



How does she perform

One of the reasons Richardson asked Everitt to design the YCA29 was because he liked the deck lay out of the designer's popular E-boat. Although only 25ft, he thought the wide, flat decks would make good sunbathing platforms for a charter boat. As it turns out, the YCA29 bears little resemblance to the E-boat, but the angled decks with moulded non-slip pattern are certainly very accommodating and tall guard wires make it safe to move around. The shrouds, which are placed centrally along the side decks, restrict access forward slightly, though.

The coachroof forward blends gently into the foredeck, which is spacious and well covered

chain locker and a self-stowing bow roller for easy anchor launching. The toerail is perforated aluminium, with integral fairleads, and the cleats are chunky.

The cockpit works exceedingly well, despite being fairly unusual. The seating is the right distance apart for bracing and the seat backs angled comfortably, but, better still, the tops of the coamings are level with the deck, albeit a little raised and angled above the side decks. This makes sitting outboard very comfortable and the small step keeps most of the water out. The primary winches are mounted on two pods forward, which give an excellent winching angle while allowing improved headroom and space in the galley

There is plenty of stowage for deck items in the large locker to port, lazarette lockers under the seats aft and cave lockers each side, and there is even a separate locker in the side deck for the stern anchor, but, unfortunately, no stern roller — although one could be easily added.

The rig is a simple masthead with single straight spreader on a well-supported mast. All shrouds have their own chainplates, which are attached soundly to a large fillet bonded into the hull sides, and the non-adjustable backstay is split to allow access to the transom boarding ladder. She has two slab reefs with lines to the mast and a third reef cringle in the mainsail if required. The two-part mainsheet is set on two deck eyes each side of the coachroof with jammers. This is the