

MOONRAKER MAIL

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LATEST MOONRAKER SETS NEW STANDARDS

ONCE again stealing the stage at the Southampton Boat Show is the mighty Moonraker, the latest series "E" version benefiting from the factory's policy of continuous development and the first power yacht to obtain the new Lloyd's certification.

Britain's most popular luxury power boat, this latest model has a re-styled flying bridge and wheelhouse resulting in a much larger rear sun deck.

Extra space has been found by completely redesigning the entrance to the wheelhouse which is now approached via a neat sliding glazed door mounted on a lightweight alloy frame. Access to the flying bridge is gained by a short ladder placed at the back of the bridge. A new radar mast is also fitted.

The twin Perkins diesel engines now have GRP inspection covers giving far easier engine accessibility and improved sound insulation, together with an external exhaust system which has significantly reduced cabin noise levels. Other significant changes on the 1974 Moonraker include the extension of the forward cabin windows giving greater standing room in the fore cabin and making the optional forward cabin divider a very useful feature. A special auxiliary services loom is fitted as well as ready built-in attachment points, enabling the owner to fit the entire range of factory approved extras (including radio, radar, electric winch, auto pilot, etc.) without the need of expert boatyard attention.

Pantograph windscreen wipers are standard and much thought has gone into the saloon area where the galley has been completely redesigned, including a much larger refrigerator, plus purpose built moulded crockery containers. Extra ventilation has been built into the w.c., together with a self-igniting automatic instant water heater, and Moonraker have even increased the size of the television that comes as a standard fitting with the craft.

A casual look inside the new boat shows the extra brightness achieved by the use of the latest durable fabric interiors. With over 300 Moonrakers already delivered, many of them to export markets, this tough and powerful sea-going yacht is now firmly established as the leader in its class.

Moonraker prices range from £18,000 for the aft cockpit model and twin 115hp engines, to nearly £25,000 for the boat complete with owner's stateroom, flying bridge and a host of optional extras. Luxury passenger accommodation is provided for 6/8 people.