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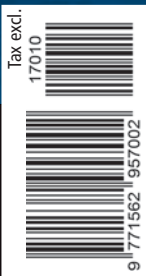
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REALIZING YOUR YACHTING DREAMS

For the past 37 years, Australian based manufacturer, Riviera Yachts, has built a reputation as being one of the leading luxury yacht factories in the southern hemisphere and indeed the world. Known for their unsurpassed quality, structural strength, ease of operation and luxury finishes, today more than 5 200 Riviera Yachts can be seen cruising the waters of the world. Here in South Africa, luxury yacht broker Boating World, says that the innovative SUV range is one of their favourites.

WHAT A RANGE

The Riviera SUV collection comprises the 445 SUV, 525 SUV, 575 SUV and soon to be launched 395 SUV. It's a range that is a world first – truly inspired by yacht owners to give them what they really want. Riviera drew inspiration from the aspirations of their clients and with the valued assistance, experience and knowledge of previous Riviera owners, they created a design that paired the high-performance, fish-raising abilities of the classic Riviera Flybridge with the single-level entertaining features of their very popular Sport Yacht design, to bring customers a yacht that is truly the best of both worlds.

Derrick Levy of Boating World says, "It is a great crossover craft that is really built with owners in mind, and provides the perfect platform for all manner of water sports. Riviera's innovative thinking has resulted in a utility style design that is perfect for avid anglers that also like to enjoy the freedom of cruising with family and friends." It really does provide new possibilities at every turn.



CLASSIC HERITAGE & BUILD

Combining their classic boatbuilding heritage with their legendary build quality, each of the SUV models offers a solid feel with powerful lines, an unrivalled sense of space, sophisticated styling and a useable layout that is ideal for entertaining. This is coupled with super strong hand layups with a solid GRP bottom and structural core material on the hull flanks, main deck and hardtop. In fact, a great deal of attention has been paid to the hull, resulting in a sophisticated shape that enhances both speed and manoeuvrability, with an extremely buoyant lift and easy planing surface that ensures that the vessel stays beautifully composed in a choppy sea.

These perfect proportions are echoed throughout the rest of the hull through the clever design of the windows, portholes and hatches which allow a great deal of light and air to enter the interior of the vessel. With flexible saloon seating, an indoor/outdoor flow is created that is ideal for dining, cocktail parties and simply relaxing. Outside a fabulous braai area awaits, placing the chef and the skipper at the heart of the conversation, with a fabulous command centre located within the main saloon, allowing for easy conversation between the lounge and gallery areas.

COMFORT & STYLE MEET

You also have the option of a moulded inset in the foredeck that can take a large sun lounge pod with integrated drink holders as well as shortening the transom lounge to



accommodate diving and snorkelling gear or a live bait tank, while a game chair and custom rod holders can easily be fitted to any model of SUV. Of course there is also an abundance of side lockers, concealed cupboards, under bed storage and full hanging wardrobes. Stowable tables and chairs can be brought out when required.

LUXURIOUS INTERIORS

The sporty fibreglass hardtop, star lovers sunroof, elegant teak decking and beautiful handcrafted luxurious interior touches are crafted by international yacht interior designer Georgia Dirudi. He has effortlessly combined the calming colours of champagne and manila with textural leather, mirrored and American oak surfaces to give you the feeling you are actually inside a top class hotel.

UNDER THE HOOD

But perhaps the most impressive feature of the Riviera SUV range is that which drives it. The range features an IPS pod-drive propulsion which combines exhilarating performance, with excellent handling, great economy and quiet operation. The twin engines forward facing, counter-rotating three-blade propellers with joy stick operation allows for impressive manoeuvrability especially in tight spaces. Excellent power to weight ratio results in enhanced torque and improved fuel efficiency, while under-water exhausts ensure that engine noise is reduced to a minimum.

The drive units are protected by the Volvo Penta Active Corrosion Protection System and are fitted with 316 marine-grade stainless steel line cutters to protect against ropes, fishing lines or nets. The Dynamic Positioning System allows you to easily hold station while preparing lines or refuelling and the Electronic Vessel Control system is integrated with the glass cockpit for easy handling of all data and control in one location. This is further enhanced by the CZone digital switching touch-screen system which allows for easy onboard monitoring of all systems including tanks, pumps, batteries, entertainment systems and appliances.

However, one of the biggest appeals of this system is that the bulk of the engineering machinery can be positioned well aft, opening up the way for spacious guest accommodation



that extend beam to beam and offer beautifully appointed bathrooms and bedrooms for nights onboard.

EAGERLY ANTICIPATED 395

The team at Boating World are eagerly awaiting the world premiere of the newest model of SUV, the 395, which is due to enter the international market in 2018. The 395 SUV will feature a new hull and deck design, two generous staterooms and a large bathroom and an open cockpit area that is so characteristic of this collection. Riviera owner and chairman Rodney Longhurst says, "This model offers exceptional boating options in an easy-to-handle size."

When purchasing a new Riviera, you can also look forward to entering a global

family of luxury motor yacht owners and being part of a company that really cares about the needs and wants of their clients. With Riviera Yachts commanding impressive resale value worldwide and backed by an industry-leading five year structural warranty, owning a Riviera really is an investment worth making.

So now you really have no excuse to turn your life into one great adventure after another.

For more information on the full range from Riviera, contact the team at Boating World to release your dreams. Simply email info@boatingworld.co.za or call (021) 418 0840. Alternatively, visit www.boatingworld.co.za/riviera 