



## *Reach for the skydeck*

THE HORIZON V72 IS A SHOWBOAT AND STYLISH MULTI-LEVEL ENTERTAINER, BUT ONE WITH LEGITIMATE SUPERYACHT CREDENTIALS TO TAKE YOU ACROSS OCEANS IN LUXURY AND SAFETY



**LEFT** From overhead, you can appreciate the massive boarding platform and the extra real estate it adds to complement the cockpit. **ABOVE** Children, pets, drunken sailors ... will all feel safe traversing the sidedecks with deep bulwarks topped by sturdy rails. **BELOW** Relax or play, the foredeck has it all. **BOTTOM** Bow plate protects the gelcoat with nautical charm. **RIGHT** Topsides highlights include a superb wheelhouse with all-round views, plus an alfresco kitchen out the back.



**I**t takes a real presence to stand out among all the beautiful offerings at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show – but the Horizon V72 did just that. She has a bewitching presence that reveals a strong yet sensitive nature, with gorgeous facility and practical function.

She's an eminently capable long-range seafarer that sits proudly among the world's most engaging superyachts. While she's an entertainer's delight she is also a family affair providing ultimate comfort in an inviting, contemporary style. She certainly stole my heart and had me dreaming of the limitless possibilities for uninhibited long-range aquatic sojourns.

In a quickly changing world it is nice to honour a shipyard like Taiwan's Horizon Yachts. Since its inception in 1987, Horizon has developed as the leading Asian brand in the luxury megayacht market despite worldwide economic fluctuations. Taiwan is one of

the top five superyacht manufacturing capitals and Horizon has been honored as Best Asian Motor Yacht Builder for the past 10 years in a row at the Asia Boating Awards.

There's no doubt that such success is only gained by leading the field, as well as a strong commitment to premium craftsmanship, integrity and innovative technology. True quality is timeless and the Horizon V72 packs together a most desirable combination of elements culminating in a fun, flirty yet ultimately trustworthy temptress.

### IN YOUR DREAMS

A day on board the V72 certainly had me dreaming. She's actually a fraction under 75ft (22.85m) overall hull length and just under 63ft (19.18m) waterline length. Horizon has packed plenty of boat into the huge volume created by the 6.25m beam and multitude of decks and living areas. Overall she draws only 1.55m with full fuel capacity of 6056lt and 1135lt of water. She comes in at

51 tonnes (dry, light ship) and is fitted with twin Caterpillar C18s as well as 22.5 and 13.5kW Onan generators as standard.

With a build team of 30 staff, all holding degrees in naval architecture and 70 fulltime engineers all with college degrees, you can be assured they got it right the first time!

The striking feature of the V72 is the comfortable flow throughout the boat. From the moment you step aboard the large elevating teak swimplatform you just know you are in for a treat. The platform also provides an excellent stage for water play and an easy loading point for toys and tenders.

Either side is a moulded stairwell leading up to a graceful rear deck that is large enough for a small cocktail party. Our demonstrator's layout has an external bar with refrigeration, icemaker, bench top and storage as well as an external TV.

The skydeck overhead offers weather protection and there's an inviting rear

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lounge with beautiful gloss parquetry table fit for a banquet.

From the flush teak deck, the V72 flows with smooth transition through the alfresco rear door and into the galley and saloon completing one large living area. The layout is most appealing for entertaining or simply living at rest. The starboardside of the rear deck has a teak-lined stairwell leading to the upper level and there are nice wide companionways either side for access to the bow.

Up front is a foredeck settee with convertible table and large sunlounge. The foredeck layout really adds another functional living area for sun-loving

passengers, as well as safe and secure access to the bow with deep bulwarks and strong stainless steel rails. The anchoring and mooring equipment are suited to a craft of this size and complemented with a Maxwell VWC3500C winch.

There are a number of standard layouts and textures/finishes available as options. Entering the saloon from the rear deck is quite a visual experience. The timber floor extends right through the high-traffic area to a small step-up to the carpeted lounge. A very modern Euro design, it has a light visual appeal that enhances the living space and is easily maintained

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and cleaned. The galley is immediately to port on entry and contains all the elements of a luxury kitchen in a high-class apartment. There is a handy breakfast bar with three upholstered stools that pivot in and out on innovative stainless steel pedestals. The galley utilises a nice combination of textures including off-white leather, white marble laminate bench tops, mushroom cabinet laminates, light and dark timber veneer accents, etched glass cabinet doors, and stainless steel trims and appliances.

The fully equipped galley includes a monster Fisher & Paykel fridge with French doors and freezer drawer, twin



**LEFT** Look mum, no hands! A bridge befitting a superyacht of the Horizon line.

**ABOVE** Utilising a mix of low-glare black leather, graphite composite material and stainless steel, the helm is an arty blend of functionality and superior design.

**BELOW RIGHT** The Horizon V72 is an efficient long-range passagemaker, boasting economical cruising speeds and a top speed around 22kts.

### HIGHS

- Contemporary interior design
- Upper helm and wheelhouse
- Caterpillar C18 power
- Majestic appeal
- Long-range seafarer
- Bow settee and lounge

### LOWS

- No lip on country kitchen benchtops
- Spiral staircase a little steep

stainless steel sinks with mixer, Miele dishwasher, four-hotplate electric cooktop and oven, Miele microwave convection oven, garbage disposal, and plenty of bench, cupboard and servery space.

Overhead the entire interior has white leather linings with a lovely ceiling feature. Opposite the galley is the staircase entry to the crew and facilities area below, and ahead a long sideboard. The sideboard cabinet has plenty of storage plus a wine chiller and a twin-drawer fridge. Bordering all lined ceilings is the reverse-cycle heater/air-conditioner ducting and there's no shortage of natural lighting throughout with panoramic windows that enhance the grandeur.

Take two small steps up into the

saloon lounge area and you will immediately feel right at home. There is a magnificent U-shaped leather lounge portside with a convertible timber table and pullout ottomans set against a plush pile carpet.

Overhead is yet another imaginative ceiling feature complete with all manner of drop and mood lighting to match the occasion. Leading to the upper deck is a starboard spiral staircase which, to be overly critical, is just a little steep yet beautifully presented with timber steps. Next to it is the entertainment unit with a large pop-up flatscreen TV enclosed in even more sideboard storage.

I was pleased to see a starboard watertight access door leading out to the wide sidedeck. It makes movement

easy without having to fight your way through the crowd reveling in the rear deck and saloon. The front of the saloon has forward viewing through three panoramic windscreens and underneath is a large 'dashboard' with cavernous storage. The stairwell leading to the accommodation decks is centrally located and well-proportioned.

### MASTER CABINS

The owner and guest accommodation is forward and amidships. There is a luxurious master stateroom centrally positioned with a north-south queen bed, a VIP guest stateroom in the bow that you can be forgiven for mistaking as the master, and a separate kids room with full-length singles. Each

cabin has a TV, entertainment system, climate control, suitable mood lighting as well as en suite with vanity and full-height separate showers.

The modern Euro theme flows throughout the accommodation too, with a combination of white oak panels and deeper walnut trims, off-white linings, optional granite bench tops, attractive furnishings, splashes of small attractive wall tiles, mirrors, stainless steel trims, panoramic windows, decorative yet functional stainless steel portholes and off-white manchester with lime green accessories.

The master stateroom is quite a statement in modern styling and design, in fact to my taste it is possibly the most functional master I have ever had the privilege to inspect. It





**ABOVE L-R** The massive galley even has a breakfast bar with swivelling stools; Up a couple of steps from the galley is the super-comfy main saloon lounge area, highlighted by a neat deckhead feature; Internal spiral staircase accesses the skylounge.

**RIGHT** Owner's stateroom is amidships, full-beam and with storage options galore.

**FAR RIGHT** Enter the engine room through a watertight ship's door and find a stack of room to service the big CATs.



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is more than just a stateroom but a very comfortable living zone. It takes on the full-beam of the V72 making it around 6m wide internally. The bed will be somewhere between a queen and a king and sits proudly in the centre with tons of plush carpet and a large backing/dress mirror that further enhances the spacious feel.

There are well-proportioned dressing tables on either side of the bed, with independent control of the lighting, entertainment and electronics. At each corner of the dressing tables are unique glass display cabinets, with an enclosed porthole and large windows along either side of the cabin. There's a full-length dresser on port and opposite a sit-down dresser with lift-up makeup mirror and cosmetic storage, but when closed also makes an excellent office

desk. Both of the forward corners have individual full-length wardrobes completing a magnificent presentation. The master en suite reflects all the beautiful features mentioned previously, including a generous size completed by a twin vanity unit, extra cabinetry and a large walk-in shower with etched glass screen.

Just outside the stateroom door is a terrific feature that I don't recall seeing on any similar vessel. It has its own small galley nook unit complete with stainless steel sink and fridge drawer and is an ideal position for an espresso machine for that morning coffee or late-night hot chocolate. There is also a separate cabinet in the hallway containing a full-size Miele front-loader washer and dryer.

The VIP guest cabin has an inviting

queen island bed with terrific access and a small step-up on each side. There is a full-length wardrobe to port and the ladies will love the make-up table with its own pullout ottoman, independent mirror and subtle lighting. The en suite is quite spacious, with plenty of mirrors, separate shower, large vanity, bench space and cabinetry.

The third cabin is also quite spacious and more than suitable for a couple of large fellas if required. It also has a good deal of wardrobe, cabinet and drawer storage as well as a shelving unit with good overhead lighting plus a sealed window and porthole.

The en suite is obviously a bit smaller than the others but still has a separate shower and plenty of room to move – and will probably double as the main dayhead while entertaining.

**HIGH COMMAND**

We gain access to the upper wheelhouse via spiral stairs in the saloon, or a comfortable staircase leading from the aft deck. The wheelhouse is simply a treat; its layout, amenity, features and visibility are a wonderful combination of design, textures, instruments and accessories.

The fully integrated helm features a pair of Garmin multifunction screens allowing easy-to-navigate position, course, sonar and radar options. The Caterpillar engine monitors (complete with alarm systems) are immediately underneath alongside a ship-shaped panel monitoring system for important equipment (e.g. bilge pumps, blowers, nav lights etc.) just in front of the twin throttles. There is a monitoring system for tanks (fuel, freshwater, blackwater)

**Sea Trials**

Twin 1150mhp Caterpillar C18 ACERT turbo-diesels		
RPM	SPEED (KTS)	FUEL BURN (LT/H)
1100	11	26.2
1400	12	54
1750	14	98
1900	16	133
2000	18	160
2360	22	222

*\*Sea-trial data supplied by Horizon. Fuel-burn is per engine.*



## facts & figures

### Horizon V72

**PRICE AS TESTED**  
\$4,815,000

#### OPTIONS FITTED

Hydraulic swimplatform, Aqualuma underwater lights, skylounge and country kitchen, air-conditioning unit, 26in LCD TVs, wood interior finish in semi-gloss varnish, wooden dining table, teak/holly floor, helm console with custom-made black leather, Stidd black leather helm chair, stainless steel rails around boat deck, hydraulic stern thrusters, extra 750lt fuel tank, granite bench tops in galley and heads, honeycomb granite floors in three heads (except showers), custom design aft galley, watermaker, Garmin navigation package, and more

**PRICED FROM**  
\$US3,380,000

#### GENERAL

**MATERIAL** GRP  
**TYPE** Deep-vee monohull  
**LENGTH** 22.85m  
**BEAM** 6.25m  
**WEIGHT** Approx 51 tonnes

#### CAPACITIES

**PEOPLE** 12  
**REC. MHP RANGE** 2 x 1150  
**REC. MAX MHP** 2 x 1600  
**FUEL** 6056lt  
**WATER** 1135lt

#### ENGINE

**MAKE/MODEL** 2 x Caterpillar C18 ACERTs  
**TYPE** Turbocharged and after-cooled six-cylinder diesels  
**RATED MHP** 1150 (each)  
**WEIGHT** Approx 1700kg (each)  
**DISPLACEMENT** 18.1lt  
**PROP** High-performance four-blade

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as well as a fuel/water level indicator system. Compass, communications, trim tabs, autopilot, thruster, anchor control, switches and further instruments are all neatly presented in a low-glare black leather and graphite composite dash. The magnificent Stidd helm chair and gorgeous stainless steel steering wheel all complete a magnificent presentation.

The functional wheelhouse also has a dinette/map table so guests can join you sociably while underway, and there is a further passenger seat to starboard just in front of the stairwell. There's no need to leave the wheelhouse when nature calls with a separate head and vanity – most sensible. The visibility from the fully enclosed wheelhouse can only be described as panoramic.

Moving outside, I just loved the large skydeck! It is an inviting area bordered by strong stainless steel railing and room for a large party. Furthermore you can cater upstairs too with a 'country kitchen' of its own offering barbecue, iceboxes, sink, fridge, cabinetry and a ton of bench space culminating with a bar unit complete with three swivel stools. The entire area is finished in white gelcoat with non-skid flooring and also features a Steelhead SM1500 davit and space for a dinghy or jetski.

### CREW END

Back downstairs we come to the working part of the V72. The crew is amply provided for with separate quarters in the stern. There is a pair of multilevel bunks, an en suite and minimal galley facilities. The electrical cabinet is sited in this quite large area, as is the watertight doorway to the

engineroom where we find a pair of 1150mhp Caterpillar C18 ACERT six-cylinder turbo-diesels and the gensets.

The access, plumbing, fit-up and electrical installations are world-class with a non-skid floor, full sound insulation, plenty of lighting and a clean white panel finish. There are more features than can be listed including air-compressor, insulated engineroom door, DC LED lighting, AC/DC blowers, AC outlets, NuTone central vacuum cleaner system, colour-coded wiring, four AGM batteries for engine and generator start-up plus another four for ship service power, with both 50 and 75amp chargers, a 3kW inverter, 40amp AC-DC converter, and two 50amp shorepower connections aft to name a few.

The Horizon V72 has terrific range from its fuel capacity, using as little as 26.2lt/h per side at 1100rpm doing a brisk 11kts. You can cover plenty of sea miles at 18kts and 2000rpm where you're only using 160lt/h, while at a top speed of 22kts consumption jumps to 222lt/h at 2360rpm.

### FINAL WORD

There is no denying the confident feel of this elegant offshore cruiser underway. Just point her to your own personal paradise and she'll get you there economically and in total comfort and style.

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