

MAINSHIP 43

SPECIFICATIONS

BASE PRICE (W/TEST POWER): \$600,000
 LOA (W/O PULPIT): 43'0"
 BEAM: 15'6"
 DRAFT: 3'8"
 FUEL: 800 gals.
 TEST POWER: (2) 540-hp Cummins QSC diesel engines.

RPM	KNOTS	GPH	DB-A
600	5.3	1.2	61
900	7.9	3.2	63
1200	9.8	9.0	70
1500	10.1	18.5	71
1800	13.2	28.5	74
2100	20.6	38.5	74
2400	25.1	46.0	76
2550	27.5	54.2	77

Speeds recorded by GPS in Florida's Tampa Bay in a two-foot chop w/two people aboard, 3/4 fuel and full water. Fuel flow taken from Cummins gauges. Sound levels recorded at the bridge helm station in dB-A.

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TAKE THE
HELM

Mainship's new 43 Trawler invites you to move right aboard. By John Clemans

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I'VE NEVER LIVED ABOARD A BOAT, ALTHOUGH

I once called my Bertram 31 home for a month. But I've wondered how big a boat I'd need to be comfortable. I could certainly exist in style aboard the new Mainship 43, a boat capable of 800 trawler-speed miles on a tank of fuel, but one that can switch personas and top 30 mph. This versatile performance is matched by versatile accommodations. When I walked through the double-door entrance, possibilities began to percolate. Mainship provides attractive furniture, but the salon's dimensions and open layout invite creativity. A couple could have great fun making it a home to suit their tastes.

Mainship customers love life aboard, and, according to Director of Sales and Marketing Jim Krueger, over a third of them buy a boat to live on some or all of the time. "Mainship buyers use their boats more than any other owners I know of," says Krueger. "Only a small fraction of them are weekenders." Mainship's two-head 43 Aft Cabin, with its separate owner's and guest state-rooms, is a fleet favorite. But the firm has been fielding requests for a single-head "couple's" model with a more expansive salon and more storage space.

This new 43 fills the bill, yet it still sleeps six. With a 15'6" beam—two feet wider than some boats in its class, although the boat's price is lower than some competitors at \$550,000 with Yanmar 440s—the new 43 Trawler provides not only a huge salon, but wide, covered side-decks as well. Storage abounds. There's a tremendous window area for natural light and visibility, the galley-down configuration still allows the cook to see over the well-fiddled breakfast bar, and the guest stateroom doubles as a study as well as a laundry room, with double doors, a second sofa, plus a washer and a dryer.

Like the classic trawler wheel at the lower helm, everything about the 43 Trawler is oversized, including the engine room (accessed from the aft deck), where there's a 360-degree workspace around the 8.0-kW genset. In addition, the engine intakes are both fitted with crash pumps. All strainers and pick-ups are labeled and the single fuel tank has a sight gauge. ZF V-drives free up more



SPLIT PERSONALITY: When speed is called for, this economical trawler can switch gears instantly and top 30 mph if you're in a hurry or a storm is on your tail.



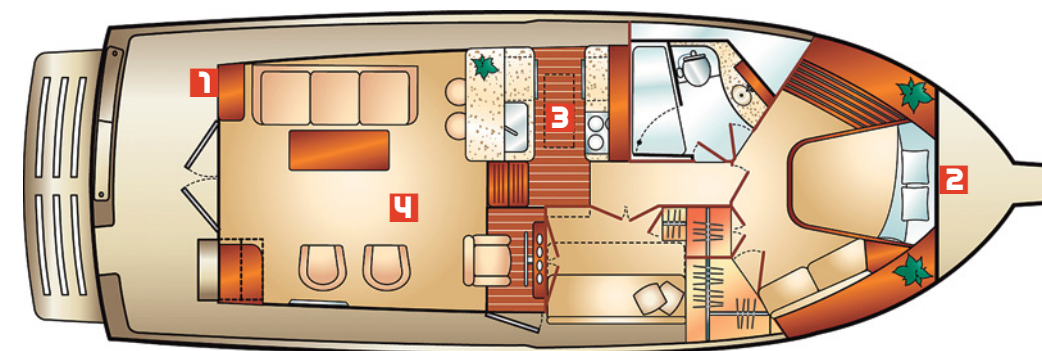
real estate in the engine room and afford a flatter shaft angle for better performance. On Tampa Bay in a two-foot chop the 43's steel-frame-mounted, 540-hp Cummins diesels purred at 2100 rpm for a smooth 20-knot cruising speed. Especially sleek were the Glendinning electronic controls. I'd opt for power-assist steering, which this boat didn't have.

Few boats provide a safer, better-angled ladder to the bridge, which has an optional summer galley equipped with a stainless propane grill, sink, icemaker and storage space. Seating and dining areas behind the upper station's three pedestal chairs are designed for open-air entertaining.

A break from the wood-grain laminate that dominates the interior are the rich-looking, real cherrywood slats surrounding the queen berth, which has an equally luxurious body-molding foam mattress. Owners can soak in the lounge-length tub in the head, a rarity on a boat this size, and they'll appreciate the huge amount of storage space (plus shoe rack) that the stateroom's hanging locker/storage cabinet provides. There's more storage space under the berth, beneath the galley sole, in the pantry cabinet, in the head and above the windows in the salon.

Few boats this size are better suited for living aboard permanently or even part-time. I'd move on this 43 in a heartbeat. Life would be sweet.☺

THE LAYOUT: MAINSHIP 43



1 Nonskid Flexiteak covers the aft and side decks, which are protected by the bridge overhang. **2** High bowrails and an enclosed Lewmar windlass make anchoring easy. **3** The galley features Corian counters, double sink, three-burner range and fridge/freezer drawers. **4** A Solé 22-inch TV and Bose sound system serve the salon.