

CUSTOM – RICHARD DUNSTON



Builder:

RICHARD DUNSTON

Model:

Custom

LOA:

145' 0" (44.20 m)

Beam:

31' 0" (9.45 m)

Max Draft:

12' 6" (3.80 m)

Cruise Speed:

9 kn / 10.36 mph

Max Speed:

12 kn / 13.81 mph

Gross Tonnage:

560 Pounds

Water Capacity:

3434.24 Gallons

Fuel Capacity:

33814.02 Gallons

Total Heads:

12

Hull Material:

Steel Yachts

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OVERVIEW

Purpose-built for demanding exploration, the Custom from RICHARD DUNSTON is a 145 ft motor yacht configured as an expedition yacht. Built on a stout steel hull with steel decks, she is driven by a single Ruston outboard diesel and delivers a comfortable cruise at 9 knots with a top end of 12 knots. Offering 560 GT of internal volume, interiors by Allori Design, sleeping for up to 12 guests and 12 heads, she combines long-range capability with onboard comfort for sustained voyages.

Selecting a Custom

Opt for Custom when you prioritize the seaworthiness and durability of a steel yacht alongside the practicality of an authentic expedition yacht. The 31 ft (9.45 m) beam delivers significant internal volume and a stable platform, while the 12.467 ft (3.8 m) draft contributes to bluewater confidence. Propelled by a single Ruston outboard diesel and designed to run at 9–12 knots, this motor yacht emphasizes economical, straightforward operation for serious passagemaking.

Features of the Model

- Hull and deck: robust steel construction with steel decks for long-term durability
- Power: 1 x Ruston outboard diesel engine (diesel fuel)
- Speeds: 9 knots cruising; 12 knots maximum (10.36 / 13.81 mph)
- Volume: 560 GT for expansive interior capacity
- Interiors: Allori Design
- Accommodations: up to 12; Heads: 12
- Capacities: Fuel 33,814.02 gal; Fresh water 3,434.24 gal

- Mission: true expedition yacht capability within a proven motor yacht platform

Technical Specifications

- LOA: 145 ft (44.2 m)
- Beam: 31 ft (9.45 m)
- Draft (max): 12.467 ft (3.8 m)
- Gross Tonnage: 560 GT
- Engines: 1 x Ruston, outboard, diesel
- Cruising Speed: 9 knots (10.36 mph)
- Maximum Speed: 12 knots (13.81 mph)
- Fuel Capacity: 33,814.02 gallons
- Water Capacity: 3,434.24 gallons
- Hull: steel; Deck: Steel
- Interior Designer: Allori Design
- Accommodations: 12; Heads: 12

Pricing and Ordering

For up-to-date pricing, availability, or to book an inspection and explore build or refit options for the Custom by RICHARD DUNSTON, please contact broker Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales. Our brokerage team will assist you with detailed specifications, survey coordination, and the transactional steps tailored to your ownership program.

Questions and Answers

Q: What are the overall dimensions of the Custom? A: The **LOA** measures 145 ft (44.2 m), the **Beam** is 31 ft (9.45 m), and the maximum draft is 12.467 ft (3.8

m).

Q: What speeds can I expect underway? A: Typical **Cruising speed** is 9 knots (10.36 mph) with a **Maximum speed** of 12 knots (13.81 mph).

Q: What is the hull and deck construction? A: This motor yacht and expedition yacht is built on a **steel hull** and fitted with **steel decks** to ensure ruggedness and longevity.

Q: How many people can stay on board? A: **Accommodations** are provided for up to 12 guests, with **Heads** numbering 12, supporting genuine liveaboard capability for extended cruising.

Q: Who is the builder and how do I proceed to purchase? A: **Builder** : RICHARD DUNSTON. To proceed, contact **Broker** Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales for inspection arrangements, purchase negotiations, and closing support.

Owner Experience Review

Owners who commission Custom conversions from RICHARD DUNSTON report a genuine expedition foundation evolved from an ocean going tug. A notable conversion is Ariete Primo (built 1967, refit 2006), which was refurbished and positioned for luxury charter following its transformation. The full displacement tug hull is credited with exceptional seakeeping and a heavily damped motion in rough seas, so long passages and heavy weather transits feel composed and less tiring than on lighter yachts of comparable length. Top speeds remain deliberately conservative, but guest comfort and ride quality benefit substantially from the hull form.

Refit work has produced high levels of onboard comfort: owners note amenities such as a spa, hammam, and gym, with accommodation plans hosting roughly 14 guests across multiple en suite cabins in some conversions. Significant upgrades have included extensive teak decking and

major systems overhauls; during the 2004–2006 program for one example, about 45 km of new cabling was installed. As Franco Polti observed, "Per uno come me che ama lo sport e l'avventura, l'aver dato lustro a uno splendido rimorchiatore d'altura vale l'ebbrezza di un record. Che ti lancia verso nuovi traguardi." The compromise is a more workboat-like maintenance profile: steel hulls require periodic steelwork and corrosion control, older Ruston & Hornsby diesels may need specialist spares and expertise, and both the initial conversion and ongoing maintenance costs tend to exceed those for composite or light-alloy yachts.

Pros and Cons

- Ocean-going tug hull delivers excellent seakeeping and a steady, low-motion ride.
- Robust construction and very large tanks support long-range cruising and true expedition use.
- Post-conversion layouts are reported to accommodate up to around 14 guests and can include spa, hammam, and gym facilities.
- Designed for modest speeds compared with other yachts of similar length.
- Steel hull and workboat lineage demand ongoing corrosion control and more intensive shipyard maintenance.
- Older Ruston & Hornsby diesels can require special spares and engineering know-how.

Comparison with Other Models

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Deck Material:

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Manufacturer:

Ruston

Fuel Type:

Diesel

GALLERY











CONTACTS

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.

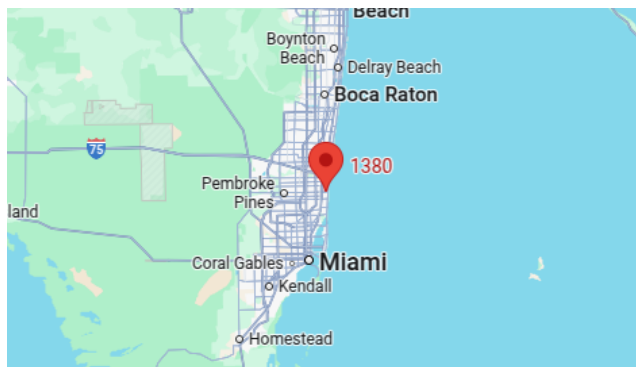
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