

THE MERIDIAN SERIES



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This attractive concept was one of several proposed for a customer who eventually moved away from the flush deck to a design with a long, low cabin. But the idea works brilliantly at this length, and we thought we would put it out there for others to consider. Note the varnished wood insides of the bulwarks and pilothouse sides. We feel that the current series of European flush deckers promoted by Wally and others, while exciting to look at, are a bit stark. The addition of these relatively easily maintained varnished teak elements will make our “Meridian 68” even more lovely to look at than its precursors. Indeed we feel it will be one of the most lovely sailing yachts ever built.

At this size the MERIDIAN 68 can be built in any of the popular construction materials- composite ‘glass, cold moulded wood, or aluminium. All hatches will be flush, and sheets will be handled using captive winches, all so that the deck will in actuality be as uncluttered as shown in the illustration. Numerous on-deck necessities, such as cowl vents and the anchoring crane, will be hidden beneath flush hatches and will “pop up” only when needed. Likewise the flush deck will allow us to introduce many of the fun features that we have been dreaming of for years. One owner might choose a sunpad with retracting glass wind enclosures, another the on deck hot tub, but whatever toy is chosen we will adhere rigidly to the concept that when not in use the toy of choice will be perfectly hidden beneath a beautiful laid teak hatch that integrates perfectly with the surrounding deck. Now the only thing we have to figure out is how to hide the lifelines, as the “pop-up” lifeline stanchions whose tops lie flush with the bulwark tops when not in use are a no-brainer.

The Meridian 68 offers the following features:

1. High capacity watermaker and sewage treatment system for independence from shoreside services.
2. Light displacement hull with 13 knot sailing speeds.
3. Absolutely uncluttered deck.
4. Twin wheel aft cockpit with easy centerline access to swim platform.
5. Pilothouse offers full 360 degree views.
6. Permanent shelters and cushioned seats aft of pilothouse.
7. Four cabin interior with three heads, luxuriously appointed.
8. Single level, stepless cabin sole.

9. Large engine room with immediate access to all systems.
10. Simple, safe fixed bulb keel. Bulb does not project forward of leading edge.
11. Racing style carbon fiber rudder.
12. Carbon fiber mast and Park Avenue boom. (Or LeisureFurl).
13. Push button mainsail hoist using captive winch.
14. Large hull windows, all opening.
15. Fully air conditioned and heated interior.
16. Oversize high torque diesel engine with deep reduction gearbox and folding prop, 10 knot cruise.
17. Reefing lines led aft underdeck.