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*"To improve is to change;
to be perfect is to change often"*

Sir Winston Churchill

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SPEED AT FIRST SIGHT

THE BOATYARD'S FLAGSHIP IS A FAST CRUISER WITH EXCELLENT SEAWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS. VISIBILITY FROM THE SALOON AND PERFORMANCE ARE THE STRONG POINTS. PLUS A FINE OWNER'S SUITE AFT AND THE GALLEY IN THE BOWS

by Valter Pretelli



If we had to sum up the essence of this 24-metre yacht in a few words we would say "light" and "bright". The first because this is the feeling you have at the helm of the boat. But lightness is also what you feel on observing every detail of the lines and details: from the recessed lights in the deck to the cockpit stretching from right aft to the companionway. From the deck fittings to the objects for comfort: nothing seems to weigh down the aesthetic of the A80.

Brightness instead is what strikes you below deck: when you enter the saloon, the windows are at eye level and allow you to see and experience what is happening outside. The Advanced Italian Yacht A80 is, thanks to its construction features and water lines, a solid and fast boat offering great customisation possibilities for demanding owners.

The version we tested has the owner's cabin located aft. This offers a spacious layout and makes maximum use of the full beam (over 6 metres) of the yacht.

The bed is of a generous size (200 x 150 cm) and the height of the cabin is 195 cm. On either side of the central corridor leading to the dinette there are two guest cabins, each with twin beds and separate bathrooms.

Climbed two steps, you enter the saloon, marked by great comfort and a sofa more

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than two metres long to the starboard and a dining table on the port side with a seat measuring of 2.6 metres laid out in a U shape.

Space is not lacking, however, and is used to assure maximum comfort; features include a TV and a refrigerated wine cellar. Lifting the deck, you gain access to the engine bay which also hosts all the other system, such as the generator, air conditioning, water maker and automatic sprinkler system.

From the dinette you reach a space that includes the galley to port and the instrument panel to starboard. The galley leads directly to the saloon and is used not only by the crew but also by owner and his guests. Further on, there are two double cabins with services for the crew; cabins that are not the narrow and dark spaces that we often see destined for the staff. Needless to say, everything from the walking surface to the soft furnishings and furniture is light in colour, to enhance further the already great spaciousness of the rooms.

During our test, the changeable weather condi-

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tions, with gentle gusts of wind of less than four knots at the start and then a gradually rising northerly "tramontana" that eventually reached up to 15 knots, enabled us make an interesting evaluation of performance.

Despite her nearly 40 tons, the yacht showed that even with very little wind (3.8 knots), she could move "lightly", reaching six knots with the true wind abeam. When the wind began to rise and stabilised at over 8 knots, it was possible to measure the speeds with the wind on every quarter, from the almost 7 knots when close-hauled to more than 10 on a reach.

This is an exciting performance, with a stable boat constantly maintained easy handling and sensitivity. We moved from "lightness" to "solidity" without perceiving any difference in performance. Excellent performance with a speed of almost 8.5 knots at just 2,500 rpm. The deck is elegant, with functional spaces for relaxation, but also for sailing.

Perhaps there is a lack of support when the boat heels, but this is a price that you can pay for the beauty of the overall design.

On the left, the galley and saloon, dominated by natural light. Above, the spectacular master stateroom aft with direct access to the bathroom. There is also a second version with the cabin in the V of the bow. Below, the large and uncluttered cockpit with manoeuvring, relaxation and sunbathing areas (in the aftermost part), each well separated from the other.



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DESIGN
Reichel-Pugh Yacht Design

INTERIOR AND DECK DESIGN
Nauta Yachts

SPECIFICATIONS
Length o.a. m 23.98 - length w.l. m 21.60
beam m 6.20 - draft m 3.50 - displacement kg 39,700 - ballast kg 11,780 - water tank lt 2,000
fuel tank lt 1,300 - sail plan (mainsail + jib) sq. m 360
CE category A certification

ENGINE
Yanmar 4LHA DTP, 230 hp

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