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Windy delivers first 52 Xanthos with 3 X Volvo IPS 600s

New triple engine configuration combines exceptional performance with 20% greater fuel efficiency

Windy Boats has delivered its first 52 Xanthos with triple Volvo IPS 600 engines, an innovative new configuration of its luxury sports cruiser for the truly performance-minded owner.

Combining a top speed of 41 knots with rapid acceleration (0-30 knots in 13.2 seconds), the new triple engine installation produced such exceptional results in testing that the company has decided to offer it as a standard option. Not least because, even with the additional engine, it delivers 20% greater fuel efficiency at a cruising speed of 30 knots than the 52 Xanthos' best-selling 2 X Volvo D-12-800 configuration.

Commenting on the test results, Windy CEO, Knut Heiberg-Andersen said: "We always knew the 52 Xanthos could fly, but even we were surprised by the results bearing in mind that we were carrying a 50% fuel and 100% water load. We are confident that this will be a popular choice for customers looking to combine high performance and manoeuvrability with longer range, lower cost cruising."

Key to the 52 Xanthos' improved performance is the low drag design of Volvo's inboard performance system which, combined with the boat's deep vee hull, can deliver 40 knot plus speeds, whilst significantly reducing fuel consumption and emissions. The new configuration comprises three IPS600, 6 cylinder, 5.5 litre engines, delivering 435 hp, used in combination with two 750mm Humphree Interceptors. Together they offer superb stability and manoeuvrability, as well as reduced noise and vibration levels.



WINDY 52 XANTHOS 3X IPS600 TEST RESULTS

Average speed:

REVS	KNOTS	L/H
1000	7.6	10
1500	10.5	36
2000	17.2	74
2500	25.2	107
3000	32.6	149
3400	38.6	200
3600	41.0	252

Average acceleration:

0-20 knots	9.0 secs
0-25 knots	10.7 secs
0-30 knots	13.2 secs

Weight: 16.5 tons

Fuel: 50%

Water: 100%

Launched in 2006, the 52 Xanthos combines sleek, low profile styling with luxurious three-berth accommodation, and a spacious saloon with sliding doors onto a broad expanse of teak-laid cockpit. Described by Dave Marsh, Technical Editor of *Motor Boat and Yachting*, as having "without a doubt the finest sports cruiser helm position I have ever experienced" it has proved a popular choice for customers seeking a high performance cruiser more suited to the vagaries of the northern climate.

Thanks to the newly configured triple IPS 600 version, 52 Xanthos owners can now go further, and faster, than ever before.

Note to editors:

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