturer in Europe, but due to Bavaria's buying power and extremely efficient manufacturing processes it is still able to offer large boats at extremely competitive prices. This is definitely a boat to consider should you require value for money as well as superb handling and German quality!