

BOATS

Bering 80

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Koenig's First Take:
There are no two ways about it, the Bering 80 is a serious long-range cruiser. Frankly when I look at this boat I get a little jealous about all the adventures the owner is going to have with her.

Currently, scientists are studying the effects of supremely long times spent onboard boats—we're talking boats-that-get-caught-in-the-ice-during-Antarctic-winters long—to see how man may one day fare on Mars. And while I couldn't in good conscience suggest you lodge yourself somewhere in the middle of the Weddell Sea next winter, if you had to do it, the Bering 80 wouldn't be a bad look to do it on. For one, she could get you there, thanks to a fuel capacity in excess of 10,000 gallons that allows her to travel 6,000-plus miles at 9 knots without refueling. (That's just about how far it is from San Francisco to Shanghai, if you were wondering.) But also, with a super-safe steel hull below your feet, you might just be OK over the winter, if a little stir crazy.

Builder: Bering Yachts
Model: Bering 80
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LOA: 82'0"
Beam: 25'8"
Draft: 7'7"
Standard Power: 2/700-HP CUMMINS QSM-11s
Fuel Capacity: 10,170 LB.
Water Capacity: 840 LB.
Price: \$5,490,000
CRUISE SPEED: 9 KNOTS
TOP SPEED: 12 KNOTS

Not that the 80 lacks for creature comforts. The boat's massive 25-foot 8-inch beam gives her immense amounts of onboard space. The saloon has an enormous corner settee aft that faces other freestanding furniture, while a dinette forward doubles as both the main dining area and a secondary spot to lounge. The galley can be laid out as open or closed off, depending on how you crew your boat and who does the cooking. And it's big enough to keep any aspiring Mario Batali happy.

The 80's master is on the main deck forward of the saloon, which gives it an admirable amount of privacy, especially at night. The rest of the staterooms are down below, where up to six different rooms can be built, with the option of course for fewer, larger rooms, if so desired.

However you choose to set her up, the Bering 80 will be more than comfortable on whatever long journey you take her on. Well, maybe not Mars, but Antarctica? Why not?

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