

BOWMAN 42

The Bowman 42 is an upgraded and modernized version of the Bowman 40. The counter stern has been lengthened in order to create more stowage space in the lazarettes and a sleeker appearance to the yacht in general. And two new keels have been designed in addition to the very shoal draft Scheel keel which had been standard on the 40.

The deeper draft keel is a 6ft. 6 inch draft, slightly flared fin keel, and this keel is applicable if you want to race the boat. The first Bowman 42 has won many racing honours, including first in class in the 1998 ARC. A second more moderate draft keel is available and it complies with EC Category A, whilst having a draft of only 5 ft. 9 inches.



The rudder on the Bowman 42 is a fully skeg supported type, again in response to the demands of open ocean sailing. It is deeper and of a higher aspect ratio design than that on the Bowman 40.

Construction of the new 42 shares the same no nonsense approach as all Bowman yachts. The scantlings are "hell for stout", using a single skin laminate with a high proportion of unidirectional rovings supported by longitudinal stringers in addition to fully bonded interior bulkheads and joinerwork. This Lloyds approved hull construction technique offers unmatched peace of mind to voyagers who press on at high speed in the dead of night and demand a hull that can come off unscathed by contact with whatever might be floating out there.

The rig uses a fully modern, double spreader mast with continuous rigging. The standard approach to the sailplan features a full length battened mainsail which can be easily reefed from the cockpit using in-the-boom single line reefing. The foretriangle uses the popular "sloop/cutter" approach, with a moderate overlap roller reefing high cut genoa on the headstay, which carries the yacht into the 25 knot wind range by rolling in a small amount of reef. Thereafter the yacht may set a smaller staysail on its deployable inner forestay, which serves to carry on into much heavier weather with the outer headsail furled.

The Bowman 42 would make an ideal choice for a family who enjoy moderate distance weekend and holiday cruising and who plan eventually to cover longer distances without acquiring a new yacht. Her very modest heel angles will help prevent seasickness and foster a safer environment for children to use the deck as their playpen. The high lift keel options plus a powerful yet versatile sailplan combine to insure stimulating sailing performance.

The BOWMAN 42 and her larger sisters are beautifully built at Rustler Yachts in Penryn, Cornwall.