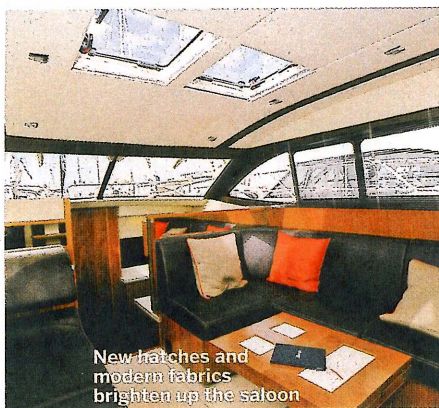


Broom

370



New hatches and modern fabrics brighten up the saloon

The first of Broom's new generation of boats may be based on the old 365 hull and share the same basic layout, but that's where the similarities end. With the help of former Fairline designer Graham Warren, the exterior and interior have been completely reworked to modernise both the look and functionality. Bonded windows in the superstructure, gull-wing hatches in the deckhead and a strip of glass hatches across the transom freshen up the traditional aft-cabin looks and allow

even more light and air into key areas of the boat. The hull gel-coat also has a subtle tan-coloured tint to add extra visual interest. The cockpit seats have been angled out over the bathing platform to create more space on board, while everything from the upholstery to the locker latches and white-caulked teak-effect decks have been given a more contemporary edge.

It's the same story on the inside, where modern fabrics, backlit stairs, Bose entertainment system and recessed handrails add a modern twist

to the usual Broom comforts. The standout feature is still the aft suite, which thanks to a redesigned entrance, judicious use of mirrors and those opening transom hatches, now looks far bigger, brighter and more luxurious than any 37ft boat has a right to.

The forward cabin has traditional vee-berths and its own bathroom while the saloon seating folds out to form a third comfortable sleeping option. Crucially none of this comes at the expense of Broom's much-vaunted practicality and build quality. The hanging lockers are still cedar lined, the shelves are still fiddled, the galley wouldn't look out of place in most people's homes and there's enough stowage places to keep Customs and Excise busy for a week.

It's not the radical new boat some were expecting but it's perfectly placed to attract newcomers to the brand without frightening its famously loyal customer base.

AT A GLANCE

Length 37ft (11.28m)

Beam 12ft 4in (3.78m)

Engines Single 370hp or twin 330hp Volvo D6

Top speed 32 knots (twin 330hp)

Price from £283,352 inc UK VAT

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