

Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS (2021-)

Brief Summary

The 42 GLS is the flagship of Cruisers Yachts' day boat series. An expansion of the concept that started with the 38 GLS, the 42 has two opening beach doors, convertible cockpit seating and an inviting bow area. Belowdecks, she can sleep four.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Specifications

Length Overall	42' 12.8 m
BEAM	13' 3.96 m
Dry Weight	27,000 lbs. 12,247 kg
Tested Weight	
Draft	43" 1.09 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	
Max Headroom	6' 7" 2 m

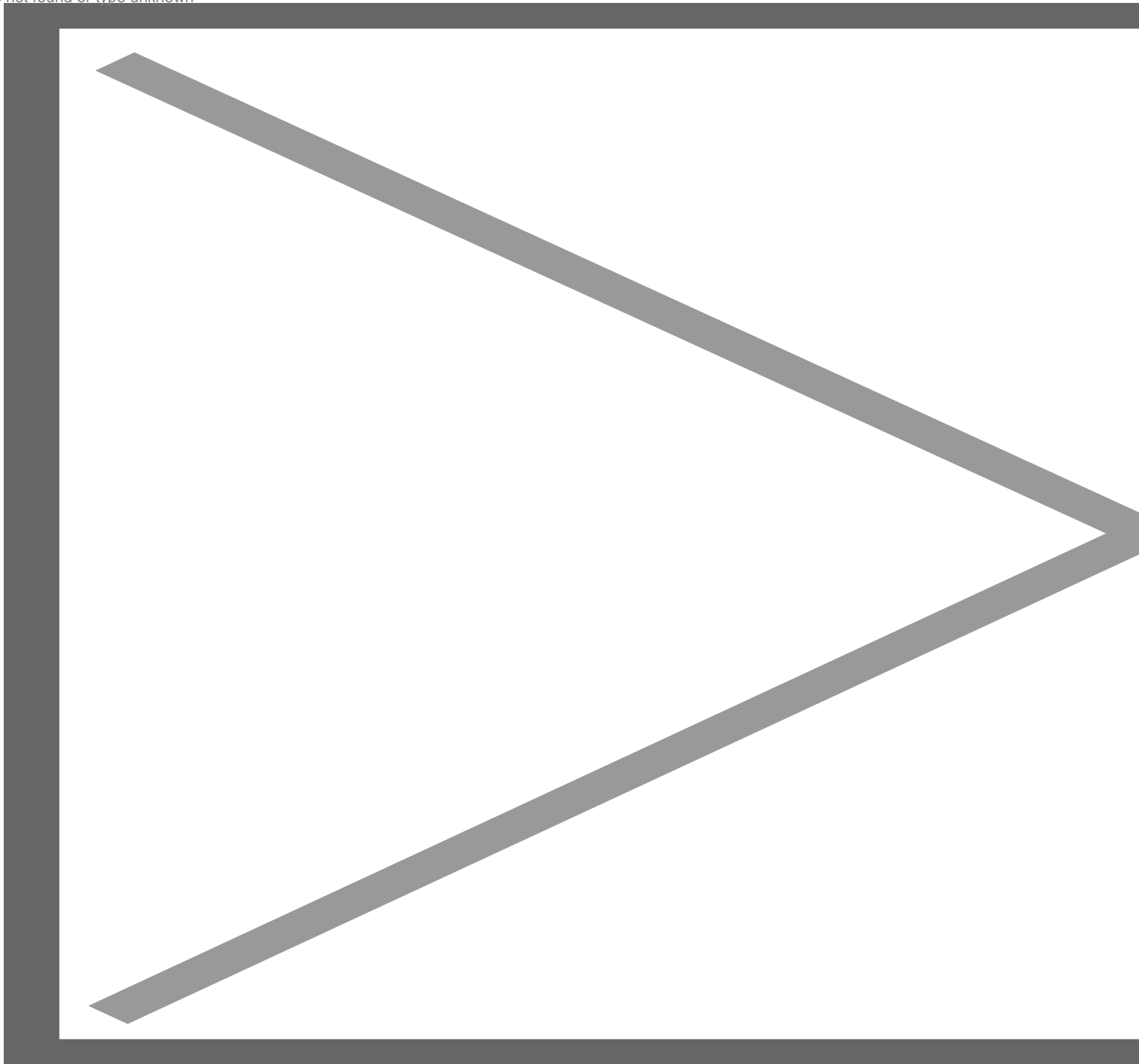
Bridge Clearance	13' 3.96 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	403 gallons 1,525.5 L
Water Capacity	50 gallons 189.3 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	

Master SR Overhead	
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Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

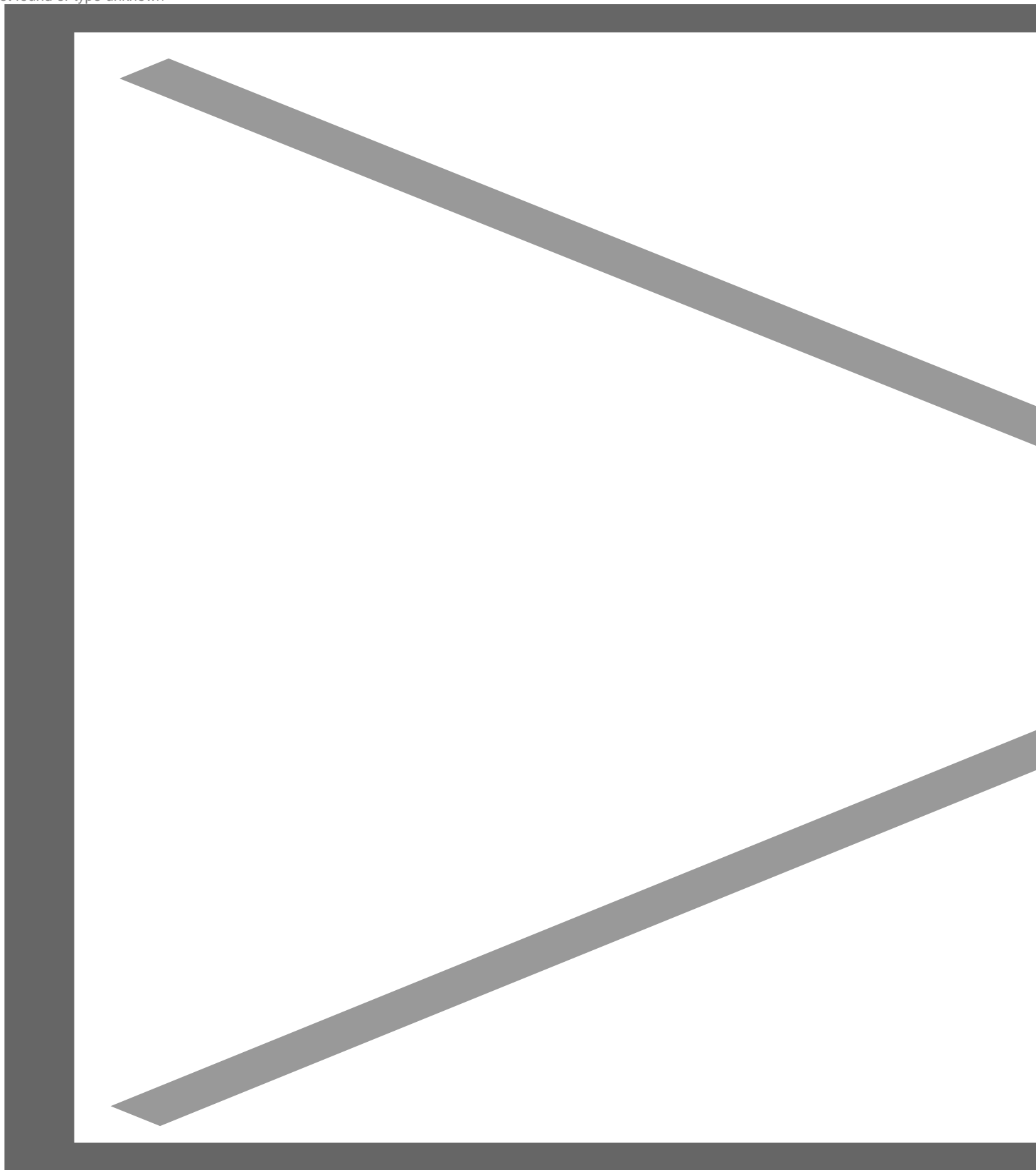
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The 42 GLS measures an even 42' (12.8 m) long with a 13' (3.96 m) beam and she's available with outboard or sterndrive power.

Report by Eric Colby



Trim up the outboards, drop the anchor and enjoy the day at the local beach or sandbar.

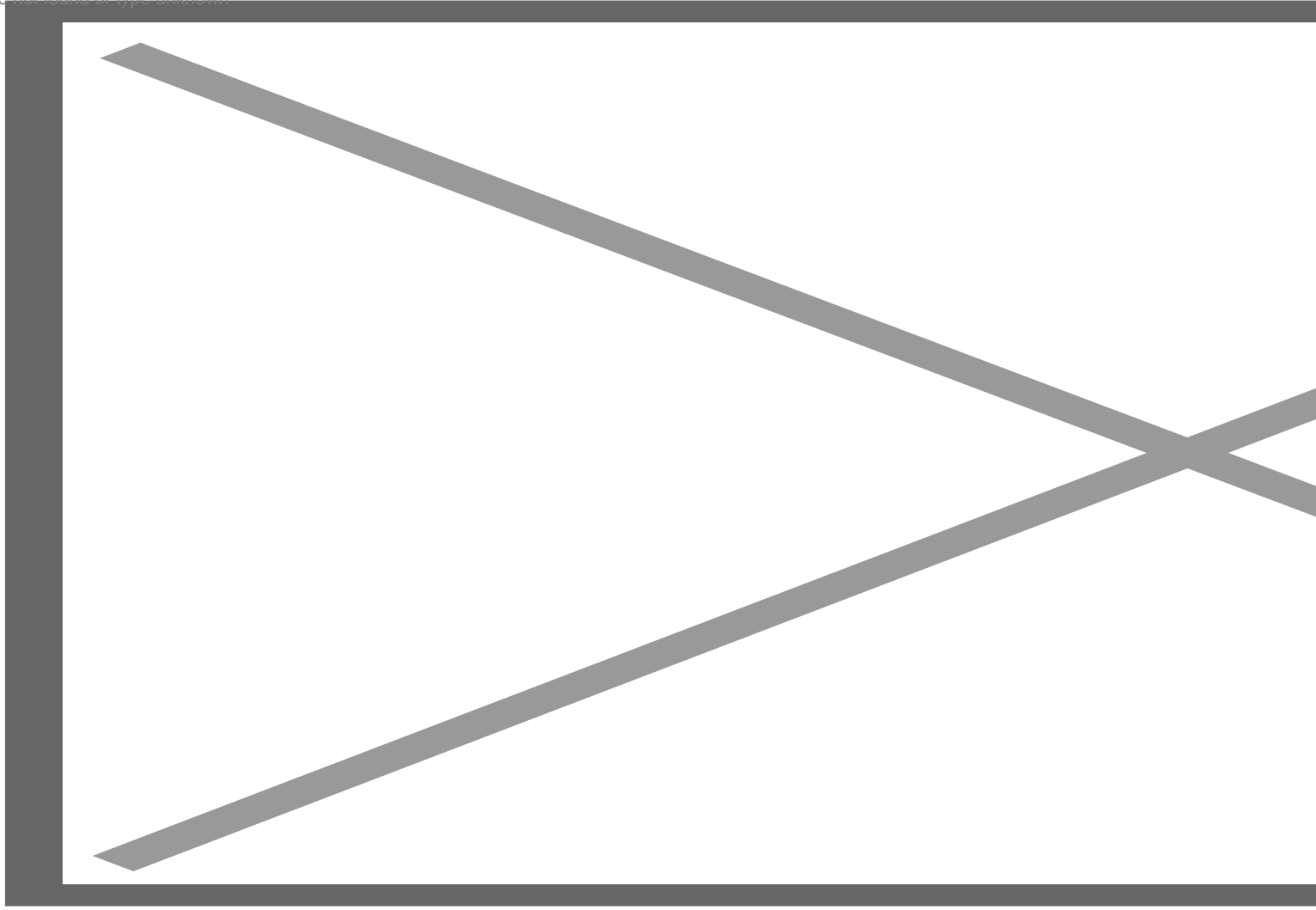
Mission Statement

The flagship of the new day boat series from Cruisers Yachts, the 42 GLS is focused on a fun day on the water. She has three primary gathering areas all on the same level and beach doors open to expand the cockpit and swim platform. She also has a large, deep seating area in the bow. Belowdecks, she sleeps four and has a private head. On the water, she acquitted herself well in less-than-ideal conditions.

Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS Features

- Outboard or sterndrive power
- Two beach doors in the cockpit
- Standup headroom at the helm
- Convertible backrests for cockpit lounge
- Bow seating area with table
- Optional shades available for cockpit and bow

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There's easy passage from the swim platform to the 42 GLS' bow and all the walking surfaces are covered in SeaDek mat.

Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS Features Inspection

The Swim Platform. The easiest way to board the 42 GLS is to step aboard at the swim platform. It wraps about halfway past the triple outboards on each side. Reboarding ladders are underneath on each side. Just above on the trailing edge of the platforms are horizontally mounted pull-out cleats and grab rails. Just ahead of the triple outboards is a splashwell that the engines tilt into when fully trimmed up.



The swim platforms extend past the outboards on each side and there are reboarding ladders on each side.

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There's plenty of space to pass ahead of the outboards and the rigging looks clean.

The Cockpit. On the port side, a stainless-steel gate closes the passage from the 42 GLS' stern into the cockpit. A 7'6" (2.29 m) wide lounge is split by backrests that let passengers sit facing forward or aft simultaneously. They can also rotate so a passenger can sit and face outboard. This is especially helpful when the two Beach Doors are lowered hydraulically to create the aft activity area. Each one expands the cockpit by 35" (88.9 cm) when lowered.

On the forward side, a J-shaped lounge wraps around a high-gloss table to starboard. Across to port is a bar with a sink and grill in the Corian counter and storage and a refrigerator in the base. At the forward end of the bar are a pair of fixed stools. The bar is padded so guests can sit facing aft and lean into the bar or face forward. The cockpit can be sheltered by an optional Makefast electrically powered shade that's available in black or white.

Cruisers Yachts does just about everything in-house including fabricating this stainless-steel cockpit entry gate. The craftsmanship is elite-level. The welds are almost non-existent.

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A couple can enjoy some quiet time on the 42 GLS' stern or listen to music on the premium sound system.

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The backrests for the aft lounge can be pivoted 90 degrees so passengers can face the port side when the Beach Door is lowered. This could be a comfortable spot for mom to keep an eye on swimming kids.

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The aft section of the cockpit table folds up to make it easier to enter the large J-shaped lounge.

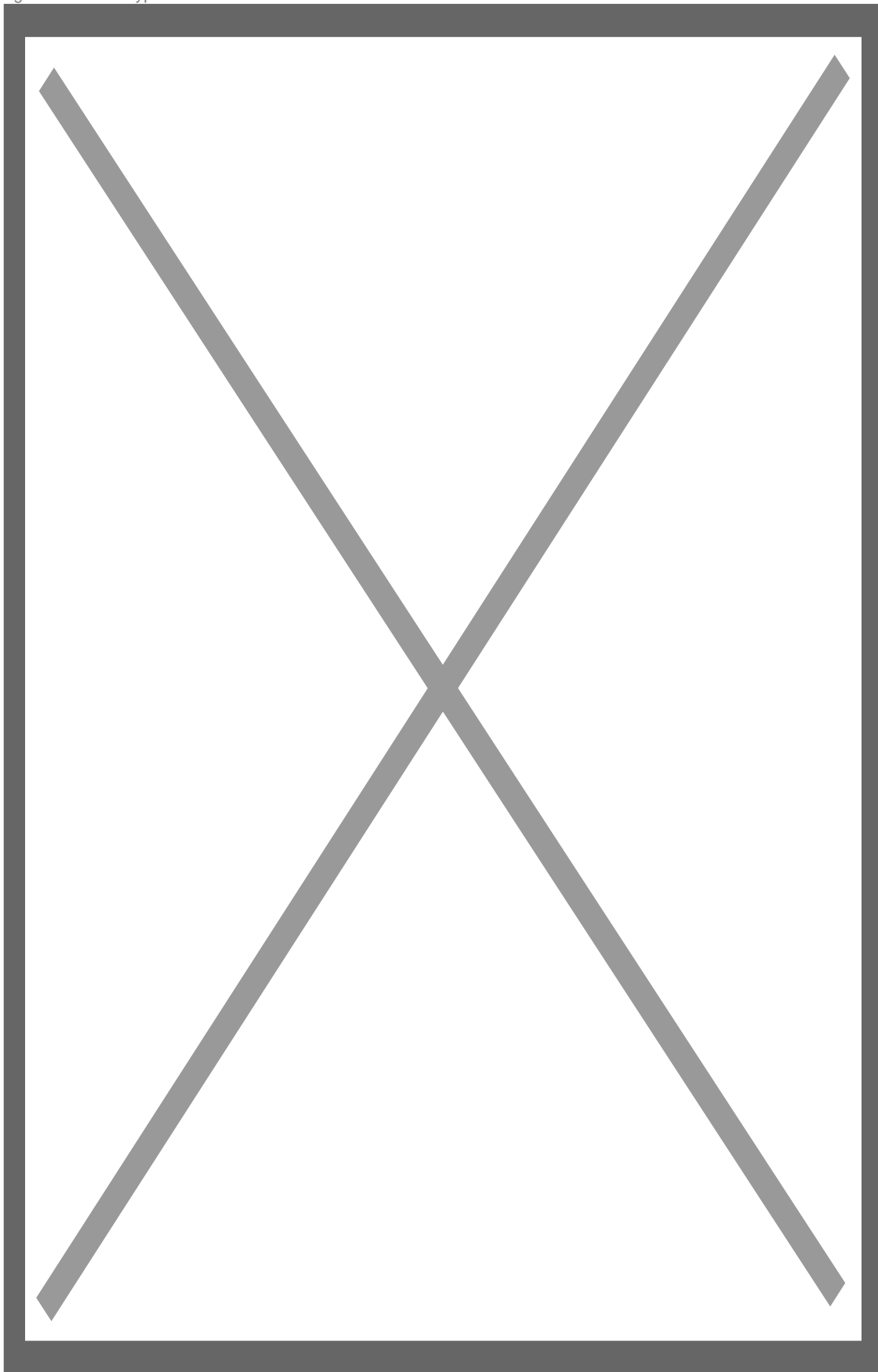
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This is a boat designed by people who use boats. Notice the security-enhancing three stainless-steel grabrails on the cockpit bar.

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The Corian covers for the cockpit sink and grill have a dedicated rack in the locker in the base of the bar.

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Cruisers has used bar stools on other boats we've tested and we continue to think they're a good way to add seating capacity without restricting passage.

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With six people enjoying themselves, the 42 GLS' cockpit isn't even at full capacity.

The Helm. Headroom beneath the 42 GLS' hardtop averages 6'11" (2.11 m) and integrated into that top is an electrically powered Webasto Series 80 Marine Sunroof. Just push a button to let the sun's rays shine through. The helm on our test boat had two 12" (30.48 cm) Simrad multifunction displays in a panel that has space for 16" (40.64 cm) units. Radar is an available option. There's a compass in line with the steering wheel that is outboard to starboard with the controls, Mercury joystick and trim tab buttons on the gunwale. Working to the left from the steering wheel out are two rows of accessory switches, the stereo head and the VHF radio.

An angled footrest on the base of the console plus a fold-down unit on the base of the double-wide helm seat provide positioning options. There's also an ice maker in the base. The view through the single-piece 92" x 64" (233.68 cm x 162.56 cm) windshield was free of obstructions.

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The Webasto sunroof integrates cleanly into the hardtop and operates quite smoothly.

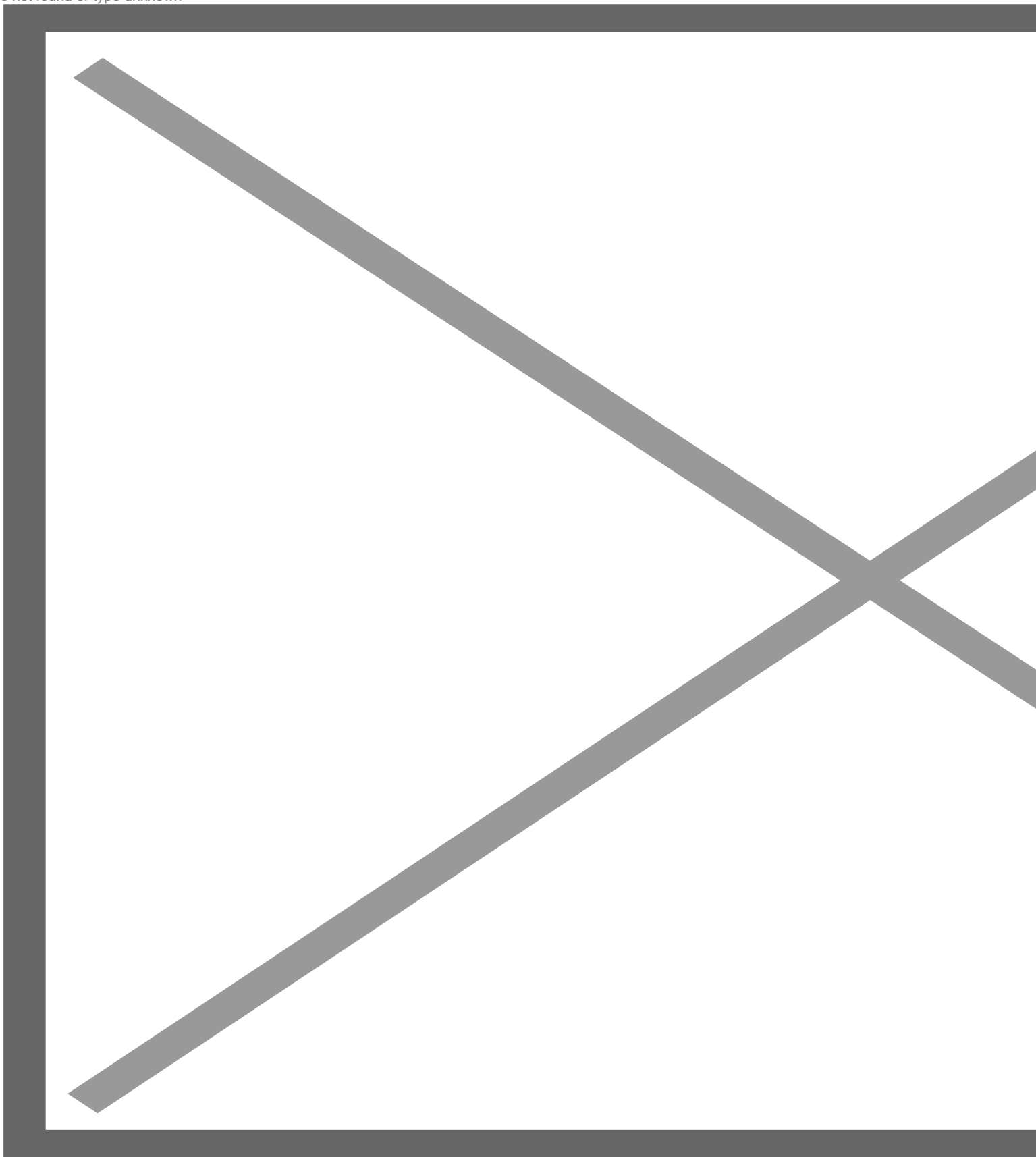
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The upscale-looking helm has a mostly logical layout.



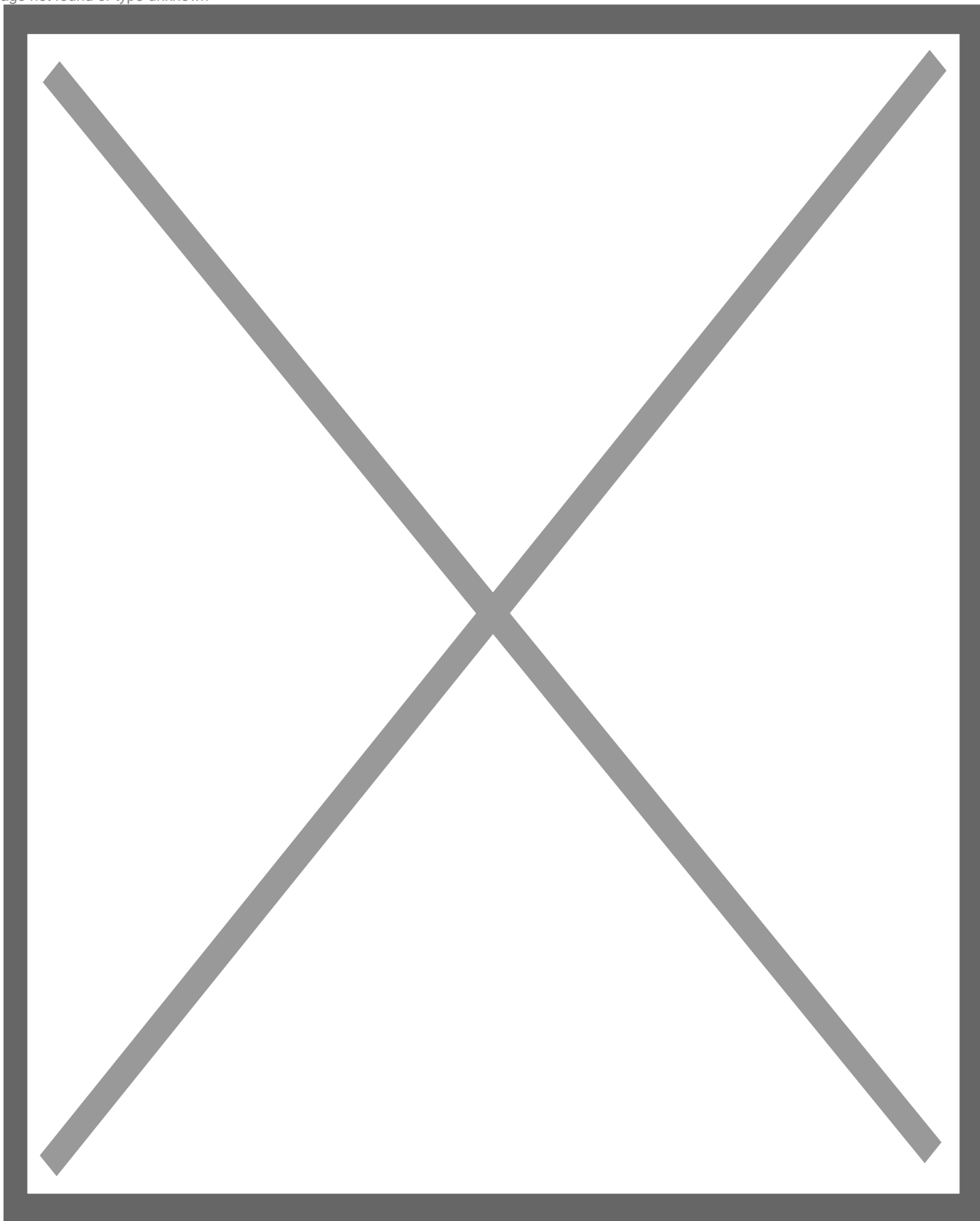
To make both easier to use, we would swap the positions of the joystick and the trim-tab buttons.

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Even with her express styling, the 42 GLS' helm has space for adults to stand and operate the boat. Outboard, this photo has the standard half windows.

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The helm seat has a fold-down armrest, a fold-up bolster and a folding footrest, too.

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On a boat designed to entertain, it's always a good idea to have an icemaker like this optional one in the helm seat base.

The Bow. A passageway to port leads forward to the 42 GLS' bow. It angles up slightly as it runs forward, which we prefer to an actual step. There are line lockers in the port inwales. We measured freeboard at the bow at 67" (170.18 cm) and it was 60" (152.4 cm) in the stern. The passageway is 24" (60.96 cm) wide and closes with a hinged section of the windshield and an air dam below.

A large lounge wraps around to the starboard side of the bow with two headrests just below the windshield on each side of a stereo control. There's a table that can be lowered and covered with a cushion to partially fill the area and turn it into a large recessed sunpad. Rails extend forward on each side of the bow and in the forepeak, the Quick windlass is underneath a hatch and the anchor passes through the stem. There's a center-mounted cleat for securing the rode.

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Because there can never be enough storage on a boat, there are line lockers in the bow passageway.

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Two headrests and a fold-down armrest with integrated cupholders add a touch of comfort to the bow.

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The 42 GLS' bow is as big as the cockpits on some boats and will be a favorite gathering area.

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Cruisers Yachts is smart to go with a smaller table in the bow because it keeps the area open.

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The optional bow shade is erected on four stainless-steel posts.

We talk about it often, but we rarely see a builder use a cable to keep the hatch from opening all the way and banging against the deck or hardware.

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Putting the windlass in the anchor locker protects from the corrosive elements of a saltwater environment.

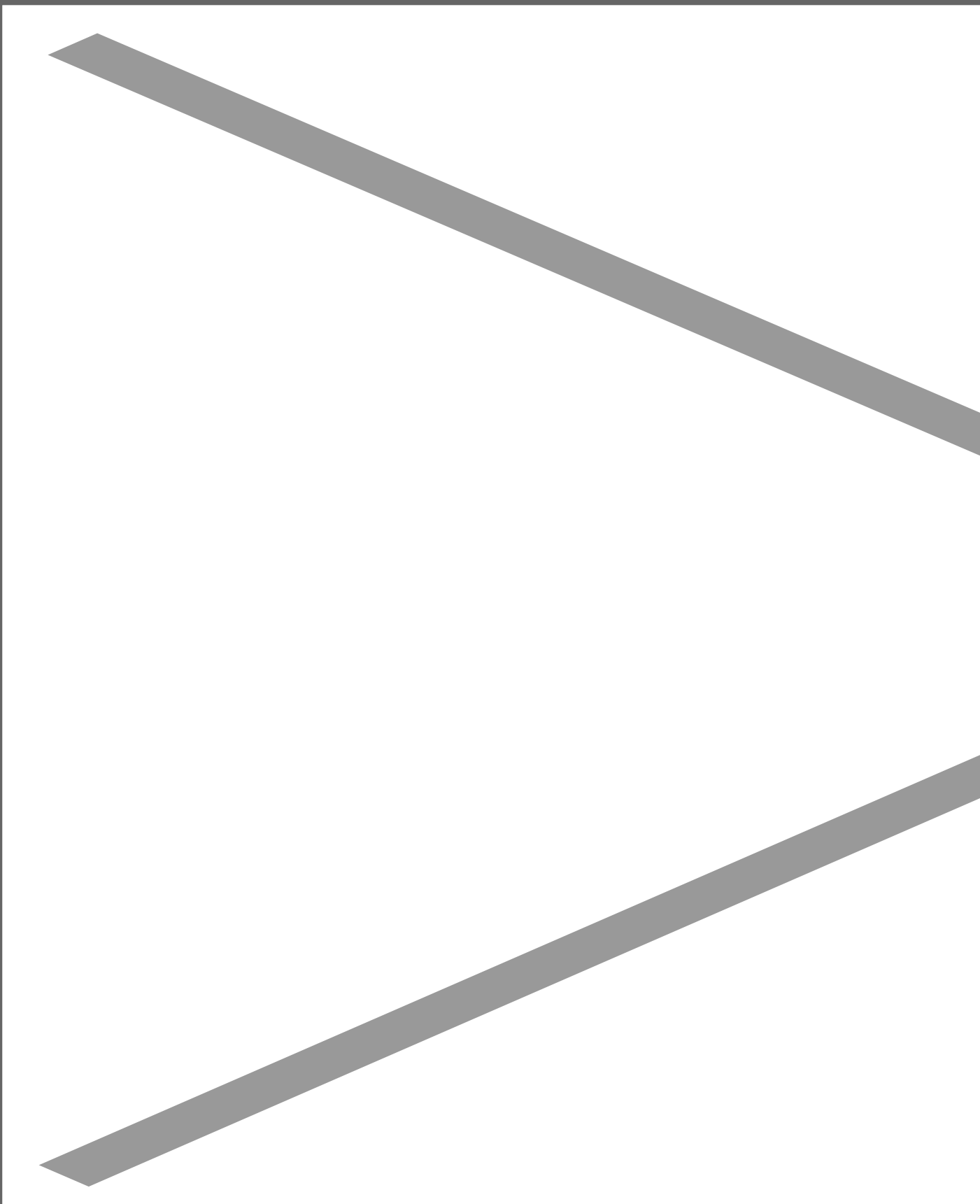
Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS Accommodations

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Belowdecks, the 42 GLS has a private aft cabin, small salon area and forward dinette.

The Dinette. A sliding hatch to port of the helm opens to provide entry to the 42 GLS' cabin. We like that there's a bug screen behind the hatch to let in fresh air. Alongside the cabin steps are a microwave/convection oven and the optional TV. Forward, the dinette is U-shaped and has a table that can be lowered to create a berth. Aft the cabin has the berth set up facing across the boat's beam. The wet head has a shower curtain, vessel sink and an opening port.



The microwave/convection oven and cabin refrigerator come standard, but the TV is an option.

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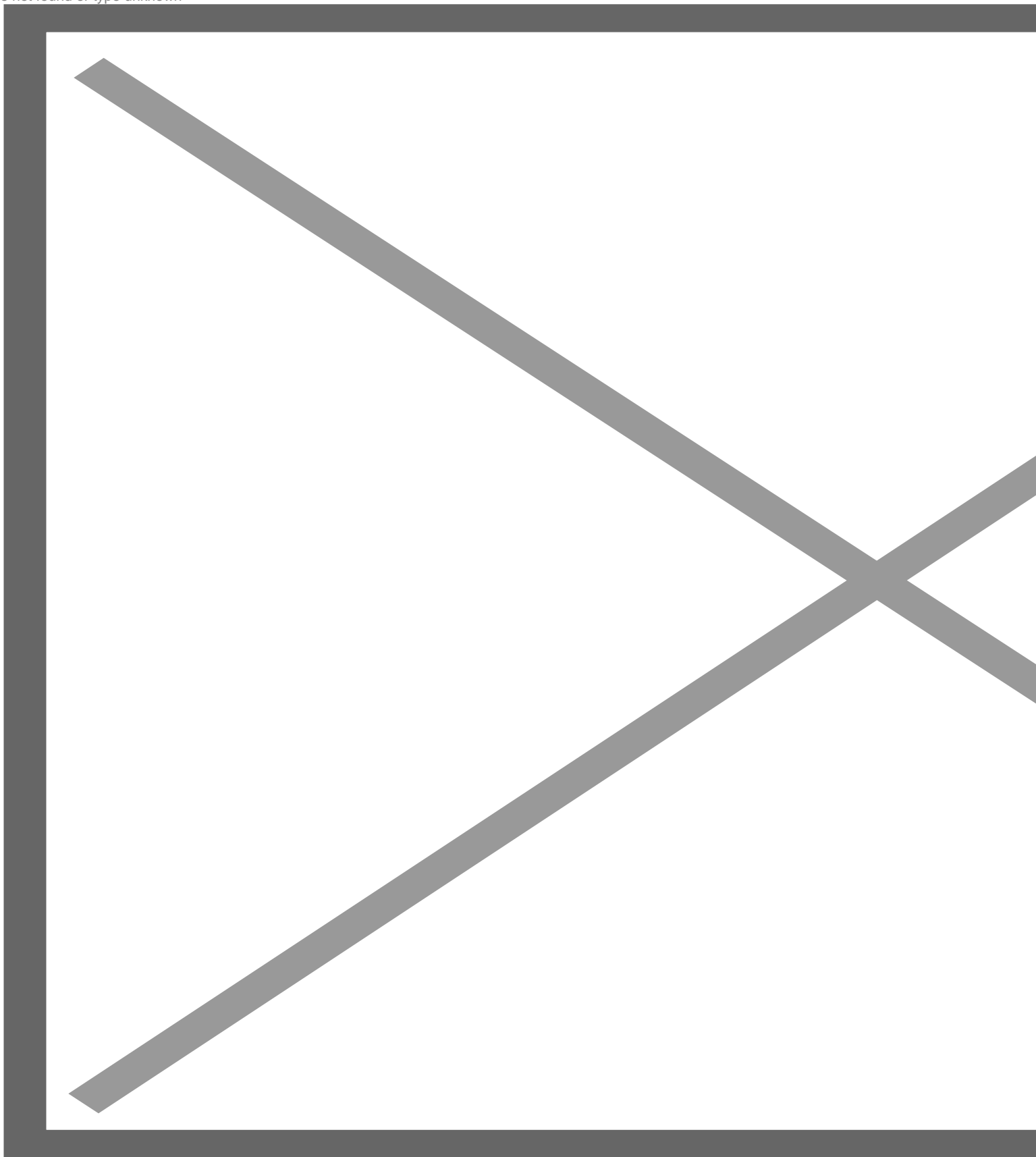
The dinette has good seated headroom and should provide a welcome respite from the sun on a hot day.

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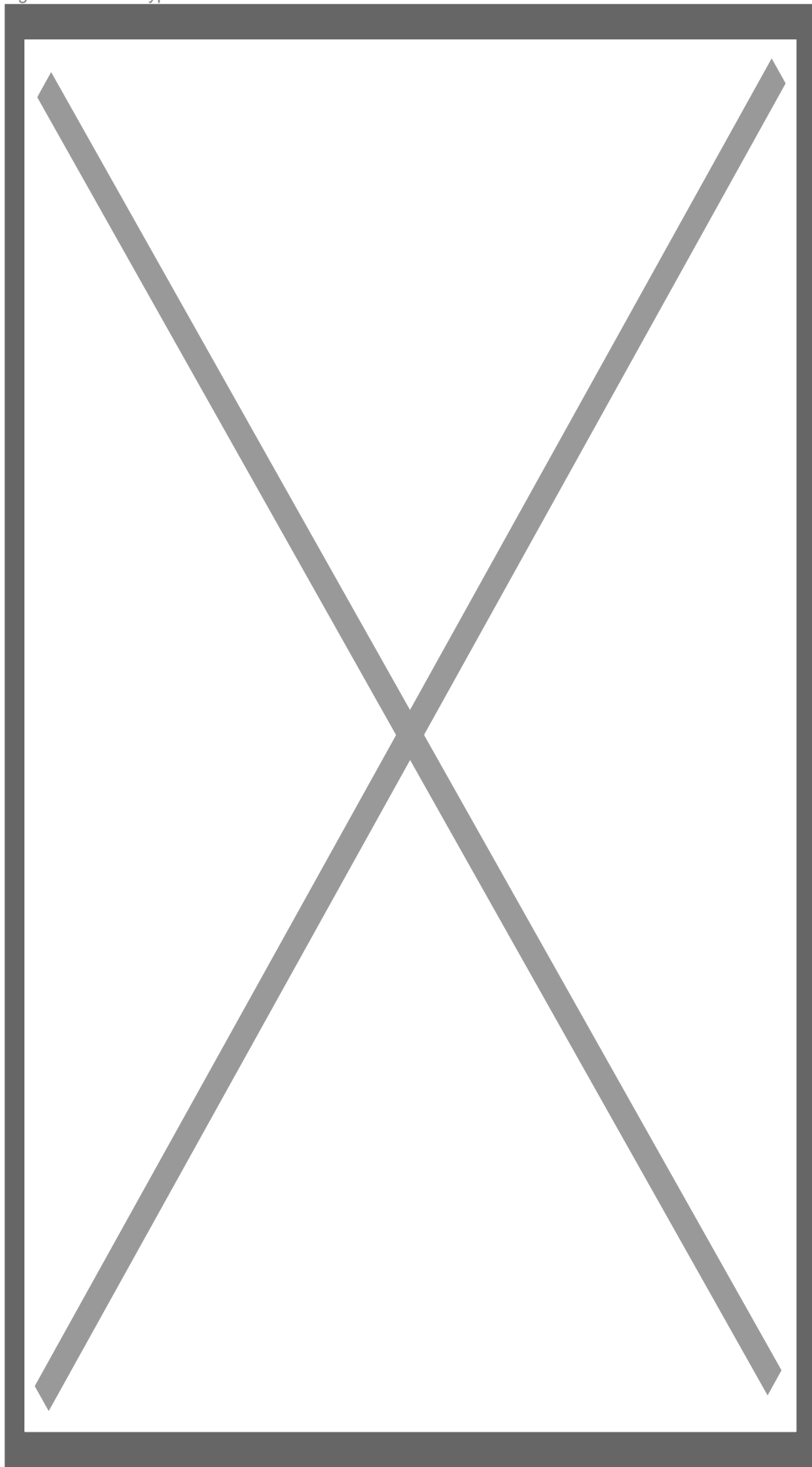
Lower the table and a section of the backrest picks up to increase the space in the forward berth.

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The mid-cabin has seated headroom and should be comfortable for an overnight or weekend getaway.

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The head has standing headroom so an adult can take a shower.

The Lazarette. In the outboard version of the 42 GLS, the compartment that would be occupied by sterndrive engines opens on electro-hydraulic rams. Inside we saw the centrally-mounted optional Seakeeper 6 with the trim tab and triple power steering pumps aft to starboard. The automatic fire suppression system is centrally mounted aft and to port are the three starting batteries plus two house batteries. Our test boat had the optional 5-kW generator and 25-gallon (94.6 L) diesel tank.



When there are no sterndrive engines in the boat there's excellent access to all the mechanical equipment.

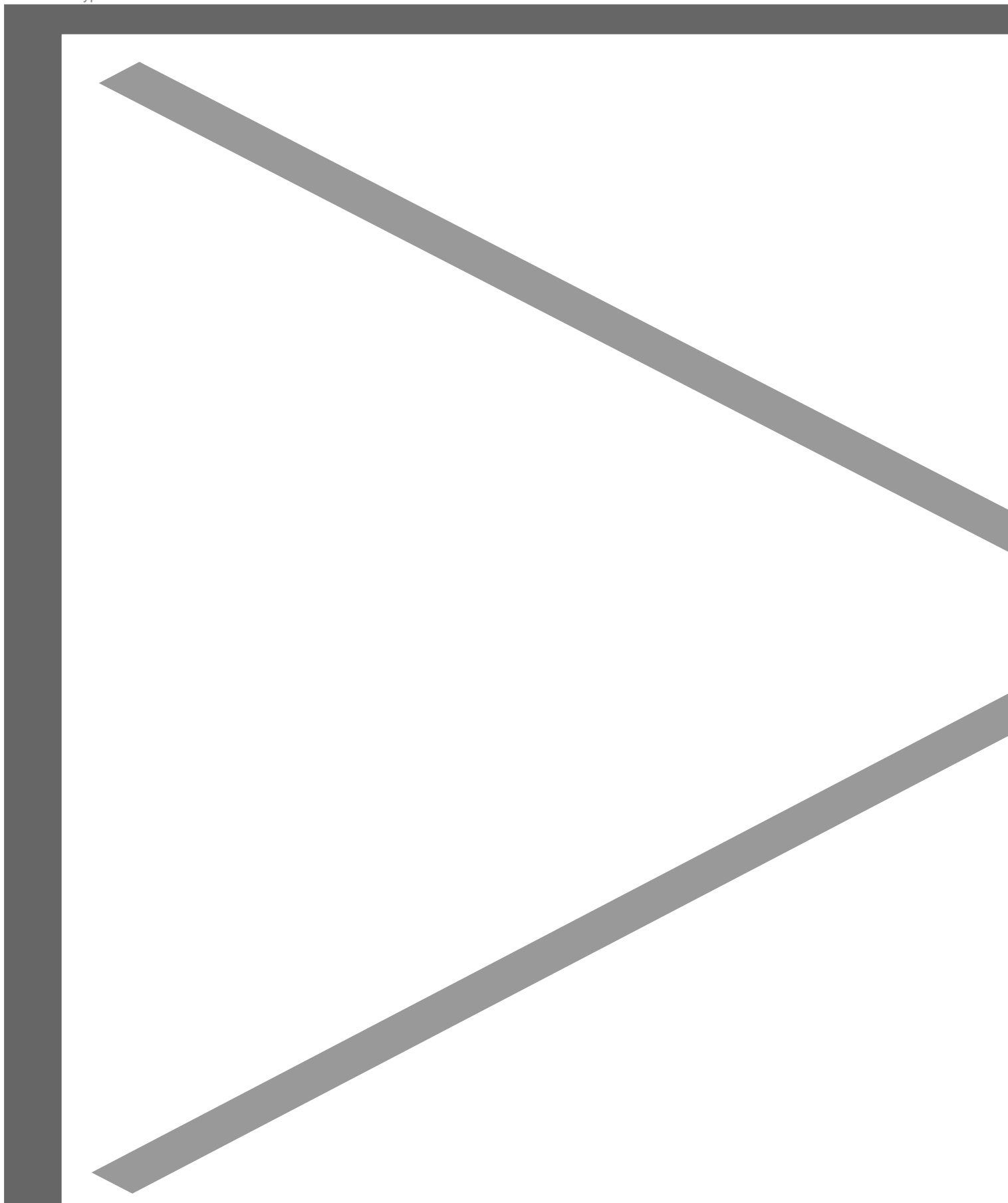
Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS Performance

The Specifications. The 42 GLS measures 42' (12.8 m) long with a 13' (3.96 m) beam and a draft of 43" (109.22 cm). Empty weight is listed at 23,475 lbs. (10,648 kg). Poor weather conditions prevented us from getting top speed numbers, but Cruisers ran its own tests. With 197.47 gallons (747.5 L) of fuel on board and no water, they had a test weight of 24,710 lbs. (11,208.27 kg).



The 42 GLS comes standard with triple 400-hp Mercury outboards, and the company is finishing its first one powered by triple 450-hp engines from Mercury Racing.

The Numbers. Winding up the triple outboards to 6850 rpm, Cruisers hit a top speed of 52.1 mph. They recorded best cruise at 5000 rpm, where they hit 38.0 mph and a fuel burn of 41 gph. That translated to .9 mpg and a range of 336 statute miles.



We weren't able to get adequate test numbers of the Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS on our test day.

Handling. Even though we couldn't get adequate test numbers, we still got a good feel for the 42 GLS' handling qualities. We noticed some hull slap when operating above cruise speed. Dialed back she was much more comfortable and handled the conditions as she should. Beam seas allowed us to increase speed and she remained level as we transitioned through the waves. Following seas should have caused the bow to take water but that didn't happen. She held her course and showed no sign of stuffing the bow. We put her through some hard turns and the props never ventilated and the auto trim was spot on. We had extremely tight confines at the dock and we found the joystick to need some slight adjustments to keep the bow and stern moving evenly. But to be fair, this was a freshly delivered boat so the techs hadn't gotten on board yet. We see this a lot with new commissions.

Cruisers Yachts 42 GLS Base Retail Price w/triple 400-hp Mercury Verado outboards: \$1,081,619.

Observations

The 42 GLS is the new flagship of the series, but Cruisers Yachts says the line of day boats will continue to expand. She's at the smaller end of the company's models, but she's built with the same construction processes used on the manufacturer's larger yachts. Company representatives also said they are looking at adding Mercury's new 600-hp V12 Verado to the list of available engines. Since our test boat had triple 400s, the most likely number of the larger engine would be two.