

A fast commuter



**NEW
BOATS**

Bertram Baron

The Bertram Baron is described by her American builders the Bertram Yacht Corp. as a 'Ferrari on the water.' When her capabilities are categorised the comparison and similarity becomes obvious. The boat is large, fast, comfortable and expensive. The Bertram boats have had considerable success in offshore powerboat races around the world, and the Baron, a 28ft long bullet powered by two Holman-Moody 225hp outdrives, can get along at a steady 50mph, its passengers cosseted by stereo music from a tape player.

For the price, with standard equipment, of £7,300 the customer obtains a comprehensive range of extras including optional colour choice both inside and out and a certain amount of status symbol-type prestige.

Never could the description "powerboat" be more accurate. The craft, with her deep-V hull and fore-end treatment is halfway between the traditional, blunt Ray Hunt bow and the drawn-out

needle-nose of Sonny Levi designs. Apart from giving the boat extremely powerful-looking lines it is just the job for cutting through the rough offshore stuff. On deck there is not an excess of seating space, probably so as to preserve her extremely clean lines and keep to the four's company, five's a crowd sized cockpit.

Apart from the cockpit the only sitting space is on the afterdeck,

which is equipped with low grab rails. There are three stanchions centrally mounted on the fore-deck with wire between them but these provide only hang-on support—at speeds below 8 knots—and the manufacturers therefore have concentrated the comfort around the helmsman and his friends.

Many gadgets are included: shock absorbing seats, padded cockpit, electric hydraulic opening engine hatch, racing instrumentation, ice chest, and a huge range of standard features such as tonneau cover, chart light, cigarette lighter, fire extinguisher and two life jackets.

President of the Bertram Yacht Corp., Mr. Peter Rittmaster, says that the boats will be produced only in limited quantities, no doubt to preserve the individuality of the boat and maintain prestige. That should not be hard.

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Type: High performance powerboat.

Designers

and builders: Bertram Yacht Corp.

LOA: 28ft.

Beam: 7ft 10in.

Draught, drive up: 1ft 10½in.

Draught, drive down: 2ft 10in.

Displacement: 4,400lbs.

Engines: Two Holman-Moody 225hp.

Seating: 4.

Price: £7,300.

UK agents: Thomas Nelson

Yacht agency.

