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# CLEOPATRA CRUISERS

## 26' SPORTSRIDER



This outstanding completely new model introduced at the London Boat Show 1969, in answer to the enormous demand for a stylish, full two berth express offshore cruiser with large fishing, sunbathing area, self-draining cockpit, helmbridge hardtop, completely separate W.C. compartment with built in vanity unit, 'L' shaped galley unit with ample storage space. There is full headroom throughout.

The hull design offers the rounded chine configuration with large moulded in hydra chines thus giving benefits of both round hull and hard chine features in one hull.

In keeping with her ultra modern design, the new 26' Sportsrider offers stern principles on all power units available, both single or twin, petrol and diesel. Chosen for its exceptional manoeuvrability and economy, this form of drive gives the Cleopatra range performance figures at costs well below those obtained from comparable conventional outboard or shaft/rudder installation.

This form of drive also enables Cleopatras to be berthed where tides may dry out and to even operate in shallow water without fear of damage to units. A control on the console lifts the drive making easy access, maintenance and even clearing or changing fouled or damaged propellers.

The major advantage of the stern drive is through the fantastic manoeuvrability of the craft which correctly handled can 'turn in its own length' particularly at low speeds.

Astern or ahead becomes as simple operation as the transom drive produces propeller thrust, the drive itself taking part as the conventional yacht's rudder.

The basic versions of Cleopatra are fitted with Volvo Penta petrol and diesel engines or Perkins diesels. The layout does not differ between engine installations of which have been carefully selected for light weight and reasonable fuel consumption. Full details and engines available are listed on enclosed price list.

The 26' Sportsrider is of all glass fibre construction which combined with maintenance-free easy to clean interior, ensures that your ultra modern offshore cruiser will demand minimum of attention.

The interior decor is colour matched being finished in selected fabric and formica and trimmed in teak and afromosia.

Inclusive equipment includes many refinements such as fitted helmbridge hardtop, free standing console, large after cockpit seat/sunbathing area, large self-draining cockpit, twin tanks, twin water tanks, twin fuel tanks, flying bridge (optional extra), alloy framed sliding cabin side windows, glazed safety glass, fore-cabin alloy framed escape hatch, fore-cabin sunseat and cushion, safety styled pulpit, engine room, extractor fan, ample storage space throughout, cockpit sides trimmed afromosia and teak. There is full headroom throughout, two berths in cabin and further two occasional berths in after cockpit cushion area is used.

Essex Yacht Builders Ltd., are located on the East Coast of Great Britain, by the River Crouch. The Boatyard, which has been in existence for 40 years has, and still does, build an enormous variety of quality yachts and many of the staff have been with the Company for over a quarter of a century.

The Cleopatra range which includes six models, extends from 23ft. to 30ft. Currently on the drawing board for 1970 production is a 40ft. De Luxe Cruiser.

Also craftsman built by Essex Yacht Builders is the famous 'Salar', the 39ft. round-the-world motor sailer, the first of which was launched last year by Sir Francis Chichester.

Essex Yacht Builders and the 'Cleopatra' range represent in skill and craftsmanship the past and the future. Craftsman's skill applied to the most modern techniques: thus making available to the world's yachtsmen a quality boat at a realistic price.

Essex Yacht Builders and the 'Cleopatra' range represent in skill and craftsmanship the past in the use of your yacht and, of course, give you any advice you may require in use and maintaining your 'Cleopatra' wherever it may be located over the world.

The next time you see a 'Cleopatra', stop and have a chat with the owner, he will tell you of the down-to-earth good value that a 'Cleopatra' represents.

**U.K. Residents:** A position can be reserved in our Marina if required. Ten hours free professional tuition available for beginners.

## Specification

Length: 26' 4" [8.03 m.]

Beam: 9' 4" [2.85 m.]

Draft: 2' 7" [0.78 m.]

Fuel Capacity 75 gallons [approx.]

Water Capacity 50 gallons [approx.]

Approx Range 150/250 Miles

Weight; 6,500 lbs. — 2,948 kg. approx  
(dependent upon specification)

Overall height. 8' 10" [2.69 m.]

## Inclusive Equipment (Included in Price)

### On Deck.

Stainless Steel bow pulpit.

6" Continental fairleads fore and aft.

1 large centre foredeck mounted bollard.

1 stainless steel stemhead roller.

1 set Raked double bollards on stern quarter.

### Cockpit

Color gas regulator and piping.

2 fuel tanks at           galls each approx.

2 water tanks at        galls each approx.

Teak hand grips.

Heavy duty 12V. Battery(s).

### Controls

Special free standing console with engine instruments and controls with provision for compass.

### Interior

Complete set upholstered 4" cushions, fitted carpet, complete set of independent cabin lights, good size wardrobe.

Sea type W.C.

Hand Basin and pump in W.C. compartment.

Toilet paper holder.

### Galley

1 Sink Pump.

Ice Box Compartment.

## Regular Plus Points

A fully Offshore Cruiser.

2 Berth excluding cockpit.

Full headroom.

6 Warranty parts & labour.

Wardrobe.

Separate W.C. & Handbasin.

Full Navigation Lights.

Anchor and Warp.

Helmbridge Hardtop.

Alloy framed sliding units,

Safety glass.

Foredeck sunseat and cushion.

Safety styled pulpit.

5 year Mortgage (25% deposit),

to U.K. Residents only.

C.Q.R. Anchor chain & Warp.

1 Jackstaff and socket.

Stern light, raked mast with headlight.

1 set of Navigation Lights.

Electric bilge pump.

Electric engine room extractor fan.

1 Electric Alpine horn.

1 deep after sunseat.

1 Windscreen wiper.

Teleflex steering and single lever controls with alloy steering wheel.

Mirror.

First Aid Box.

Towel rail.

Coat hooks.

Sliding cabin side windows.

2 Nylon dipped vegetable baskets.

Moulded sink (storage under).

Crockery rack.

**Recommended Optional Extras** (as list enclosed)

**26' CLEOPATRA SPORTSRIDER** 26' x 9'3" x 2'9"

Item

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- 1 Sumlog Speedometer (knots and adjustable trip)
  - a) 0 – 10 knots
  - b) 0 – 20 knots
  - c) 0 – 30 knots
  - d) 0 – 40 knots
- 2 Special nylon coated Avon dinghy supports
- 3
  - a) 8ft. Avon Redstart Inflatable (Grey)
  - b) 9ft. Avon Redcrest Inflatable (Grey)
- 4 Cabin 2 way/2 Speed extractor fan
- 5 All round stainless steel deck rail
- 6 Seafarer echo sounder
- 7 Sestrel Speed Minor with Bea-lite compass
- 8 Sportsrider cockpit cover.
- 9 Fully upholstered Helmsman Seat with Pedestal and Footrest
- 10 Sportsrider curtain runners and slides.
- 11 alarm, warning light system
- 12 Pyrene 2.2 powder fire extinguishers
- 13 Portamatic refrigerator
- 14 Honda E300 portable generator (12 volt charging and mains 220v take off)
- 15
  - a) Overside extension boarding ladder
  - b) 1 extra set clip and fittings
- 16 1 pair deck tread plates (fitted)
- 17 2 speed 12v Electric fan fitted
- 18 Ship to shore radio, 6 channel, Long Range Radio telephone with whip aerial, passed G.P.O.

