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Marquis Yachts - Marquis 420



MARQUIS 420 SPORTBRIDGE

STYLE AND SPACE COMBINE

Continuing the rejuvenation of their range, by utilising the considerable talents of Nuvolari & Lenard, Marquis launched their splendid 420 Sport Bridge at the Miami Boat Show. To the obvious delight of the company's owners, John Paul Dejoria and Irwin Jacobs (see p147), the yacht drew a lot of attention. Following the trend already set by the 500 SC, which was topped by a flybridge and became the 500 SB, the 420 SB holds faithful to the 420 SC that set a new benchmark in the sector. Adding a flybridge without compromising the stunning aesthetics of the 420 is just one of the design triumphs of the 420 SB, while the fact the flybridge with all its equipment and structure adds only one tonne to the displacement, is a credit to the design and production team.

Portside steps lead up from the cockpit, and arriving on the flybridge, one finds a wetbar and grill to port, with an elongated L-banquette, served by a dinette, running along the starboard side. The retractable backrest of the banquette's aft section drops to make a comfortable pad for sun worshippers to recline on. Up front, tucked behind the low windscreen, a deep bucket companion seat matches that of the

pilot's, making it the most comfortable position to helm the yacht from – the 5'11" head clearance of the interior position makes it necessary to sit rather than stand while at the wheel.

The interior matches the exterior for cutting-edge style with the dark Brazilian cherry sole contrasting and highlighting the lighter joinery and cream fabrics. Designer touches engender a contemporary 'luxury loft' feel, and the incorporation of elements, like marble sole in the heads, blue underwater LEDs, crystal glassware and the SeaKey satellite security system with concierge service, further elevates this unit in its market sector.

In terms of performance, Marquis of course are adherents of the pod propulsion system, with the naval architecture designed to maximise the efficient performance of this package. With the twin 435hp Volvo Penta IPS600's, the reported performance figures (full load) included a top speed of 40.5mph, with a best cruise of 30.5mph at 3,000rpm and consuming 27.1mpg. So, with good performance, fantastic aesthetics and now a flybridge, it certainly looks like Marquis have come up with another winning formula.

LOA (w/PLATFORM): 43'7" (13.3 M) - BEAM: 13'11" (4.2 M) - DRAFT: 4'3" (1.09 M) - WEIGHT (LOADED): 32,000 LBS (14,515 KG) - WATER CAPACITY: 140 US GALS (530 LTS)
 FUEL CAPACITY: 300 US GALS (1,136 LTS) - HOLDING TANK: 45 US GALS (170 LTS) - CABIN HEADROOM: 6'5" (2.0 M) - SLEEPS: 6
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