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Viking 60

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Sport Yacht Handles Like a Dreamboat

Some of us are purists while others need to feel the comfort that only a yacht can provide. The Viking 60 Sport Yacht combines the luxury of a cruiser with the speed and agility of a Sportfish, giving the boater the best of both worlds.

NANCY BIRNBAUM

Our boat test commenced on a bright, clear winter day in South Florida. With winds just under 20 knots out of the west the Atlantic was relatively flat, offering up 2- to 3-foot seas off Hillsboro Inlet. It was a great day to open up all the ports and windows and feel the cool breeze as we opened up the throttles and ran up and down the coast cruising at 22 knots at 1950 rpm and a top speed of 27.1 knots at 2250 rpm. The truth is that I almost wished it was blowing hard and out of the north so that I could really put this Sport Yacht to the test. Fortunately we got slapped by a rather big wave, which necessitated the use of the windshield wipers!

With excellent visibility from the flybridge, the Viking 60 is designed for speed. Backing is a bit tougher and

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necessitates stepping away from the helm and peering down the companionway steps to see the starboard side. As I got her up to speed the bow was still easy to see over. The boat doesn't feel like it's riding with high altitude even though the bow continues to rise as power is applied. Steering is instantaneous and effortless and can be done with one finger (though we don't suggest such a thing) which makes turning this 34-ton boat around quick and easy.

Viking's relationship with MAN provides the kind of drive that will satisfy a wide range of motoryacht owners. Equipped with a pair of 820 hp MAN 2840 LE401 10-cylinder diesels, the boat can reach a top speed of 33 mph – and can cruise at 28 mph.

Hull design: The Viking Sport Yacht gets its speed from a smart design. Achieving extra lift from the bottom of the cockpit extension which tapers upward creating a hydrodynamic wedge. The rest of the hull has a familiar 15 1/2-degree transom deadrise and the Viking trademark sharp entry for fast wave parting. If the rooster-tails we were throwing off were any indication, I'd say this boat can really move well through just about anything that wind and weather can produce.

Even at close to 30 knots, the boat was super stable without any stabilizers, though you can add them if desired. And to top it off, it's also fairly quiet, at least up on the flybridge. Our test boat had the optional fiberglass hardtop and hard front enclosure with side and aft curtains which helps to dampen the engine noise.

Following American Bureau of Shipping and American Boat and Yacht Council standards, Viking built the 60 Cockpit Sports Yacht using hand-laid biaxial and triaxial knitted fabrics for optimum strength-to-weight ratios, and modified epoxy resins behind the gelcoats for increased impermeability.

COMFORT BELOW

Our test boat didn't look like a 12 year old boat – anywhere. Clean inside and out, right down to the engine room, where the gelcoat was clean enough to pass the "white glove" test. Upon entering the aft saloon, the first thing I noticed was the headroom – high enough for my first mate to stand up tall. At 6 feet, 1 inch he had plenty of room to spare. This carries through in every space below decks. The main salon is aft and two steps below the upper salon. This bright, spacious and comfortable space is perfect for entertaining or just relaxing with a good book. There's an ample-sized chill box for the beer under a small sink and a huge wrap-around sofa with big teak table.

The main salon features L-shaped seating around the table to starboard as well as another L-shaped sofa to port. Convenient handholds along the headliner add to the comfort and safety of this well-designed motor yacht. The well-equipped galley includes two-burner glass top range, convection oven/microwave, full size refrigerator, Corian countertops and trash compactor. Salon sofa includes standard size Hide-A-Bed for the kids. There's a teak dining table with leather seating in the salon along with the entertainment center.

The Viking Sport Yacht sleeps six guests in three Staterooms: A full beam master stateroom aft, with private head/shower, walk-in closet, second closet, spacious storage, and a built-in safe. The huge bed is well ventilated with an opening hatch directly above your head. A "VIP Guest Stateroom" is forward with private head/ shower and centerline queen bed. The third stateroom is to starboard with upper and lower bunks with private head/shower. Each stateroom has AM/ FM radio, CD player, separate A/C unit and controls and cable/satellite TV. Across the companionway from the third stateroom is the washer/ dryer in separate closet port side. Companionway door allows entry to third stateroom head.

On deck, you'll stroll through clear plex wing doors alongside to the broad foredeck where you can

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Base Price \$400,000

LOA 60' 1"

Beam 17' 5"

Draft 4' 10"

Weight 78,000 Pounds

Fuel Capacity 1,300 Gallons

Water Capacity 200 Gallons

Engines 2xMAN D2848LE403 800 HP





lounge on the wide cushioned seat just under the flybridge and stay relatively dry even at top speeds! There are plenty of spaces to hangout on this yacht; the enclosed after deck, the cockpit, the salon, the flybridge, or the spacious staterooms. Truly an accommodating design for a medium-sized yacht.

I was duly impressed with the flybridge layout. There are three, count 'em, three chairs at the full width console! All the electronics within easy reach and a large aluminum-framed glass windshield with remotely operated vents protects the helmsman and crew.

Both the flybridge and aft deck are enclosed and air-conditioned. The 2-feet, 8-inch-deep cockpit has the usual amenities including a transom door with gate, swim platform, freshwater washdown, adequate stowage, and room to mount a fighting chair. I appreciated the automatic shore power cord retractor which comes as standard equipment.

Original list price for the 60 Cockpit Sports Yacht was \$1,223,000.00. They currently show a bottom price of around \$400,000, a typical price of \$505,500.00 and top price of \$621,750.00.

The Viking Yacht Company has celebrated four and a half decades in business building luxury performance sportfishing and cruising yachts. Started by brothers Bob and Bill Healey in 1964, Viking Yachts has grown to become a world leader in semi-custom fiberglass yacht production. Other than a few major components, such as engines and appliances, virtually every part of a Viking is designed and manufactured on the

premises in New Gretna, New Jersey in their tried-and-true methods.

Viking still enjoys an enviable status as the country's leading builder of convertible yachts, with many industry observers on record describing Vikings as the best yachts of their kind in the world. In 2001 at the 60th Anniversary Miami International Boat Show, the National Marine Manufacturers Association and Motor Boating Magazine honored Bill and Bob Healey with the prestigious Chapman Award in recognition for their contributions to boating for the benefit of the industry and boating public.

With the economy making its slow comeback, we know your dollar has to stretch to the Max. That's one reason that the used boat market is so hot. Custom yachts like the Viking hold their value and are still a good investment.

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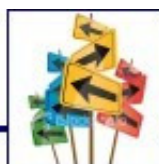
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Outboard Boats

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Viking 60

Total Units Sold	188,700	204,200	213,300	216,600	207,100
Retail Value	3,358,540,400	3,215,742,200	3,200,861,700	2,867,571,600	2,742,825,960
Average Unit Cost	17,798	15,748	15,006	13,239	13,244
Outboard Engines					
Total Units Sold	275,500	301,700	312,000	315,300	305,400
Retail Value	2,554,533,600	3,255,410,900	3,154,904,900	2,879,002,858	2,554,533,600
Average Unit Cost	9,761	10,790	10,112	9,131	8,365
Boat Trailers					
Total Units Sold	130,600	130,900	134,100	133,400	130,600
Retail Value	232,088,000	295,874,800	247,548,600	228,037,400	202,012,100
Average Unit Cost	1,839	2,260	1,846	1,709	1,547
Inboard Boats-Ski/Wakeboard Boats					
Total Units Sold	12,000	13,100	12,600	11,600	11,100
Retail Value	566,804,600	568,357,200	507,742,200	435,377,200	403,285,200
Average Unit Cost	47,234	43,386	40,297	37,533	36,332
Inboard Boats-Cruisers					
Total Units Sold	6,200	6,900	7,800	8,600	8,100
Retail Value	2,888,122,600	3,069,614,900	3,118,557,000	3,334,830,600	3,019,923,000
Average Unit Cost	465,826	444,872	399,815	387,771	372,830
Sterndrive Boats					
Total Units Sold	60,400	67,700	72,300	71,100	69,200
Retail Value	2,671,928,300	2,724,065,700	2,573,331,420	2,368,085,700	2,221,115,600
Average Unit Cost	44,237	40,237	35,592	33,306	32,097
Canoes					
Total Units Sold	99,600	99,900	77,200	93,900	86,700
Retail Value	55,078,800	58,461,900	48,404,400	56,809,500	49,679,100

Average Unit Cost	553	585	627	605	573
Kayaks					
Total Units Sold	346,600	393,400	349,400	337,300	324,000
Retail Value	184,044,600	195,645,000	167,013,200	159,542,900	150,984,000
Average Unit Cost	531	497	478	473	466
Inflatables					
Total Units Sold	29,400	25,100	30,100	31,600	30,500
Retail Value	117,961,200	48,229,600	57,551,200	64,685,200	67,435,500
Average Unit Cost	4,012	1,921	1,912	2,047	2,211
Personal Water Craft					
Total Units Sold	79,900	82,200	80,200	79,500	80,600
Retail Value	793,460,800	792,079,200	761,531,000	733,454,700	716,501,800
Average Unit Cost	9,931	9,636	9,495	9,226	8,890
Jet Boats					
Total Units Sold	6,800	6,200	6,700	5,600	5,600
Retail Value	188,928,300	151,549,100	168,223,600	130,368,000	115,268,200
Average Unit Cost	27,784	24,443	25,108	23,280	20,584
Houseboats					
Total Units Sold	420	530	450	550	
Retail Value	197,439,100	415,473,200	324,094,500	N/A	
Average Unit Cost	470,093	783,912	720,209	N/A	
Sailboats					
Total Units Sold	11,800	12,900	14,400	14,300	15,000
Retail Value	716,350,100	652,186,900	646,928,417	603,381,900	539,744,700
Average Unit Cost	60,708	50,557	44,926	42,195	35,983

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Outboard Boats						
Total Units Sold	212,000	217,800	241,200	230,200	213,700	200,000
Retail Value	2,280,908,000	2,195,859,600	2,306,577,000	1,984,328,300	1,596,412,200	1,421,400,000
Average Unit Cost	11,495	10,144	9,188	8,620	7,470	7,107
Outboard Engines						
Total Units Sold	302,100	299,100	348,700	331,900	314,000	302,000
Retail Value	2,478,838,900	2,411,045,100	2,901,881,400	2,602,096,000	2,155,610,000	2,006,186,000
Average Unit Cost	8,205	8,061	8,322	7,840	6,865	6,643
Boat Trailers						
Total Units Sold	141,200	135,900	158,500	168,000	174,000	181,000
Retail Value	200,645,200	181,698,300	184,494,000	190,008,000	189,660,000	190,050,000
Average Unit Cost	1,421	1,337	1,164	1,131	1,090	1,050
Inboard Boats-Ski/Wakeboard Boats						
Total Units Sold	10,500	11,100	13,600	12,100	10,900	6,100
Retail Value	398,811,000	352,569,300	366,438,400	308,429,000	253,348,700	136,408,200
Average Unit Cost	37,982	31,763	26,944	25,490	23,243	22,362
Inboard Boats-Cruisers						
Total Units Sold	11,800	10,800	10,300	7,000	6,700	6,300
Retail Value	4,336,559,000	3,758,475,600	2,925,756,200	1,799,420,000	1,704,245,500	1,669,103,100
Average Unit Cost	367,505	348,007	284,054	257,060	254,365	264,937
Sterndrive Boats						
Total Units Sold	69,300	72,000	78,400	79,600	77,700	78,800
Retail Value	2,192,231,300	2,217,723,000	2,244,908,400	2,059,394,900	1,854,013,600	1,771,360,300
Average Unit Cost	31,634	30,802	28,634	25,872	23,861	22,479

Canoes

Total Units Sold	100,000	105,800	111,800	121,000	107,800	103,600
Retail Value	56,900,000	57,449,400	64,508,600	67,034,000	64,033,200	61,124,000
Average Unit Cost	569	543	577	554	594	590

Kayaks

Total Units Sold	340,300	357,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retail Value	157,558,900	176,764,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Unit Cost	463	495	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Inflatables

Total Units Sold	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retail Value	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Unit Cost	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Personal Water Craft

Total Units Sold	79,300	80,900	92,000	106,000	130,000	176,000
Retail Value	697,681,400	641,456,100	720,176,000	771,044,000	868,530,000	1,135,904,000
Average Unit Cost	8,798	7,929	7,828	7,274	6,681	6,454

Jet Boats

Total Units Sold	5,100	6,200	7,000	7,800	10,100	11,700
Retail Value	107,997,600	118,692,800	123,641,000	132,678,000	167,033,800	144,389,700
Average Unit Cost	21,176	19,144	17,663	17,010	16,538	12,341

Houseboats**Total Units Sold****Retail Value****Average Unit Cost****Sailboats**

Total Units Sold	15,800	18,600	22,500	18,850	14,500	10,500
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Retail Value	567,782,400	638,640,300	760,622,900	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Unit Cost	35,936	34,336	33,805	N/A	N/A	N/A



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