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72' SPORTFISH CONVERTIBLE – MERRITT BOAT WORKS



Builder:

MERRITT BOAT WORKS

Model:

72' Sportfish Convertible

LOA:

72' 0" (21.95 m)

Beam:

19' 0" (5.94 m)

Water Capacity:

400 Gallons

Fuel Capacity:

2300 Gallons

Hull Material:

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Deck Material:

Composite

Engines:

2

Manufacturer:

Caterpillar

Engine Type:

Inboard

Fuel Type:

Diesel

If you would like to buy a yacht **72' SPORTFISH CONVERTIBLE – MERRITT BOAT WORKS** or would like help, please call +1(954)274-4435 or visit shestakovyachtsales.com

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OVERVIEW

The 72' Sportfish Convertible from MERRITT BOAT WORKS is engineered as a dedicated motor yacht in the sport fisherman category, built on a sturdy fiberglass and plastic hull with a composite deck for an optimized strength-to-weight ratio. Twin inboard Caterpillar diesels provide the propulsion, and generous fuel and water tanks make it capable of extended offshore missions. Offered by Andrey Shestakov and the team at Shestakov Yacht Sales.

Selecting a 72' Sportfish Convertible

Deciding if the 72' Sportfish Convertible is the right yacht begins with clarifying how you intend to use a high-performance sport fisherman that also functions as a comfortable motor yacht. Andrey Shestakov and the Shestakov Yacht Sales team will work with you to match trip profiles, range expectations, and crew requirements to this model's proven hull, construction materials, and twin-engine layout. We coordinate your priorities with current builds and brokerage listings to simplify the buying process.

Features of the Model

- Bluewater-oriented hull form as a sport fisherman while offering the creature comforts and range of a motor yacht.
- Robust fiberglass and plastic hull combined with a composite deck for efficient strength and reduced weight aloft.
- Twin inboard Caterpillar diesel engines delivering dependable offshore power and straightforward serviceability.
- Large fuel stores (2,300 gal) and 400 gal of freshwater to support extended passages and long fishing trips.

- A broad 19 ft beam for deck space and stability, with a 72 ft LOA that provides substantial working areas and presence on the water.
- Built by MERRITT BOAT WORKS and marketed with the brokerage support of Shestakov Yacht Sales.

Technical Specifications

- Model: 72' Sportfish Convertible
- Builder: MERRITT BOAT WORKS
- Category: motor yacht / sport fisherman
- Hull: fiberglass and plastic
- Deck Material: Composite
- LOA: 72 ft (21.95 m)
- Beam: 19 ft (5.94 m)
- Engines: 2 x Caterpillar
- Engine Type: Inboard
- Fuel Type: Diesel
- Fuel Capacity: 2,300 gal
- Water Capacity: 400 gal

Pricing and Ordering

To receive current availability, pricing estimates, and bespoke acquisition advice for the 72' Sportfish Convertible, reach out to Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales. Our brokerage specialists will guide you on market timing, arranging surveys and sea trials, and negotiating to secure the best example of this sport fisherman and motor yacht platform.

Questions and Answers

Q: What is the hull made of on the 72' Sportfish Convertible? A: The **hull material** is fiberglass and plastic, complemented by a **composite** deck to balance durability with weight savings.

Q: What powers the 72' Sportfish Convertible? A: The **engines** are twin **Caterpillar** units installed **inboard** , operating on **diesel** fuel to provide dependable long-range performance.

Q: What are the core dimensions? A: **Dimensions** include a length overall of 72 ft (21.95 m) and a **beam** of 19 ft (5.94 m), offering generous working deck space and offshore stability.

Q: How much fuel and water can it carry? A: **Capacities** include roughly 2,300 gal of **fuel** and 400 gal of **fresh water** , enabling extended offshore operations and multi-day trips.

Q: Who builds it and who can assist with purchase? A: The **builder** is MERRITT BOAT WORKS. For brokerage support and to **order** or source this model, contact Andrey Shestakov and the team at Shestakov Yacht Sales.

Owner Experience Review

Owners and captains of the 72' Sportfish Convertible by MERRITT BOAT WORKS often say the boat strikes a balance between family cruising and true blue water capability. Layouts are frequently arranged to comfortably host adult children and spouses, yet the vessel remains a classic Florida style convertible built for large-game fishing. For extended outings, many owners carry a skiff or tender to expand inshore options and diversify fishing programs.

On the water the feedback is consistent: "The 28 knot cruise feels like you're

standing still." Acceleration is steady with little bow rise — when the big diesels come in, the response is simply more speed or less. Owners report confident behavior in three to four foot seas and note the yacht can back down with good steering response at roughly 6 knots. During spread maneuvers it will back down, rotate, and troll cleanly, reflecting its dedicated convertible design.

Interior appointments reflect the vessel's performance roots with upscale, traditional finishes: a large three sided leather settee, genuine burl wood floors, and onyx or granite countertops executed with tasteful restraint. Guest spaces are laid out for comfort — a forward stateroom with a private head and over/under queen berths plus a master featuring an athwartships king — and the cockpit is expansive with a dedicated rigging station serving both anglers and guests. Service access is thoughtfully arranged, including access to the outboard sides of the engines from the forward sections. As with most custom convertibles over 70 ft, owners should expect significant maintenance and periodic refit costs over the years; regular engine, generator, and electronics overhauls are commonly cited, though there is no single recurring mechanical fault reported across listings and owner accounts.

Pros and Cons

- Composed ride at a reported 28 knot cruise with minimal bow rise and smooth, predictable acceleration.
- Sportfishing control that backs down, spins, and trolls cleanly, with steering authority backing down around 6 knots.
- High end, guest friendly layout with an immense cockpit, dedicated rigging station, and well appointed staterooms.
- High upkeep and significant service/refit costs typical of a custom 70+ ft diesel convertible.
- Ownership commonly involves periodic engine, generator, and electronics overhauls over time.

- No single recurring failure pattern reported; condition and maintenance needs vary significantly by individual boat.

Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
86 Convertible	86' 0" (26.21 m)	21' 0" (6.45 m)	18' 1" (5.50 m)	30 kn / 38 kn	
80' Sportfish	80' 0" (24.38 m)	20' 0" (6.17 m)	16' 11" (5.17 m)	28 kn / 34 kn	
86' Enclosed Flybridge	86' 0" (26.21 m)	21' 0" (6.40 m)	17' 9" (5.42 m)	28 kn / 34 kn	
42 Sportfish	42' 0" (12.80 m)	13' 0" (4.01 m)	12' 0" (3.67 m)	20 kn / 30 kn	22
58' Sportfish	58' 0" (17.68 m)	18' 0" (5.64 m)	16' 5" (5 m)	26 kn / 30 kn	
Sportfish	72' 0" (21.95 m)	20' 0" (6.10 m)		30 kn / 36 kn	
77 Merritt Sportfish Convertible	77' 0" (23.47 m)	21' 0" (6.43 m)	21' 1" (6.42 m)	37 kn / 40 kn	
72' Sportfish Convertible	72' 0" (21.95 m)	19' 0" (5.94 m)			
72' Sportfish	72' 0" (22.02 m)	19' 0" (5.94 m)	18' 7" (5.67 m)	30 kn / 36 kn	
75' Sportfish	75' 0" (22.86 m)	19' 0" (5.99 m)	18' 7" (5.67 m)	27 kn / 33 kn	

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Shestakov Yacht Sales is a brokerage company specializing in the sale and service of yachts worldwide. The company offers services for buying and selling both new and used motor yachts, sailing vessels, and luxury superyachts. They also provide yacht registration, insurance, technical maintenance, crew selection, and charter organization services across the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Bahamas.

The founder and lead broker of the company is Andrey Shestakov, a licensed and certified expert with extensive experience in marine engineering and shipbuilding.

The company has an extensive network of partnerships with major yacht manufacturers worldwide and provides services in multiple languages, including Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, and English. The office is in Dania Beach, Florida, USA.

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