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family or a crowd,
this is effortless
boating in style*

SUNSEEKER MANHATTAN 63

Motor yacht handles like a dream

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The Manhattan 63 is a fabulous piece of engineering and style from Sunseeker, but it's the handling that's mind blowing thanks to the latest Generation 3 twin 1200hp Volvo Penta IPS pod-drive engines below.

The response from the forward-facing, counter-rotating propellers attached to each pod is instantaneous. I advance the throttle by 550 revs to gain an extra 10kts, now sitting on 31.5kts.

This boat offers a bright and airy atmosphere inside, flooded in natural light from large side windows in the saloon. A circular dining table sits behind the raised main helm station and the seating arrangement is a fixed half-circle settee plus three single armchairs that can be moved into the saloon when needed.

The extra space created by the IPS installation on the Manhattan 63 is evident throughout — and more so on the test boat, which has a roomy galley on a mezzanine floor just to port and slightly forward of the helm. A curved staircase of six steps leads down to the food preparation area.

The master stateroom is located

amidships aft of the galley. It's full-beam with heaps of natural light from large windows, plus portholes for ventilation. The his-and-hers ensuite is to starboard, and just before entering this area are a casual table and luxurious twin seating providing the owners with somewhere to sneak away from the crowd. The table doubles as an office desk, its lift-up lid housing the laptop.

Of course, you have a flatscreen television in all bedrooms, and there's storage galore in the surrounding wardrobes, cupboards and drawers — all flooded in natural light from the large windows with panoramic views.

A moulded staircase leads to the expansive flybridge and upper helm station. Immediately behind the helm is a wetbar, including sink, fridge, icemaker and barbecue. To port is U-shaped seating for a dozen or more people round a casual table. Further lounges are provided adjacent to the helm.

The Sunseeker Manhattan 63 flybridge motor yacht is more boat, more style and with the fitted IPS Gen 3 pod drives, more manoeuvrable than the 60. The

experienced boater will feel at home in a flash and even the uninitiated soon settles behind the wheel, confidence building by the minute.

Quick Facts

Priced from \$2.65 million w/
twin 1000hp MAN V8s
Material Resin-infused GRP
Length overall 21.07m
Beam 5.13m
Draft 1.6m
Engine 2 x Volvo Penta IPS 3
diesel
Rated HP 1200 (each)
Fuel 2900lt
Water 816lt

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TAKACAT LITE 300

Innovative inflatable catamaran

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The Takacat Lite series is aimed squarely at the competitive tender market and is an innovative newcomer attracting lots of attention.

At first glance the Takacat Lite 300 looks well designed, balanced and of high-quality construction. It's not until you jump in that you can really appreciate how stable it actually is.

The catamaran hulls produce less drag and have a shallower draft, which makes for faster planing and require less horsepower to push. Rowing is a breeze and you don't even have to put your back into it to get going. The Takacat Lite tracks well and is easy to manoeuvre.

It features four internal and six external handholds, plus safety lines front and side, giving you plenty of places to hang onto. There are also two fixed oars, a backside-friendly inflatable seat and two bungs complete with attachment cords so they don't get lost.

The floor itself is an Air Deck made from an intertwined polyester fibre with a double-sided PVC coating. It's 8cm thick, inflatable and firm. The low-lying

front provides an easy platform to step off onto the duckboard or beach. It also provides an easy entry point from the water in case you somehow manage to fall out of something so stable.

This well-designed tender is completely inflatable so there are no solid seats or floors to disassemble. The pontoon walls and floor are joined, therefore no lip under the inflatable tubes for shells and sand to congregate.

Once deflated, it folds up and fits inside its own bag. Also included as standard are two-piece oars, a repair kit, a foot pump and an air-pressure gauge.

The Takacat Lite is light and easy to pull up onto the deck. It won't damage your paintwork due to the heavy rubber strips under each tube and a lack of hard components. The twin hulls also have the added advantage of lying flat on deck. According to some owners it also makes a good sun lounger. I can see how the gently curving inflatable floor could be rather comfortable to kick back on.

Overall the Takacat Lite 300 is a well designed and constructed tender that

addresses the issues of stability, storage and rowing-like-a-brick that come standard with some conventionally designed tenders. The Takacat Lite is so innovative and versatile it could well be the inflatable dinghy of the future.

Quick Facts

Type Inflatable dinghy
Length overall 3m
Beam 1.6m
Weight 38kg
Engine Mercury two-stroke
outboard
Rated HP 5

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