

Cruisers Yachts 520 Express

Brief Summary

The 520 Express boasts luxurious accommodations for live-aboard cruising and spacious layout for entertaining in elegance. In addition to her good looks, this cruiser also delivers a speedy ride.

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.

Key Features

- Two private staterooms
- Sleeps up to six
- Windlass
- Generator
- Large cockpit with plenty of seating
- Sea Key Safety Security System
- Hardtop with skylight
- Extended swim platform

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
520	6.5	5.7	2.2	2.95	2.57	1330	1156	73
750	8.8	7.6	4.7	1.86	1.62	838	728	78
1000	10.7	9.3	11.2	0.96	0.83	430	374	81
1250	12.2	10.6	21.7	0.56	0.49	253	220	82
1500	18.3	15.9	31.7	0.58	0.5	260	226	85

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1750	25.1	21.8	39.1	0.64	0.56	289	251	87
2000	32.9	28.6	47	0.7	0.61	315	273	87
2250	38.7	33.6	61	0.63	0.55	285	248	88
2350	40.8	35.5	70.5	0.58	0.5	260	226	89

[View the test results in metric units](#)

Cruisers 500 chart.jpg

Specifications

Length Overall	52' 3" incl swim platform
BEAM	15' 6"
Dry Weight	42,000 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	44"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	6' 6"

Bridge Clearance	13' 1"
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	500 gal.
Water Capacity	150 gal.
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	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	20.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.0:1
Props	28 x 42 4-blade
Load	Load: 4 persons, Fuel: 3/4 full, Water 1/2 full, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 92 deg., Humid: 41%, Wind: none, Seas: calm

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Tested by Capt. Ron Svoboda

This year while celebrating its 50th anniversary of manufacturing high-end express machines, Cruisers Yachts appropriately unveiled its striking new 520 Express Yacht. Carrying over styling from the 560 flagship, the 520 fills a niche that may not be obvious with all the production cruisers available on the market these days.

Design and Layout

The new express is simply about two things; entertaining in absolute elegance, and getting to a destination quickly. And the cockpit brings the two together with immense amounts of seating under an optional fiberglass hard-top. The two tiered, winged top looks like it was shaped by an artist, and employs skylights to add filtered light and fresh air to the giant cockpit.

The entertainment potential of the outdoor party patio is amazing. Located to port is a refrigerator console with ice maker and freezer, where you can keep your steaks and lobster. Good thing, because right next to the fridge, is an electric grill to cook the surf and turf. There is also a sink and faucet for clean up joined by a

cabinet with space for liquor bottles and a host of other accoutrements.

At the Control Station

Cruisers Yachts has gone all out in comfort and plush seating at the helm. They mounted a pair of admiral style chairs, complete with flip-up bolsters and winged armrests within reach of an enormous dash panel. Unfortunately, it is occupied by a pair of small digital readouts for the engine management system. I love the technology, but the small display made piloting a bit difficult, especially with the glare on a sunny day. Alternatively, all this space leaves room for a host of electronic navigation screens.

Luxuries Below

A sliding acrylic door leads you to the ultra luxurious saloon which provides 6 feet, 6 inches of headroom and is awash in cherry wood cabinetry and trim. Located to port is one of the finest galleys we've seen. It is complete with all the chef's basic needs, plus a dishwasher, trash compactor and a refrigerated wine locker. The chef can also keep up on the latest news or sporting events with the giant 30 inch flat panel LCD TV that is flush mounted in the cabinets.

Seating in the cabin is supplied by an uncompromising sofa that spans the saloon's starboard side. The crescent shaped lounge is wrapped in ultra-leather and features reclining seats and a convertible dining table for a multitude of functional lounging.

Staterooms

All the way aft in the boat the master stateroom offers unparalleled space and comfort. Filling the room with light are six large port holes that are reminiscent of European mega yachts. A queen-sized berth is beautifully presented and accompanied by a large number of storage cabinets. An en-suite head compartment and separate shower stall complete the owner's stunning cabin.

The guest stateroom is located at the forepeak and is available with two different layouts. Our test boat had a single queen berth, but you can opt for a pair of twin berths depending upon your cruising needs. There is a day head located forward in the saloon and provides a second door for access from the guest cabin.

Specs

This world class yacht has an overall length of 52 feet, 3 inches. Her beam measures 15 feet, 6 inches and she weighs 39,500 pound dry. Loaded with gear and 500 gallons of fuel, you can expect a draft of 44 inches to clear the massive four-bladed propellers.

The Ride

Compared to other boats in this class the 520 Express delivered slightly better top end and cruise speed numbers. Handling was about what you would expect from a 20 ton luxury cruiser; slow, with plenty of forethought needed before making any turns. But where this boat truly stands out from the rest is with its fantastic styling, amenities and outstanding build quality.