

# MY FANTASY FLEET

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uch of the appeal of motor boating for me is about either exploring new waters or being able to completely relax in familiar sailing locations, and my choice of fantasy boats reflects this.



gyroscopic stabiliser would be working to minimise the effects of waves and wash, and the hydraulic bathing platform would make it easy for me to deploy the Jet RIB and paddleboards. I like the way that the design allows the skylights to brighten up the saloon, and having four cabins would mean that friends and family could stay. But mostly it would be about anchoring up, snorkelling, swimming, having lunch on board, then returning for dinner at a nearby port.

## HARDY 65

PRICE: £2.2million

The Hardy 65 would be my choice for longer passages to northern waters. With 6,100-litre fuel tanks, it would have the range to cover hundreds of miles without refuelling.

The owners' midships cabin, a capable galley and multiple seating areas would enable us to spend weeks or months afloat in comfort, whilst 'small ship' features such as the walk-in engineroom, watertight doors and seaworthy hull design would inspire confidence if the weather took a turn.

Initially I would keep the boat on the south coast and cruise across to the Netherlands, then I would head towards Norway to dip in and out of the fjords. From there, I would head to Denmark and into the Baltic Sea.

## PRINCESS S65

PRICE: £2.1m

The Princess S65 would be my Mediterranean boat based in Port Grimaud, France. A lighter hull, 2,800hp and a 38-knot top speed would give me the option of getting to my favourite anchorage just a little sooner. Once there, the

## WINDY ZONDA 31

PRICE: £296,300 inc VAT

The Windy Zonda 31 would be my fast weekender for use around the Solent. Contrary to what some people think, speed is a good thing, so I'd specify the twin V8 petrol engines which would give me the option of 55kts whilst playing sweet V8 music. Having overtaken the Portsmouth to Ryde hovercraft, the FastCat ferry and any jet-skis, I would drop back to a steady 35-knot cruise and head towards one of the many options for lunch, or an overnight stay if it was just the two of us on board. Ultimately this boat is defined by its handling and the open sports boat driving experience, which would be a constant reminder of the reason I'd bought it in the first place.

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ABOVE The Hardy 65's super-seaworthy hull and 6,100-litre fuel tanks make it ideal for long northern passages  
RIGHT David would choose a Princess S65 for Med cruising BOTTOM RIGHT The Windy Zonda 31 is his pick for UK weekend fun