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72' SPORTFISH – MERRITT BOAT WORKS



Builder:

MERRITT BOAT WORKS

Model:

72' Sportfish

LOA:

72' 0" (22.02 m)

Beam:

19' 0" (5.94 m)

Max Draft:

18' 7" (5.67 m)

Cruise Speed:

30 kn / 34.52 mph

Max Speed:

36 kn / 41.43 mph

Water Capacity:

400 Gallons

Fuel Capacity:

2450 Gallons

Hull Material:

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Deck Material:

Fiberglass

Engines:

2

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

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OVERVIEW

Built by MERRITT BOAT WORKS, the 72' Sportfish is a tournament oriented motor yacht engineered as a high performance sportfisherman with a tough fiberglass-and-plastic construction that stands up to offshore duty. For assistance with acquisition, availability, or to discuss specific hulls, contact Andrey Shestakov and the brokerage team at Shestakov Yacht Sales.

Selecting a 72' Sportfish

Opt for the 72' Sportfish when you need a genuine bluewater platform that combines pace, fishability, and onboard comfort. As a motor yacht laid out for dedicated anglers, this sportfisherman offers the engine grunt, deck ergonomics, and stowage needed for extended trips while preserving a refined living environment.

Features of the Model

- Power and propulsion: twin inboard **Caterpillar** diesels (2 x **Inboard , Diesel**) chosen for proven reliability and easy access for service.
- Performance envelope: approximately **30 kn** cruising with a **36 kn** top end (roughly **34.52 mph** and **41.43 mph**).
- Offshore-ready build: stout fiberglass-and-plastic hull paired with a **Fiberglass** deck for longevity and simplified upkeep.
- Big-boat footprint: **LOA 72 ft (22.02 m)** and **beam 19 ft (5.94 m)** deliver expansive cockpit real estate and substantial interior volume.
- Endurance-minded capacities: **fuel 2,450 gal** and **fresh water 400 gal** to support long runs between refueling and reprovisioning.

Technical Specifications

- Built by: MERRITT BOAT WORKS
- Model: 72' Sportfish
- Type: motor yacht
- Class: sportfisherman
- Hull material: fiberglass and plastic
- Deck material: Fiberglass
- Overall length (LOA): 72 ft (22.02 m)
- Beam: 19 ft (5.94 m)
- Draft (max): 18.591 ft (5.6666 m)
- Propulsion: 2 x Caterpillar, Inboard, Diesel
- Cruising speed: 30 kn (34.52 mph)
- Top speed: 36 kn (41.43 mph)
- Fuel capacity: 2,450 gal
- Water capacity: 400 gal

Pricing and Ordering

For up to date pricing, current availability, or to discuss customization and locating pre owned examples of the 72' Sportfish, contact Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales. Our brokerage coordinates spec reviews, surveys, and scheduling to align delivery with your program.

Questions and Answers

Q: What type of vessel is the 72' Sportfish? A: It's a motor yacht arranged as a purpose built sportfisherman, merging offshore fishing capability with comfortable cruising accommodations.

Q: What powers the yacht and what fuel does it use? A: Twin inboard **Caterpillar** engines running on **diesel** provide durable propulsion suited to tournament duty cycles and long transits.

Q: What are the key dimensions of the boat? A: The boat measures **LOA** 72 ft (22.02 m), **beam** 19 ft (5.94 m), and a **draft** of 18.591 ft (5.6666 m), giving substantial volume and offshore presence.

Q: How fast does it go? A: Plan on a **cruising speed** near 30 kn (34.52 mph) with a **maximum speed** around 36 kn (41.43 mph), subject to load and sea state.

Q: How do I start the purchase process? A: Contact **Andrey Shestakov** at **Shestakov Yacht Sales** for **pricing**, **availability**, and the next steps; our team will assist with surveys, contracts, and delivery logistics.

Owner Experience Review

Owners and captains commonly report the 72' Sportfish from MERRITT BOAT WORKS is equally capable as a family cruiser and a hard working tournament platform. Listings and feedback repeatedly emphasize a tournament prepared cockpit layout (mezzanine, fighting chair, teaser reels) combined with long range systems and crew spaces, making it comfortable for family outings or extended runs with professional crew aboard. On water reports note you can hear turbochargers spool with minimal bow rise, that a 28 knot cruise feels exceptionally steady, and that the boat holds precise steering when backing down at 6 knots; it turns responsively, takes three to four foot head seas with composure, and produces a clean trolling wake under 10 knots.

Life aboard reads as custom and refined. One reviewer compared entering the interior to walking into an exclusive old world club, and numerous listings call out premium joinery and finishes—real burl hardwood floors, onyx and granite

counters, and a substantial leather settee. Layout descriptions from brokers and owners mention a master stateroom with an athwartship king and a forward cabin with its own head and over/under queen berths, underscoring the vessel's focus on comfort and craftsmanship.

From an ownership and maintenance perspective, the 72' Sportfish features mezzanine access into a full stand up engine room that simplifies routine servicing. Brokerage records commonly note exhaust riser replacements during major service intervals in the 1,000–3,000 hour range, and many examples show substantial upgrades over time—Seakeeper gyro installations, repowers, and new generators—frequently performed under captain/owner “open checkbook” maintenance regimes.

Pros and Cons

- Flat, bow down acceleration with a 28 knot cruise that owners describe as remarkably composed, per Marlin's report.
- Accurate control when backing at 6 knots, a solid ride in three to four foot head seas, and a tidy trolling wake below 10 knots.
- Real world versatility: a tournament ready cockpit plus range and crew accommodations suitable for family use and long passages.
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- Numerous hulls have received major upgrades (Seakeeper installations, repowers, new generators), so onboard equipment and system configurations vary by vessel and refit history.
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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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Manufacturer:

Caterpillar

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GALLERY











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

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