

# Riviera Belize 66 Sedan (2019-)

## Brief Summary

Riviera tells us that it considers Belize to be its boutique brand for owners who want a yacht that stands out and the Belize 66 Sedan is a testament to that. Certainly, her quality construction, fine finish, and increased level of customization support that positioning. She is ruggedly constructed and is available in three- or four-stateroom layouts with additional customization available.

## 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

- Large curved-glass windshield
- Smart access to maintenance spaces
- Aft galley with awning window
- Tender garage
- Choice of three- or four-stateroom layout
- Large sunroof

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	7.4	6.4	2.8	2.7	2.3	2877	2501.8	64
1000	11.5	10	11.5	1	0.9	1069	929.7	63
1250	13.7	11.9	20	0.7	0.6	730	634.5	63
1500	17.7	15.3	33	0.5	0.5	572	497.3	66

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1750	24.3	21.1	46.5	0.5	0.5	559	485.9	68
2000	29.8	25.9	61.5	0.5	0.4	517	449.8	69
2200	34.4	29.9	81.5	0.4	0.4	451	391.9	71
2400	38.8	33.7	101.5	0.4	0.3	408	354.9	74

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

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## Specifications

<b>Length Overall</b>	69' 3"   21.11 m
<b>BEAM</b>	17' 11"   5.46 m
<b>Dry Weight</b>	76,000 lbs.   34,473 kg
<b>Tested Weight</b>	83,431 lbs.   37,844 kg
<b>Draft</b>	4' 11"   1.49 m
<b>Draft Up</b>	
<b>Draft Down</b>	
<b>Air Draft</b>	
<b>Deadrise/Transom</b>	
<b>Max Headroom</b>	

<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	19' 11"   6.07 m
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	8
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	1,188 gal.   4,497 kg
<b>Water Capacity</b>	185 gal.   700 L
<b>Length on Trailer</b>	
<b>Height on Trailer</b>	
<b>Trailer Weight</b>	
<b>Total Weight</b>	83,431 lbs.   37,844 kg
<b>Aft Deck</b>	
<b>Salon Inside Width</b>	
<b>Salon Fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Salon Height</b>	
<b>Salon Volume</b>	
<b>Galley Volume</b>	
<b>Master SR Width</b>	
<b>Master SR fore &amp; Aft</b>	

<b>Master SR Overhead</b>	
<b>Master SR Volume</b>	
<b>Eng. Room Volume</b>	

## Acceleration Times & Conditions

<b>Time to Plane</b>	7.7 sec.
<b>0 to 20</b>	
<b>Ratio</b>	
<b>Props</b>	
<b>Load</b>	3 persons, 3/4 fuel, full water, 50 lbs. of gear
<b>Climate</b>	74 deg., 61 humid; wind: 3-12 mph; seas: 2-3

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Riviera Belize 66 Sedan running

The Riviera Belize 66 Sedan is sure to turn heads at the marina.

## Mission

The Belize 66 Sedan is built by Riviera Yachts to appeal to the owner who wants a yacht with a fine finish and distinctive look, yet will still deliver on the performance and seakeeping for which Riviera has come to be known. To that end, the Belize brand offers a higher level of customization than the rest of the Riviera line, due to the fact that the boats are built in a well-known Taiwan yard that specializes in custom work rather than in Australia.

## Major Features

- Full-beam master head
- Staggered engine position

- Raised-grain teak interior soles
- CZone digital switching system
- Two aft-deck joystick docking stations
- Fixed section on the hydraulic swim platform

## Features Inspection

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan layout

The main deck layout of the Belize 66 Sedan features an aft galley, a seating and sunning area on the foredeck, a door to the port side deck, and a centerline helm.

## Tender Garage and Swim Platform

The swim platform measures 15'1" by 5'10" (4.6 m by 1.78 m), is finished in teak and is a useful place to board the boat. The platform is hydraulic and can lower into the water, but not all of it. The starboard 3' 9" (1.14 m) section, is fixed and has built-in stairs under a hatch to ease the climb if the actuated portion is in the down position.

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan swim platform

The broad swim platform adds to the utility of the stern area.

**The launch and retrieval of the tender**, a Brig F330L with a 30-hp outboard is made practical through a simple setup, where rails are manually placed in receivers and the crew can slide out the tender over the swim platform.

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan tender

The tender sits in a garage on rails that allow it to slide out.

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan rails

Placing rails in the receivers on the swim platform is an easy job.

**Using a wired remote control** to control the height of the platform, it's easy to manage the tender in its garage.

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan swim platform

Then the platform is lowered to the proper height and the tender simply slides out.

### Riviera Belize 66 Sedan swim platform

The starboard end of the swim platform has stairs beneath a hatch to make it easy to get to the lowered platform.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

The fixed end of the swim platform has a folding reboarding ladder outboard on the starboard side, under a hatch, which extends 12-½” (31.75 cm) below the water.

**From the swim platform**, there are stairs port and starboard with 10” (25.4 cm) risers to get to the aft deck. Outboard of the starboard stairs, there’s a pullout shower.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan stairs

Stairs to port and starboard make it easy to get aboard from the swim platform.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan cord

The step flips up to reveal the shore power cord—there’s one to either side—and a high-pressure washdown bib.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan shower

Bathers will appreciate the pullout shower.

**A stainless steel gate** is located at the top of the transom stairs to port and starboard. Each aft quarter has robust hardware for docklines, including 14” (0.35 m) cleats, Muir warping winches with foot-pedal control, and integrated stainless steel fairleads.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan transom

The transom gate and hardware array are all brightly polished stainless steel.

## Aft Deck

**The teak aft deck** is shaded beneath a hardtop overhang with a canvas extension on a fixed tubular frame. Both the hardtop and canvas frame have built-in LED overhead lights, and there’s a hatch in the hardtop.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan hardtop

The hardtop extends aft to provide shade, but the fixed frame with canvas manages the rest.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan hatch

There’s a hatch for access to the hardtop including the mast with electronics.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan ladder

A stowable polished stainless steel ladder makes access easy.

**A settee** is across the transom with a beverage holder in an armrest at each end. An L-shaped lounge situated around a table is located to starboard forward. The table is varnished teak with a stainless steel center insert on a fixed stainless pedestal. To either side of the deck are fixed windows with curving varnished teak trim that help protect the aft deck from wind and spray.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan settee

A transom settee can easily seat four in comfort.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan teak table

A varnished teak table opens the al fresco dining options.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan teak

The teak accent on these fixed side windows add a refined touch.

## Food-Prep Console

Opposite the dining area to port is a grilling and food prep console. The countertop flips up on gas-assist struts to reveal a pair of Kenyon electric grills. In the lockers in the face of the console are a Vitrifrigo icemaker and a 24-volt drawer-style refrigerator and stowage.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan wet bar

The flipped-up counter serves as a backsplash and has built-in LED lights for cooking after dark, and forward is a workspace with a marble countertop.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan ice maker

A Vitrifrigo icemaker is handy to the aft deck, yet tucked out of sight of the elements.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan refrigerator

A Vitrifrigo refrigerator drawer serves the aft deck and the galley just inside with equal ease.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan joy stick

On our test boat, Volvo Penta joystick controls are to port and starboard on the aft deck.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan ips

They operate the Volvo Penta IPS system and made docking a simple affair on our test.

## Side Decks

Side-deck access is easy from the aft deck to both port and starboard, with a 13" (33.01 cm)-wide walkway protected by a robust 2-1/2" (6.35 cm) oval rail placed 30" (76.2 cm) off the deck. The rail height climbs to 36-1/2" (92.71 cm) between the two 7-1/2" (19.05 cm) steps on the side deck. There are springline cleats atop the bulwarks and fuel fills are amidships on the port side.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan side deck

Side deck access is easy from the aft deck.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan rail

A beefy oval-shaped rail adds security when moving fore and aft on the side decks.



# Ground Tackle System

On the foredeck, the ground tackle is flanked by a pair of 14" (35.56 cm) cleats with stainless steel fairleads. The 99 lb. (45 kg) polished stainless steel [Ultra anchor](#) sits in a custom stainless steel bow roller equipped with a saltwater anchor washdown. The stainless steel plate above the anchor can accept a video camera.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan foredeck

The foredeck is a combination of teak decking and nonskid.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan windlass

The 24-volt DC Muir windlass manages 250' (76.2 m) of 1/2" (1.27 cm) galvanized anchor chain with a chain stopper and devil's claw arrangement to secure the anchor.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan rode locker

There's access to the rode locker and stowage to starboard, with steps to simplify the climb in and out.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan windlass

A hatch to port has the windlass remote as well as a high-pressure washdown with coiled hose.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan led

A GoLight LED spotlight has a wired remote control on the helm dash.

# Foredeck Entertaining

The bow has an additional lounging area with a sun pad that measures 8'3" by 8'10" (2.52 m by 2.69 m) when it is laid flat. Its aft end has three sections that raise manually to form backrests to lounges. In addition, the sides raise to become low-profile backrests supporting seating around the table, which is varnished teak on a hi-lo pedestal and measures 2'4" by 3' (0.71 m by 0.91 m).

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan bimini

A canvas Bimini shades the entire foredeck seating area, and stows in a recessed channel.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan sun pad

Sections of the foredeck sun pad fold up to serve as backrests along the aft edge.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan back rests

The sides also raise to serve as inward-facing backrests.

# Interior Inspection

## Galley

To enter the interior from the aft deck, there's a polished stainless steel and glass sliding door to the salon. First thing we notice: all the interior teak decking has a raised-grain finish with silica added to provide improved traction.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan sliding door

A door slides to port to enter the aft galley.

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There's a 6 ½" (16.5 cm) aft deck step and then a 4" (10.16 cm) step to get inside the galley.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan teak

The teak decking throughout the interior has a grippy finish.

**The U-shaped galley** has 6'6" (1.98 m) of headroom and an awning window in the aft bulkhead that opens the galley counter to the aft deck. The galley has a marble counter (it's lightweight thanks to an aluminum honeycomb backing) and is equipped with a covered, double sink with pullout spray faucet.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan galley

The galley is positioned aft where it can serve the aft deck and the salon forward.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan awning

An awning window has long been a Riviera hallmark, and it opens the aft galley to the aft deck.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan sinks

Large and small sinks share a single marble cover.

**Galley appliances** include a Miele two-burner cooktop, convection-microwave oven, and dishwasher. On the port side is a full-size Vitrifrigo refrigerator plus additional fridge drawers with additional counter space above. The galley cabinets have dedicated stowage for an included toaster, blender, and kettle, as well as a waffle iron, and shelves for pantry stowage designed for access. Over the cooktop there's a built-in range hood.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan cook top

A two-burner Miele cooktop is placed on the outboard counter of the galley.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan refrigerator

A large Vitrifrigo refrigerator unit is placed to port.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan lockers

Lockers have pantry stowage that's well designed for easy access.

## Salon

There is a 9" (22.86 cm) step up from the galley to the salon. The overhead clearance in the salon is 6' 8" (2.03 m) and there's a large sunroof that opens for ventilation, plus three skylights with shades. To starboard is an L-shaped lounge with dining table that measures 5' by 3'8" (1.52 m by 1.12 m). Folding leaves shrink it to 2' 6" by 3' 8" (0.76 m by 1.12 m). It has a substantial base with three drawers with dedicated stowage for dishes. Opposite is a settee with stowage for a couple of custom folding chairs.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan salon

The salon is arrayed around the helm station.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan sunroof

A sunroof opens up the whole salon to fresh air when the weather is good.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan step up

The step up between the salon and galley is well marked by the carpeting forward and the teak aft.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan salon table

This 5' (1.52 m) long table invites the whole crew to dine together.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan table

The table folds to roughly half its size when less space is needed.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan dishes

The base of the table conceals stowage for the included dishes.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan glassware

Port of the helm are dedicated drawers where the glassware is stowed.

**A settee to port** is additional seating in the salon with a view of a 40" (101.6 cm) flatscreen TV built into the aft face of the helm seat base.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan settee

The port side settee is close enough to be part of the action at the dinette.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan folding chairs

Folding chairs stow in a locker beneath the port settee—under a pair of removable battens that lend support to the cushion.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan tv

The flatscreen TV can be viewed in the down position...

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan tv

...or raised to be seen more easily by a larger group.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan deck access

To port there is deck access for the captain and guests through a side door hung on stainless pantograph hinges.

## Helm

The helm is on a raised platform 5  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (14.6 cm) above the rest of the salon sole, and the steering wheel is on the boat's centerline. The windshield is large and offers excellent sight lines forward and to the sides with minimal interference from the mullions, while the hardtop brow helps cut some of the glare. The windshield is curved both horizontally and vertically and our close inspection did not detect the slightest distortion. Sight through it is not adversely affected by polarized sunglasses.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan helm

The helm console is oriented to the port side, but the wheel itself is on the centerline.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan brow

The brow helps reduce glare and the view through the windshield is impeded very little by the mullions.

**The helm console** has a "retro-modern" design and is wide enough for two 22" (55.88 cm) Garmin GPSMap 8422 displays as part of a Glass Cockpit that allows full integration of engine data.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan helm

The helm displays are mounted in pods and each has its own brow to help reduce glare further.

**A third screen**, a 17" (43.18 cm) Garmin GPSMap 8417 on a lower panel of the helm dash displays full engine instrumentation. Electrical switches are arrayed beneath the display to control bilge pumps and courtesy lights in the accommodation spaces.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan garmin

A centrally positioned Garmin touchscreen lower on the helm displays integrated engine data.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan spotlight

On the port side of the helm dash are the GoLight bow spotlight remote control and the touchscreen CZone digital-switching control.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan wheel

On the starboard side of the helm, the wheel is flanked by the remote control and chain counter for the Muir windlass and the Volvo Penta ignition switches to port.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan vhf

And to starboard, the VHF mic that controls all communication function.

**The helm seat** is leather and has an integrated bolster for those who prefer to stand while driving. There's a flip-down footrest, and the port armrest flips up. The seat is mounted on an electric pedestal that makes it easy to adjust. The starboard armrest has the Volvo Penta IPS joystick that lets the operator steer the boat at all speeds without having to touch the wheel. The helm joystick can also be used for docking the boat, either seated looking forward, or standing looking aft.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan helm seat

The leather Selto helm seat has an armrest-mounted joystick, in addition to a flip-down port armrest and diamond stitching.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan helm seat

A flip-up bolster and flip-down footrest expand the driving-position options.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan helm seat

The seat is mounted on an electric pedestal that raises and lowers and adjusts fore-and-aft.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan companion seat

A companion seat is to port and it's the same leather seat, just with no power adjustment or footrest.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan seat

Another companion seat, to starboard across the walkway to the companionway, is also the same basic seat.

**A control console is between the helm and port companion seats**, with the engine throttle and shift binnacle forward. Again, not everyone is accustomed to operating the throttle and shift levers left-handed, but it made sense for the design and, many, like our test captain, find they get used to it almost immediately. Located just abaft the control levers, a remote control for the Garmin autopilot—note the red “standby” button—but also allows for control of the touchscreen displays from the seated position. Switches operating lights, wipers, the sunroof, and other electrical systems are arrayed around the remote. What all of this means is that the captain can navigate without having to leave the seat.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan console

The console between the seats has the control binnacle, beverage holders, and switches for various electrical systems, as well as control of the helm electronics.

## Accommodations

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan layout

The three-stateroom Grand Presidential layout with full-beam master head that was featured on our test boat has since become a custom request.

# Companionway

To starboard of the helm is the companionway, five steps down with courtesy lights beneath each tread and a leather-wrapped hand rail. At the bottom of the steps behind a door that slides out of the way, there is a washer and dryer.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan stairs

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan stairs

The companionway stairs have treads that take advantage of the same textured-grain decking for a sure grip.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan washer dryer

A stacked washer and dryer are to starboard just off the passageway.

## Master Stateroom

To get to the master stateroom after coming down the companionway stairs, make a left U-turn down two more steps.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan master

The master is somewhat set off from the other accommodations in its amidships location.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan wine chiller

The master stateroom passageway optimizes space with a wine chiller that opens with a fingertip touch.

**The master stateroom** is positioned amidships and has 4'7" by 1' (1.4 m by 0.3 m) hullside windows with opening ports to either side. The berth measures 79" (200.7 cm) head to foot and 60" (152.4 cm) wide.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan head room

There's 4' (1.22 m) of headroom over the berth in the amidships master.

**Along the starboard side** is a 5'5" (1.65 m) sofa, with a side table with drawer, a cedar-lined hanging locker, and a corner desk with a minimalist chair.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan settee

A settee in the master is a spot to relax away from guests.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan desk

A desk can double as a dressing table.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan night stand

On the port side is a nightstand with two drawers and a built-in chest of drawers, and another hanging locker. Also shown is the 40" (101.6 cm) flatscreen TV.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan drawers

Drawers beneath the berth to add to the stowage.

## Master Head

A door in the aft bulkhead leads to the master head with an 8" (20.32 cm) step down. This full-beam head has 6'4" (1.93 m) overhead and is an optional layout for the Grand Presidential three-stateroom layout. It has electric heated towel bars, his-and-her basin-style sinks on marble counters.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan master head

The master head has an assymetrical layout that capitalizes on the space between the master stateroom and the engine room.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan shower

The shower has an opening port, a frameless tempered-glass door, a teak bench and sole, and robust fixtures including a wand showerhead.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan toilet

An additional opening to port is positioned over the toilet to starboard.

## VIP Guest Stateroom

The VIP guest stateroom is in the bow, with an island berth, hullside windows, and a hatch in the 6'6" (1.98 m) overhead. The berth measures 77" head to foot and 61" wide (196 cm x 155 cm), with 3'6" (1.07 m) of headroom over it.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan dressing table

A compact dressing table has a swing-out stool and stowage for personal effects beneath the top.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

Cedar-lined hanging lockers are placed both to port and starboard.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan hanging lockers

In the hanging lockers in the master and the forward stateroom, there's easy access to the space behind the locker without tools. These covers hold themselves in place yet are easy to remove.

## VIP Head

The VIP has a private head to starboard, with a shower with a frameless, tempered-glass door set at an angle, an opening port, and a teak bench and sole. A basin-style sink sits on a marble-topped vanity.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan vip head

The VIP head has many of the same attributes as the master head, including the high level of finish and opening port in the shower.

## Dayhead

Off the main passageway, the guest head to port serves as the dayhead, but it also has a private entrance to the port double guest stateroom. This head has many of the same features and a comparable finish level seen in the master and VIP heads.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan guest head

The second guest head also doubles as the dayhead.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan door

An additional door leads to the port side guest stateroom, serving as a private entrance.

## Double Guest Stateroom

The guest double has 6'5" (1.96 m) headroom at the entry area with a 9" (22.86 cm) step down between the berths. They each measure 77" head to foot and 26" (195.6 cm by 66 cm) wide. The berths can be pushed together to form a double berth, if guest sleeping arrangements warrant. Indirect LED lighting, overhead lighting, and reading lights add to the charm. There's a cedar-lined hanging locker and also lockers beneath the berths.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan twins

The port guest stateroom has a hullside window for natural light with an opening port.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan lockers

Lockers beneath the berths add to the stowage.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan hatches

In the overhead of the port guest stateroom, there are two hatches that open simply with latches—no tools required—to access the underside of the helm with all of the components and wiring housed there.

## A Word about Available Layouts

Several different layouts are available, including the Classic four-stateroom, three-head layout, the three-stateroom three-head Presidential layout with aft crew, and the Grand Presidential three-stateroom, three head layout.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan layout

The Classic 4 stateroom layout places the master head to starboard.

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The Presidential 3 stateroom with aft crew places the crew's quarters aft and moves the master head to a starboard position forward.

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The Grand Presidential 3 stateroom has a full-beam head, and moves the laundry aft.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan profile

Belize tells us there's a daybridge design in the works, slated to be introduced at the Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show in 2019.

## Performance Test

The Belize 66 Sedan has a length overall of 69'3" (21.11 m) and a beam of 17'11" (5.46 m). With an empty weight of 76,000 lbs. (34,473 kg), 891 gallons (3,372 L) of fuel, and three people on board, she had an estimated test weight of 84,842 lbs. (38,484 kg).

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan idle

The Belize 66 Sedan has the benefit of joystick maneuvering with its Volvo Penta IPS propulsion system. With twin 1,000-hp Volvo Penta IPS1350s powering our test boat, we reached a top speed of 33.7 knots at 2400 rpm. Best economic cruise came in at 1500 rpm and 15.3 knots. It was at that speed that the 33.0 gph fuel burn translated into 0.5 nmpg and a range of 497.3 nm.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

The sharp forefoot of the Belize 66 Sedan cut through the wind chop.

Acceleration from a standing start to plane averaged 7.7 seconds. She went from zero to 20 mph in 10.2 seconds.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

The Belize 66 Sedan exhibited very little bow rise with hard acceleration.

We didn't see particularly rough seas in our test, so we can't comment on how she would handle in 5- to 6-footers, but we did see 2- to 3-footers close together with some wind chop, and it allowed us to see what she could do through her full range of speeds in all directions.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan running

The Belize 66 Sedan was a pleasure to run with the seas at any angle.

We put her through some turns and she took them with a comfortable inward lean—but like all IPS-powered boats her turns were wide, and the faster she goes the wider they are.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan running

For tighter turns, we simply slowed down.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan docking

Pulling her into the fuel dock was easy, thanks to the Volvo Penta IPS system, allowing the Q4 propset to grab and move large amounts of water to move the boat with authority and crab her sideways.

## Engine Room

Now let's move to the heart of the beast. The engine room is another location where this yacht shows off some different ideas. The designers considered accessibility to the engine room and there are four entry points. The easiest way in for an owner/operator is via walk-in access from the master head.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

The engine room fits a boatload of equipment into the space.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan access

A hatch in the aft deck grants access directly to the forward end of the engine room, while another hatch right next to it in the aft-deck settee has a ladder to the walk-in entrance.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan

Two additional hatches in the aft deck offer access to either side of the engine room's aft end.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan generator

A 29-kilowatt Cummins Onan generator is placed between the engines and flanked by battery boxes.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan panel

The 24-volt DC starting battery electrical panel and the house battery panel are mounted on the forward bulkhead.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan separators

We found easily accessible Duplex Racor fuel-water separators for the mains and a single for the genset.

Riviera Belize 66 Sedan panels

Removable deck panels provide access to through-hull fittings and strainers, which are easy to reach, labeled, and double-hose-clamped.

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Forward of the starboard engine are the AC electrical panels behind acrylic covers.

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Outboard of the port engine is a Sea Recovery AquaMatic watermaker.

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The Glendinning Cablemasters manage the dual 50-amp shorepower cords.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan batteries

The start batteries are in an open installation, with a lid that straps over them.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan tender

Over it all is the molded fiberglass tub of the tender garage, equipped with a Muir windlass to aid in retrieving the dinghy.

**But the biggest engineering innovation** is something we haven't seen before in anything except narrow offshore racing boats: The engines are not precisely side by side but staggered. The port engine is positioned so it's forward of the starboard one, something that the jackshafts to the side-by-side pod drives makes possible.

## Riviera Belize 66 Sedan main engines

It's easy to see the position of the main engines on this overhead rendering, where the port engine is positioned forward of the starboard.

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The yacht has three fiberglass fuel tanks: two wing tanks concealed in the cabinetry of the master head that hold 330 gallons each and feed a main tank on centerline beneath the master stateroom that holds 528 gallons (1,999 L).

# Observations

The Belize 66 reminds us of a high-end sports car where no expense was spared to get every detail just right. Riviera has packed this yacht full of some of the most compelling amenities in this size range and type – and she should appeal to people who want something different, yet not over the top.