

Cruisers Yachts 430 Sports Coupe (2014-)

Brief Summary

In the competitive 42' to 44' sport coupe market we think the Cruisers Yachts 430 Sports Coupe with two ensuite staterooms is hard to beat. The 430 Sports Coupe allows for both side deck and walkthrough windshield access to the bow, and on sunny days, roll back the sunroof and let the sun shine in. Below she has trademark high overheads and an open, airy-feeling. As for the performance and handling, well one will just have to watch our latest test video for that.

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.

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	4.3	3.7	0.6	7.08	6.16	1913	1663	78
1000	6.9	6	2.1	3.34	2.91	902	785	85
1250	8.3	7.2	3.6	2.32	2.02	627	546	84
1500	9.3	8	5	1.85	1.61	500	434	83
1750	10.5	9.1	9.4	1.12	0.97	302	262	87
2000	11.1	9.7	12.5	0.89	0.77	240	208	88
2250	13	11.3	18	0.72	0.63	195	170	95
2500	17	14.8	22	0.77	0.67	209	181	94

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2750	23.3	20.3	24	0.97	0.84	262	228	95
3000	28.4	24.7	25	1.14	0.99	307	267	91
3250	32	27.8	29	1.1	0.96	298	259	91
3550	37	32.1	41	0.9	0.78	243	212	92

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

Length Overall	43' 0" / 13.1 m
BEAM	13' 6" 4.11 m
Dry Weight	22,000 lbs 9,979 kg gas
Tested Weight	23,700 lbs. 10,750 kg
Draft	44" 1.1 m (IPS)
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	6' 5" 2.0 m

Bridge Clearance	11' 5" 3.5 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	300 gal. 1,136 L
Water Capacity	75 gal. 284 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	23,700 lbs. 10,750 kg
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	6.3 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	N/A
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	85 deg.; 46% humidity; wind: 0- 5 mph; seas: calm

By Captain Steve

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With her sharp profile, and lots of glass, the Cruisers Yachts 430 Sports Coupe was a joy to drive, says our test captain. Best cruise was 28.4 mph with a range of over 300 miles.

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The 430 Sports Coupe features a settee to port and galley to starboard, and berths fore and aft.

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With lots of glass surrounding the coupe cockpit, and the trademark Cruisers Yachts high overhead, there's little concern about visibility. That's my clinometer stuck in the middle of the window for measuring bow rise.

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At first, I was concerned about the windshield frames blocking the view but it turned out to not be a factor once I got used to it.

Performance and Handling

With an empty weight of 22,000 lbs. (9,979 kg), 3/4 fuel and two people onboard, we had a test weight of 23,700 lbs. (10,750 kg). With twin 370-hp IPS500 pods powering our 430 Sports Coupe we reached a top speed of 37 mph at 3550 rpm. At that speed we were burning 41 gph while getting .9 mpg for a range of 243 miles. Best cruise came in at 3000 rpm and 28.4 mph. Now we were getting a 25 gph fuel burn and 1.14 mpg for a range of 307 miles. We had a time to plane of 6.3 seconds, reached 20 mph in 8.2 seconds, and 30 mph in 15 seconds.

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The Cruisers Yachts 430 Sports Coupe has a 43'0" (13.1 m) LOA, a 13'6" (4.1 m) beam and a weight of 22,000 lbs. (9,979 kg) in gasoline.

Now while we didn't get to take the 430 Sports Coupe offshore, a lot can be told about a boat by crossing wakes and seeing how she handles them. In that regard, the 430 Sports Coupe was excellent. Crossing at an angle showed no deflection of our heading, and we seemed to cut right through the waves rather than launch up and over. If I slowed down, we went over, and the re-entry was smooth and well mannered. When I took the wakes on the beam, we had a roughly 5-degree list, and again, with no alteration of heading. And try as I might, I failed to manage to take any spray on the windshield.

Stern Tour

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The cockpit entertainment center offers options that will make the boater's time at anchor, or even at the dock, as enjoyable as when they're cruising.

The aft seating of the 430 Sports Coupe is much like one would find in any other boat in class. Wrap-around seating with storage underneath, tables that lower to form a sun pad. To port is an entertainment center, and the usual cast of options is available to make it what one wants to use it for. Choose from a Kenyon gas grill, a cockpit fridge or icemaker. Now if the boater really wants to class up their 430 Sports Coupe, they can opt for teak decking in either synthetic or real teak but that would be hard to justify. I have to say I rather enjoyed the look of the snap-in carpet, and being able to remove it for easy cleaning was a benefit to my way of thinking.

Helm Deck

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An organized helm awaits the captain of the 430 Sports Coupe and Cruisers Yachts offers two electronics packages to fill the empty space in the center. Notice the grab rail for the observer and the heat/AC vents to either side.

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It appears that Cruisers Yachts went to some effort to mount the controls at an angle and I'm not sure why. I'd like to see both the engine controls and the joystick mounted on the horizontal. Here one can't really see the control buttons on the back of the control head, so if one opts to have any of those features (like cruise control) on their boat, they're going to have an issue.

The helm deck is elevated, and accessed via two 6" (15.2 cm) steps from the aft cockpit. The helm looked unremarkable due to the empty space for the nav electronics, and I measured 29" (73.7 cm) of open real estate for accommodating a pair of 12" (30.5 cm) flat panels. Analog gauges were above and included my two favorites...the rudder angle indicator and depth gauge. Two levels of electronics are available through Cruisers. The base system consists of the depth finder, GPS, and Raymarine E127 widescreen. The premium package upgrades the depth to add temperature, plus a 4kw radar and autopilot. VHF can also be added to either package. To port is the usual lounge that keeps the observer in the conversational range of the captain. The stereo, with 12V supply and MP3 port are just ahead, and there are additional vents for heat/AC as well.

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One feature I like about the 430 Sports Coupe is the sliding sunroof. Pull it back and one can stand up as they walk through the windshield to go forward. It's not on an electric slider, but I found it to be counter-weighted just right so that it slides nearly effortlessly on its tracks.

The walkthrough windshield is huge, and thankfully, Cruisers Yachts inter-connected the latches so that when the top latch is turned, the bottom turns with it. A great feature since one can never reach that lower one.

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The sofa is upholstered in Ultraleather. It's surrounded in storage cabinets, and the cabinet housing the ship's electrical is to the rear. Plenty of storage is under the master berth and along the sides of the cabin.

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Adjacent to the stairs is a liquor cabinet. Notice the cherry veneer against the synthetic teak deck.

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The hull side windows, combined with the overhead hatches, add a lot of natural light to this salon.

Moving Down Below Decks...

As soon as one walks down the stairs, they are met with an open and roomy salon that has impossibly high overheads. In fact, I couldn't even reach the overhead at 7'3" (2.21 m). The queen island berth is forward and privacy is via a curtain that pulls across. Cruisers Yachts is big on storage and there are the usual accommodations below and to the sides, but not everyone puts the storage in the bow flare, and I was happy to see it here. At the aft end of the salon are two cherry laminate doors. To starboard is the head with a separate shower stall. To port is the aft cabin with twin guest berths, and they easily convert to a single queen. More importantly, this aft stateroom features a separate vanity and water closet, which makes a perfect combination for two people to get ready for a night on the town at the same time.

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A few of the features that the 430 Sports Coupe offers are two ensuite staterooms, side deck and a walkthrough windshield to the bow, and a sunroof.

Power Options

There are a couple of choices for powering the 430 Sports Coupe.

For diesel, there is the 370-hp IPS500s or the 435-hp IPS600s.

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Dynamic Positioning System can also be added, both of which are activated by buttons already on the control module and joystick, so no additional dash drilling is required. Cruisers Yachts did a good job with the 430 Sports Coupe. Her fit-and-finish are executed very well, and I found her to be a comfortable boat inside and out.

Recommendation

Because the IPS500 diesel option is more than the V-drive gas engines, boaters are going to have to carefully consider this option and we really can help in that decision. And there is yet another option, and that is the new 41 Cantius. In the end, our advice is to carefully compare these two Cruisers Yachts models to find the one that meets your needs and budget. Both are fine yachts.