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MINORCA ISLANDER 42 FLYBRIDGE

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Spanish builder Minorca, (who previously built under the Menorquin name), creates curvacious semi-displacement yachts based on fishing vessels indigenous to the Mediterranean. Sculpted with softer lines and more modern styling, the Islander 42 Flybridge is the latest model to arrive in the United States.

The Island 42 Flybridge still has the rounded stern, exaggerated bow flare and distinctive bow ornament that its predecessors have sported, but the rest of the boat is new. Two- and three-stateroom configurations are available, each with a pair of enclosed head/shower compartments.

Inboard power is provided by a pair of 350-hp Cummins diesels. The setup is good for a 25-knot top end and an efficient cruise of 18 knots. The hull's wide bow flare and exaggerated sheer provide a dry ride and copious freeboard makes the exterior spaces on the 42 feel safe and secure.

LOA: 43 feet, 5 inches • BEAM: 13 feet, 1 inch • DISPLACEMENT: 22,516 pounds • DRAFT: 3 feet, 7 inches • HULL TYPE: semi-displacement • POWER: twin 350-hp Cummins diesels • SPEED: 25 knots top, 18 knots cruise • TANKAGE: 317 gallons fuel, 132 gallons water, 60 gallons waste • PRICE: $697,040 • CONTACT: SYS International Yacht Sales, Sarasota, Florida, (941) 365-9095. *minorcayachts.com*

NORDHAVN 59 COASTAL PILOT

Anyone who follows Nordhavn knows that the company's name was built on rugged, full displacement yachts that cross oceans and circle the globe. They've expanded their line a lot over the years, stretching it from a 35 Coastal Pilot to a 120 foot superyacht. The 59 Coastal Pilot, built atop a semi-displacement hull and aimed at coastal cruising, has styling more along the lines of a salty motoryacht than a globe-trotting passagemaker. Angled edges and hard design elements are shed in favor of round portlights, curved windows and softer overall lines — but the Coastal Pilot 59 still looks as if she means business.

Below are an amidships master stateroom, a port guest stateroom and a forward VIP. There are two head/shower compartments: one ensuite for the master, the other shared. A few steps up is the open-concept main saloon, which has a large galley for a boat this size.

A pair of 715-hp Cummins QSM11 diesels are capable of pushing the 59 Coastal Pilot at speeds up to 22 knots. The boat can cruise at 18 to 20 knots, or cruise more economically at 8 to 12 knots.

LOA: 58 feet, 9 inches • BEAM: 17 feet • WEIGHT: 82,000 pounds • DRAFT: 4 feet, 2 inches • HULL TYPE: semi-displacement • POWER: twin 715-hp Cummins QSM11 diesels • SPEED: 22 knots top, 18-20 knots fast cruise, 8-12 knots slow cruise • TANKAGE: 1,100 gallons fuel, 444 gallons water, 88 gallons waste • PRICE: $1.85 million • CONTACT: Pacific Asian Enterprises, Dana Point, California, (949) 496-4848. *nordhavn.com*

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