

Activa 5800 – Raised Pilothouse



Activa has released an extended range of Activa Pilothouse cruising motor-yachts at the Auckland and Sanctuary Cove International Boat shows. The emphasis is on luxury custom finishing to owners preferences. The Pilothouse range now extends from 50 to 75ft.

One of the first to arrive in New Zealand was the 5800 Raised Pilothouse as shown and has huge volume due to its clever multi-level layout. Six Pilothouse models are available in either contemporary or classic accents.

The raised pilothouse layout is now very popular in the USA and Europe for cruising and has more developed space due to its longer cabin structure and longer flybridge than conventional cruising sportfishers, so more social interior and exterior entertaining spaces are possible.

The galley and dinette are in the pilothouse a few steps up from the saloon, so cooking and serving can be done without the guests having to move while the table is set. It's also handy for the solo skipper to grab a snack on long passages without losing the view ahead.

It is only half a level up to the flybridge and panoramic dinette area from the galley/pilothouse, which is a great convenience for dining up high with great views over the bay. The flybridge dining area can be alfresco open for balmy evenings or closed in with clears and hardtop and fully heated or air conditioned.

In both cases, dining underway up or down allows everyone to be together as the helmsperson is right by the dining table.

Cockpit socialising at anchor is catered for with a permanent sofa/dinette area attached to the transom or optionally at the aft bulkhead so



loose furniture is not needed to be brought out and set-up every time people want to relax.

Room is still available on the swim platform or cockpit for recreational diving and fishing. A large boat deck aft of the flybridge caters for inflatables up to 14ft without spoiling the profile or interfering with the fishing on the swim platform. An optional submersible swim and tender platform is a great feature to make launching large tenders easy and offering a large submersed area for safe swimming and scuba diving.

The jewel of the layout is the full width master suite under the raised pilothouse so the owners can see out either side through the three vertical windows and enjoy the full wide beam in their cabin. Easy engine room access is possible from the lazarette with full headroom to work comfortably.

Two other cabins forward cater for guests, with another head for their privacy.

Engine options range from a small single engine for displacement speeds and long range to twin engines up to 1000hp each for cruising in the high 20's. The 5800 running with twin 800hp engines manages an 18-knot cruise speed and 22-knot top speed from its semi-displacement

hull and at 7-8 knots Fiji is within range.

Activa's naval architect owner has built over 500 boats for Europe and North America over 20 years, so all the optional luxuries one expects are standard, with large air conditioning capacity for tropical cruising, generous refrigeration and granite or marble bench-tops.

Adventure Bay New Zealand and Activa Australia have customized their demonstrators to the down-under lifestyle by sending over \$NZ100,000 worth of locally supplied goods to the yard for fitting with each boat. With F&P appliances, BEP switch panels, Maxwell winches, paua inlays and NZ leather, it would be hard to guess they are not local boats. Interiors with generous amounts of teak or cherry joinery in satin or gloss finish and real old world craftsmanship show these are not mass production assembly line boats.

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