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The 46 Sport Motor Yacht reinvents the open flybridge boat market for Riviera and, in many ways, brings the brand back to its roots.

owever, almost 6000 boats and over 40 years later, a lot has been learned from how the boats are built, from the engineering and design to the friendlier and more accommodating layouts. While the 46 SMY goes back to the essence of Riviera, it marries together all the latest design, construction, engineering and electronic technology.

What Riviera has managed to design into the 46 SMY is everything you would expect to find in larger motor yachts but at a more compact level. Yet there is no indication that space is an issue. There is a feeling of openness from the cockpit and alfresco deck to the accommodation areas, saloon and flybridge.

I was impressed when I first saw the 46 SMY coming

into Runaway Bay Marina. While externally, I saw a smaller version of the 50 SMY, that's about where the similarities ended. The 46 SMY is its own boat, and while it is based on the same hull as the 465 SUV and shares the same cockpit, alfresco deck and cabin layout, the rest is all new.

This is the first Riviera flybridge in over a decade to have an aft helm and an internal staircase. It is their latest expression of the open flybridge style. This has allowed the flybridge to become another independent multi-useable space. With the aft helm, the area forward has been transformed as both a place to entertain or as overflow accommodation. The large loungers can convert to another couple of berths, which means you can sleep up to eleven.

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And this in a boat of fewer than 15m. The new helm features a pair of Garmin 16" MFDs, flanked by an array of pushbutton switches, controls for everything from the Muir anchor to the spotlight and the Volvo Penta Dock Assist. Like all new Rivieras, the boat comes fitted with the Siren Marine remote security monitoring, control and alert system. The owner of boat #1 upgraded the standard helm seats for a pair of multi-adjustable Pomponette chairs. Opposite the helm is a wet bar and

fridge, plus extra storage.

If you are into serious fishing, then the aft helm allows the skipper to keep an eye on everything happening in the cockpit, so when the action starts, he can manoeuvre the boat accordingly without leaving the comfort of the helm chair.

Riviera sees the 46 SMY as a boat that will re-energise the flybridge market. Riviera has been growing and improving its enclosed flybridge range for many years, and the Sport Motor Yacht series

is proof of that. But not everyone wants or needs an enclosed flybridge, so the 46 SMY is Riviera's answer to those that still like the feeling of fresh air and a breeze while driving. If you want protection from the weather, you zip up the Isinglass screens and close the entire flybridge off from the elements. The flybridge is fully air-conditioned, so can set the temperature to suit.



to the alfresco deck, everything blends seamlessly into one.

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PERFORMANCE DATA: 2 X VOLVO PENTA IPS950

	RPM	Knots	L/h	L/NM	Range (NM)
	600	5.9	9.0	1.4	270
	1100	9.2	45	4.9	460
	1300	10.1	75	7.4	303
	1500	11.0	115	10.5	215
	1700	19.5	137	7.0	320
	1900	28.2	160	5.7	397
	2100	36.3	193	5.3	423
	2300	28.9	224	7.8	290
	2400	31.5	242	7.7	293
	2500	33.2	265	8.0	282
	2560	34.5	286	8.3	271

Note: Range is based on 90% of fuel capacity, in calm conditions.

Year Launched 2022

Style Flybridge

Builder Riviera Yachts

Designer Riviera Yachts

LOA 15.90m

LOH 14.30m

Beam 4.76mm

Draft 1.30m

Displacement (Dry) 21920 kgs

Max Speed 34.5 knots

Construction GRP Composite

Fuel Cap 2500 litres

Water Cap 500 litres

Engines Make 2 x Volvo Penta IPS950

Drive Train IPS

Generator Onan

Air Con Dometic

Watermaker Bluewater

Interceptors Volvo Penta

Gyro Seakeeper 6

MFD 2 x Garmin 16"

Winch Muir

Ent System Fusion

Priced From USD \$1,544,900

AUS \$1,758,300

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