

Sunreef 74

Multihull cruiser

Here is the ultimate in cruising cat luxury. This cat is designed "in cooperation with" Van Peteghem and Lauriot Prevost. I'm not exactly sure what that means but I suspect P&P did the basic naval architecture for the design and the yard team did the accommodations and aesthetic styling. I found a beautiful Web site for the builder that says the yard is in Gdansk, Poland. This is a very impressive yard with its own large design staff.

I couldn't find a number for DWL so I used 68 feet for a D/L of 121.4. The L/B is moderate at 2.11. I see nothing unusual or noteworthy in these hulls. The long, low-aspect-ratio keel is designed more for shoal-water cruising convenience than it is for weatherly performance. But, I think that is part of the overall nature of these cruising cats. You may not point high but cracked off you will fly along and get there just as fast as most boats pointing higher. The beam-to-length ratio of the individual hull, based upon the rendering I have, is 7.04. Compare that to the 13.6 of the VX40.

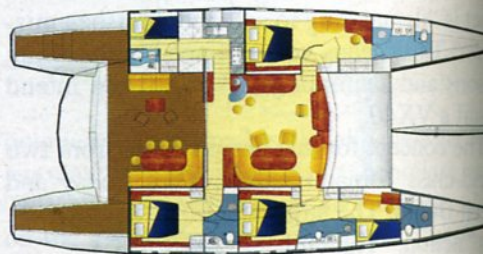
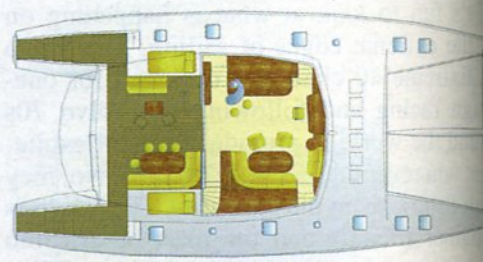
These accommodations

are palatial. That's the right word. I have this indelible memory of an old Bill Garden design *June Bug*. The drawing shows a man curled up asleep on the settee berth, watch cap pulled over his eyes and nursing a bottle of rum in his folded arms. That sailor would not like the Sunreef 74. This boat is about the best French Burgundies and horse doovers all arranged geometrically on the plate. You just know it is lobster for dinner and things you can't pronounce for desert. The level of fit and finish in this boat is amazing. The interior is elegant.

The layout features staterooms for three couples in the owner's party. Crew accommodations are starboard forward with their own head and aft in the port hull right off the galley. The three guest staterooms all have adjoining heads with shower stalls. The saloon is huge with a centerline inside steering station and navigation center. There

is a large entertainment center to port facing the dinette. There is a bar just aft of the entertainment center. It might just be me but it looks like a long way from the dinette to the bar. I could probably put up with that. "Jaques, another glass of Chambolle-Musigny? Si vous plait."

If you don't like the lay-



out below or the décor then you can go on deck and enjoy the upper level cockpit or the lower level cockpit. The upper level is really like an extended fly bridge. There is a steering station up there and aft of that is a wraparound dinette. Outboard of the upper dinette is what appears to be large sunbathing pads. Sail controls flank the steering station. The lower cockpit is really not a cockpit at all. It's the entertainment deck. It is spacious and beautifully laid out for a great time to enjoy a balmy evening. It's totally covered so a brief rain shower would not put an end to the party.

The photos in the brochure show the Sunreef 74 ripping along under sail. Sure 12 knots is quite common on this boat. I have never sailed a cat longer than 52 miles and I have never cruised in a big cat so this is foreign territory to me. It's not what I think of when I think of sailing but if you are looking for an opulent getaway this is definitely the one for you.



LOA 74'; LWL 68'; Beam 35'; Draft 5'8"; Displacement 78,000 lbs.; Sail area 3,177 sq. ft.; SA/D 27.8; D/L 121.4; L/BOA 2.11; Auxiliary 240-hp diesel (twin); Fuel 950 gals.; Water 316 gals.

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OBE: \$3.5 million

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