

CUSTOM 68 OPEN FLYBRIDGE – HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS



Builder:

HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS

Model:

Custom 68 Open Flybridge

LOA:

68' 0" (20.73 m)

Min Draft:

18' 1" (5.50 m)

Beam:

18' 0" (5.64 m)

Max Draft:

18' 1" (5.50 m)

Cruise Speed:

18 kn / 20.71 mph

Max Speed:

22 kn / 25.32 mph

Gross Tonnage:

96 Pounds

Water Capacity:

280 Gallons

Fuel Capacity:

1527 Gallons

Sleeps:

8

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OVERVIEW

The Custom 68 Open Flybridge from HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS is a motor yacht built on a fiberglass-and-plastic construction foundation. Measuring 68 ft (20.73 m) LOA with an 18 ft (5.64 m) beam, she pairs twin Caterpillar inboard diesels with accommodations for eight guests plus crew, offering a blend of comfort and competent performance suitable for extended cruising.

Selecting a Custom 68 Open Flybridge

Opting for the Custom 68 Open Flybridge places a premium on practical versatility and comfortable liveability. Its 18 ft beam creates substantial interior volume to accommodate up to eight guests, while the twin Caterpillar engines routinely produce an economical 18 knot cruise and a 22 knot top end when required. With 1,527 gallons of fuel and 280 gallons of fresh water aboard, the design supports longer passages between ports. For buyers who value Hargrave's naval architecture and cohesive style language, this model presents a persuasive proposition.

Features of the Model

- Open flybridge layout that improves sightlines and creates an expansive social area both underway and at anchor.
- Twin inboard Caterpillar diesel propulsion delivering dependable mid teens cruising and assured higher speed capability.
- Hull form and interior package by Hargrave, providing consistent exterior lines and complementary interior appointments.
- Sturdy construction featuring a fiberglass-and-plastic hull and fiberglass decks for longevity and simplified upkeep.
- Overnighting for up to eight guests with two dedicated crew berths to

support operation and service.

Technical Specifications

- Builder: HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS
- Model: Custom 68 Open Flybridge
- Type: motor yacht
- Hull material: fiberglass-and-plastic
- Deck material: Fiberglass
- Hull configuration: Full Displacement Planing Hull
- Hull designer: Hargrave
- Interior designer: Hargrave
- LOA: 68 ft (20.73 m)
- Beam: 18 ft (5.64 m)
- Draft (min/max): 18.045 ft / 18.045 ft (5.5 m / 5.5 m)
- Gross tonnage: 96
- Engines: 2 x Caterpillar, Inboard, Diesel
- Cruising speed: 18 kn (20.71 mph)
- Max speed: 22 kn (25.32 mph)
- Accommodations: 8 guests (sleeps 8), crew beds: 2
- Fuel capacity: 1,527 gal
- Water capacity: 280 gal

Pricing and Ordering

To obtain current pricing, check availability, or discuss purchasing the Custom 68 Open Flybridge by HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS, contact Andrey Shestakov and the team at Shestakov Yacht Sales. We will assist with specification reviews, inspections, and the closing process to protect your interests from the first inquiry through delivery.

Questions and Answers

Q: What are the overall size and beam of the Custom 68 Open Flybridge? A: The vessel's **LOA** measures 68 ft (20.73 m) and the **beam** is 18 ft (5.64 m), offering generous interior volume for her class.

Q: What performance can I expect at sea? A: Anticipate a typical **cruising speed** of 18 kn (about 20.71 mph) and a **max speed** of 22 kn (about 25.32 mph), powered by twin Caterpillar inboard diesel engines.

Q: How many people can the yacht accommodate? A: The layout provides **accommodations** for 8 guests (sleeps 8) plus **crew beds** for 2, supporting comfortable longer-term cruising.

Q: What kind of hull and deck construction does it use? A: The hull is built from fiberglass-and-plastic with **fiberglass** decks, a combination chosen for durability and relatively low maintenance.

Q: Who should I speak with to buy or learn more? A: Contact **Andrey Shestakov** at **Shestakov Yacht Sales** for full details on the Custom 68 Open Flybridge from HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS and guidance on next steps.

Owner Experience Review

Most brokerage examples of the Custom 68 Open Flybridge by HARGRAVE CUSTOM YACHTS hail from the early to mid 2000s, and owners typically employ them for family cruising, liveaboard use, and entertaining. The common 3 stateroom plus crew configurations, open plan salon and midships galley facilitate extended stays, while the expansive flybridge and aft deck produce clear social zones ideal for weekends or owner hosted gatherings; several listings even market the model as charter capable due to its volume and a master stateroom with a residential ambiance. Crew quarters

sit aft of the machinery with direct engineroom and swim platform access, a layout frequently praised for simplifying owner operation and maintenance.

Underway, the hard chine modified V hull with a shallow keel and roughly 14° transom deadrise delivers predictable, seakindly behavior and good flybridge visibility. Reported cruise speeds cluster around 18 knots with standard twin Caterpillar power, with top speeds in the 20–22 knot range; optional higher power systems have been noted to move performance into the mid 20s. Many examples are equipped with Naiad stabilizers, and owners commonly recommend running them for better comfort at anchor and reduced roll in beam seas.

Engine room accessibility is often described as excellent, with entry through a sealed lazarette and transom door plus main deck access that eases routine servicing. Typical brokerage service items include 1,000 hour Caterpillar overhauls, Naiad stabilizer refurbishments, electronics modernizations (Garmin/Furuno), and replacement of flybridge isinglass; some refits document transom door hinge repairs (one cited about US\$2,300) and periodic generator and A/C work. On higher hour brokerage boats, the well supported Caterpillar 3406 (~800 hp) mains may prompt near term maintenance or overhaul planning, while reviewers also note the thoughtful joinery and system layout that support owner operation.

Pros and Cons

- Spacious 3 stateroom plus crew arrangements with an open salon and galley well suited to family cruising and liveaboard lifestyles.
- Large open flybridge and aft deck equipped with wet bar and ample seating for entertaining and owner led events.
- Sea friendly modified V hull, generous visibility, and an ~18 knot cruise deliver reliable passage making performance.

- Comfort at anchor and in beam seas commonly depends on properly fitted and maintained Naiad stabilizers.
- Many early to mid 2000s examples will benefit from updated electronics and replacement of flybridge isinglass to feel contemporary.
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Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
Raised Pilothouse	101' 0" (30.78 m)	21' 0" (6.40 m)	21' 4" (6.50 m)	20 kn / 23 kn	
Enclosed Skybridge	96' 0" (29.36 m)	19' 0" (5.79 m)			
N/A	125' 0" (38.10 m)	26' 0" (7.92 m)	21' 4" (6.50 m)	15 kn / 18 kn	342
Tri-deck	136' 0" (41.45 m)	27' 0" (8.23 m)	24' 4" (7.42 m)	12 kn / 17 kn	353
E Series Tri-Deck	132' 0" (40.23 m)	28' 0" (8.53 m)	19' 5" (5.92 m) – 21' 1" (6.42 m)	14 kn / 16 kn	399
2015	76' 0" (23.16 m)	20' 0" (6.10 m)	16' 2" (4.92 m)		
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Manufacturer:

Caterpillar

Fuel Type:

Diesel

GALLERY











CONTACTS

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