

Monte Carlo Yachts 66 (2020-)

Brief Summary

The Monte Carlo Yachts 66 is a flybridge motoryacht that can be customized to an owner's tastes. The salon and flybridge have lots of open space for entertaining and she can be built with three or four cabins belowdecks.

Price

Base Price

Key Features

- Carbon-fiber hardtop on flybridge
- Galley-up layout
- Spacious bow lounge
- Full-beam master stateroom
- Aft crew's quarters
- Large swim platform

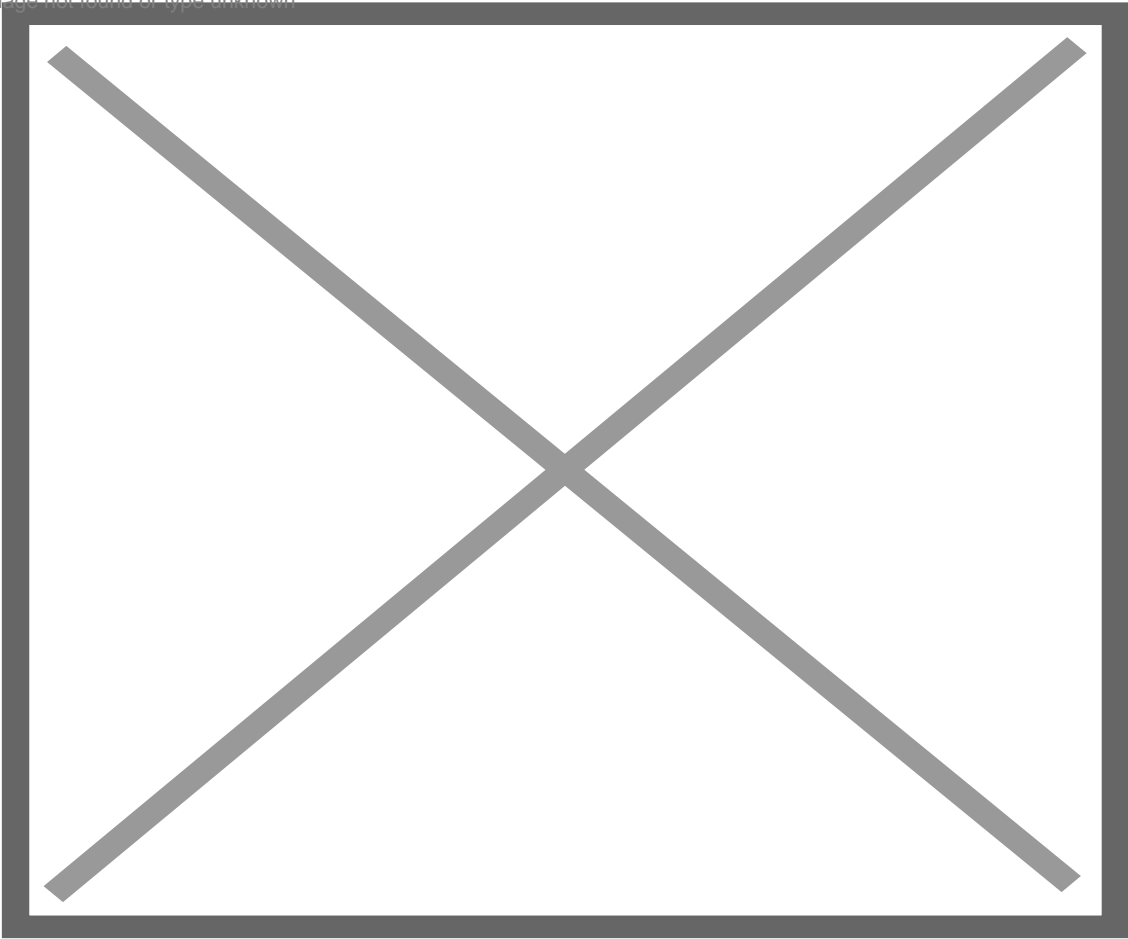
Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	7	6.1	2.1	3.3	2.9	2781	2418.2	53
1000	10.9	9.5	10.4	1	0.9	868	755.2	59
1250	12.9	11.2	21	0.6	0.5	511	444.3	60
1500	14.8	12.9	35	0.4	0.4	352	305.7	63
1750	18	15.7	52.3	0.3	0.3	287	249.2	66
2000	23.3	20.3	76.1	0.3	0.3	255	221.7	65

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2360	33.4	29	111	0.3	0.3	250	217.7	N/A

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Specifications

Length Overall	66' 20.12 m
BEAM	17' 5.18 m
Dry Weight	24,968 lbs. 11,325
Tested Weight	21,557 lbs. 9,778 kg

Draft	4' 8" 1.42 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	
Max Headroom	
Bridge Clearance	
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	925 gal. 3,502 L
Water Capacity	198 gal. 750 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	21,557 lbs. 9,778 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	N/A
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	870mm x 4
Load	4 persons, 1/3 fuel, 3/4 water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	68 deg., 52 humid; wind: 0-0 mph; seas: 0

Captain's Report by Capt. Martin Frobisher

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The Monte Carlo Yachts 66 is 66’ (20.12 m) long with a 17’ (5.18 m) beam and Monte Carlo Yachts says she can hit a top speed of 29 knots.

Mission Statement

Monte Carlo Yachts designed the 66 to be customizable and with large open space on the flybridge and in the salon. The flybridge is mostly on a single level, as are the galley, salon, and helm deck. Belowdecks, she’s set up for versatility with a choice of two layouts available.

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The areas shaded in yellow show how easy it is to pass from stern to bow on the Monte Carlo Yachts 66.

Features Inspection

The Aft Deck. The first of the Monte Carlo Yachts 66’s outdoor gathering areas is the aft deck and it features a 71” (180.34 cm) x 39” (99.06 cm) solid wood table mounted to a fixed pedestal. A 7’ (2.13 m) couch is just aft and it’s upholstered in weather-resistant materials. Overhead, the extended flybridge provides protection from the elements and has 6’8” (2.03 m) of headroom. Outboard on each side are warping winches for mooring lines just abaft 14” (35.56 cm) cleats. Foot switches for the winches are below in the deck. Just ahead, there is fender and line storage. On each side, there are stainless-steel gates that close the passage to stairways that lead to the swim platform. Shorepower connections are in flip-down risers on the platform stairs. The full beam platform measures 5 ½’ (deep). It’s covered in teak and hydraulically actuated to launch a tender or serve as a private beach. Grating in the center sheds water when the platform is raised and a swim ladder is stored just outside the engine room.

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Even with a table and seating for six, the cockpit has a spacious, open feel.

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Extra tall gates on each side have glass inserts to close the passageways with style.

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The seam at the leading edge of the platform indicates the section that can be lowered into the water for tender retrieval or to be a private beach. There are 14” (35.56 cm) cleats forward on each side.

The Bow. Now let’s head to the bow via the 15” (38.10) wide side decks. Bulwarks come up 30” (76.20 cm) and there are 16” (40.64 cm) amidships cleats on each side. There’s also a 16” (40.64 cm) protective overhead that tapers in as it carries forward. Farther forward, a 9” (22.86 cm) step that reduces bulwark height to 28” (71.12 cm) as they elevate to surround the Portuguese bridge. The bow lounging area is

always an attractive feature on Monte Carlo Yachts and includes twin 80" (203.20 cm) long inward-facing lounges with individual backrests spaced 30" (76.2 cm) apart. There's storage under the cushions and popup LED lights are next to carbon-fiber stanchions that support a sunshade. Fully forward, the ground tackle is on an elevated foredeck accessed down a 9" (22.86 cm) step. Two teak-covered hatches flank the center-mounted windlass leading to a through-the-stem roller. A fire hose is in the starboard compartment and there are hooks for hanging lines to both sides. Cleats handle the lines that lead through caprail-mounted chocks with chafing gear just beyond.

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The Monte Carlo Yachts 66's tall bulwarks provide safe passage from bow to stern.

bow lounges bow lounge not found or type unknown

The bow lounges are inviting and have stainless-steel rails running the length of them on each side.

bow shade bow shade not found or type unknown

Lightweight carbon-fiber stanchions make it easy to set up the bow shade.

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Each bow seat has its own adjustable headrest to further enhance the comfort.

seat storage seat storage not found or type unknown

There's also storage under each seat and notice the stainless-steel support struts and full gelcoat finish inside.

windlass windlass not found or type unknown

The windlass is flanked by a rode locker to port and a firehose and the remote control to starboard.

The Flying Bridge. The flying bridge is accessed from stairs to the port side of the aft deck and is one of the most attractive features of the Monte Carlo Yachts 66 for its sheer volume and the amount of covered area, both of which are among the largest in class. Because the hardtop is made from carbon fiber, it doesn't require a series of vertical stanchions to support it, which makes for a clean look. When natural light is required, a center section of the hardtop can be opened. There's a locker at the top of the stairs and the entire flying bridge deck is covered in teak with only one change in elevation as we move forward.

A pair of heavy solid teak tables supported by fixed pedestals is to starboard and a filler piece can be added to them to create a larger dining area. A lounge to starboard wraps around the table and there's additional space to port. At the leading edge of the starboard lounge, the backrest is reversible. Flip it forward to fill in the lounge around the table. Flip it back for the captain to take control from the flying bridge helm. There's another large lounge to port of the helm so guests can keep the operator company.

Aft, there's a 14'3" x 5'2" (4.34 m x 1.58 m) open deck surrounded by 31" (78.74 cm) tall rails. Just ahead is an outdoor galley with a grill, a covered sink and a refrigerator and icemaker. The hatch for the grill closes on an automatic shutoff switch.

Forward to starboard, the flying bridge helm includes dual 15" (38.10 cm) displays with engine screens to both sides. The non-tilting steering wheel is vertically mounted with a compass directly ahead. The joystick and thruster controls are to port with the engine controls to starboard.

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The Monte Carlo Yachts 66's flying bridge is primarily on the same level, which enhances the large open feel.

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Here, the center section of the table is filled in to provide maximum space for entertaining.

hardtop Image not found or type unknown

The carbon-fiber hardtop covers most of the flybridge in shade, but when passengers want the sun, push the button to open the large forward section.

backrest forward Image not found or type unknown

Flip the backrest forward so that the captain can join the passengers around the table.

helm seat Image not found or type unknown

Move the backrest to the opposite position and the captain can sit down to drive.

upper helm Image not found or type unknown

The upper helm is compact but efficiently laid out with everything the captain needs to stay in control.

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The L-shaped lounge to port ensures that the captain won't be lonely during a long-distance cruise.

flying bridge bar Image not found or type unknown

When closed, the top of the flying bridge bar has lots of space for serving.

grill Image not found or type unknown

Twin gas struts hold up the cover for the flying bridge grill and notice the pass-through to the sink that facilitates cleanup.

sink Image not found or type unknown

Outboard to starboard, the sink is beneath a removable cover and it has a fold-up faucet.

Galley. Moving to the Monte Carlo Yachts 66's interior, the salon is accessed through a set of stainless-steel-framed glass doors that open to create a 6'3" x 5'2" (1.91 m x 1.58 m) wide opening. Inside is an open

layout with plenty of natural light from the oversized wide windows and the 6'8" (2.03 m) tall overhead clearance that drops to 6'6" (1.98 m) and then rises to 7'3" (2.1 m) as we move forward. When we first enter the salon the galley is aft to port. It has a serving area right at the entry with a convection oven below. To port is a full-sized refrigerator behind a finished door. Ahead is a four-burner induction cooktop with a powered vent above, and a dishwasher just below. The stainless-steel sink is beneath a removable cover. More open counter space leads to the lower cabinet, housing the freezer. To starboard, an L-shaped settee wraps around a casual dining table, signaling that this is intended to be a family boat. Aft is tableware storage.

galley

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The galley is efficiently laid out with plenty of counter space for food preparation and all of the appliances required for an extended cruise, including a full-sized refrigerator.

galley dining area

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Across from the galley to starboard is a casual dining area with a lounge and table. More formal dining would take place on the aft deck.

The Salon. Wide-planked hardwood decking continues forward and it's an 8" (20.32 cm) tall step up to the Monte Carlo Yachts 66's salon. A wraparound sofa is to port and notice how the windows extend below the height of the sofa backrests, letting in maximum natural light. Across is more storage for tableware alongside a wine chiller. The divider between the dinette and salon houses a 48" (121.92cm) TV that comes up on an electric lift and can be rotated so it can be seen from the dinette or salon.

salon

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Much like the flybridge, the salon is designed more for a straightforward, open feel with lots of headroom and extra-large windows.

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An indicator that this boat was intended for the U.S. market, there's a 48" (121.9 cm) TV in the salon that can be rotated for a variety of viewing angles.

Lower Helm. Forward to starboard, the lower helm features a stylized angular upper panel with an autopilot alongside twin 16" (40.64 cm) Raymarine multifunction screens, followed by a smaller weather data display to starboard. Below, the flat panel includes the windlass remote, the spotlight control, and the Seakeeper stabilizer control panel. There's a remote for the Raymarine screens, a Xenta display with buttons for controlling the steering and thrusters and it has the ability to combine all of them into one. To the right of the wheel are the engine controls and the electrical switch panel. Trim controls are just ahead and the ignition keys are something we haven't seen before. They're magnetic and when removed, they click together. When separated, they drop into place and the magnets activate the ignition. The steering wheel is mounted

to a fixed base on a raised panel and the wheel is in line with the compass just ahead. There's a small cubby nearby that's great for holding quick-drop items. There's also a VHF radio with a remote speaker. Visibility is through a double windshield separated by a narrow mullion. The glass measures 64" (162.56 cm) by 40" (101.60 cm) with an 11" (27.94 cm) brow above to knock down glare. The seat is from Xelto and is upholstered in custom embossed leather and there is a flip-down footrest. Alongside the helm is a watertight door that leads to the side decks. Having the joystick right alongside would be a plus for docking.

helm dash

The lower helm screens are in clear view in this aircraft-style vertical panel.

lower helm

We'd like to see the joystick (red arrow) moved to the starboard gunwale (blue arrow), so that the captain could reach it while looking out the sliding door adjacent to the seat.

helm seat bolster

With the bolster down, the lower helm seat is extra-wide to accommodate large captains.

helm seat bolster up

The bolster and footrest can be folded up if a captain prefers to run from a standing position.

Below Decks

three cabin

Our test boat had the three-cabin layout with a full-beam master stateroom.

lower deck

She's also available with four staterooms plus the crew's quarters.

Accommodations. We access the lower deck via a center-mounted companionway with a leather-wrapped stainless grabrail at the top and bottom. The electrical panel is at the bottom of the stairs with the DC switches on top and the AC on the bottom. The decking has machined grooves that add nonskid. Let's start with our cabin inspections in the master stateroom. The head is right at the entrance and a sink is recessed in the marble countertop that is matched to the decking. There's a walk-in shower aft and the area is illuminated by direct and indirect lighting.

Continuing aft, we come down three 8" (20.32 cm) steps and there's a vanity just to our left. The stateroom is full-beam with the 69" (175.26 cm) x 74" (187.96 cm) berth on center. All wood is a lacquered Tanganica Frise'. There's a sofa to starboard and a chest of drawers below the hullside windows that have come to define the brand. There's an open feel to the quarters, thanks to those windows being larger than we've seen previously and the 6'5" (1.96 m) of headroom. Mirrors are to both sides of the two-tone upholstered

headboard with night tables beneath. Forward, there's storage above and below the 27" (65.68 cm) TV. Twin hanging lockers have lighted rods. Decking is full carpet and courtesy lighting surrounds the berth frame and ceiling.

main panel or type unknown

A locker housing the boat's main distribution panel is at the bottom of the cabin stairs.

master stateroom or type unknown

This photo gives an idea of the cavernous feel of the master stateroom, especially the headroom.

circular windows or type unknown

The circular windows have become a Monte Carlo Yachts' styling signature and those on our test boat were the largest we've seen.

tv storage or type unknown

Storage is at the foot of the berth in large drawers and in dual hanging lockers on each side of the stateroom.

master head or type unknown

The master head has a spacious, airy feel and Monte Carlo Yachts effectively uses mirrors to enhance that.

master shower or type unknown

The separate walk-in shower is a feature often reserved for boats longer than 70' (21.33 m).

Guest Cabin. To starboard and just ahead of the master is the guest cabin. Two 9" (22.86 cm) steps lead between twin 79" (200.66 cm) x 30" (76.2 cm) berths separated by 13" (33.02 cm). Headroom is 6'8" (2.03 m). Two opening ports provide plenty of natural light and bookshelves include fiddles to retain the contents. A 21" (53.34 cm) TV is mounted to the forward bulkhead and there's a closet just ahead. This cabin also has a private entrance to the day head, which has a second door at the base of the companionway. It includes a walk-in shower with a space-saving circular acrylic door. The vessel sink is beneath a mirror with shelving behind. As in the master, the marble counter matches the decking.

guest cabin or type unknown

Even the guest cabin has a more spacious feeling than we've found on boats in this size range.

guest head or type unknown

At the foot of the berths, there are AC controls, a TV, and entry to the head.

guest head or type unknown

The guest head has a separate shower stall and it serves as the day head as well.

VIP Stateroom. Fully forward, the VIP quarters are laid out in the usual fashion with an island berth accessible via steps on each side. The berth measures 80" (203.2 cm) x 59" (148.86 cm) and headroom is 6'5" (1.96 m). Hullside windows with opening ports provide natural light and ventilation. Storage is in hanging lockers on each side and on shelving flanking the upholstered headboard. A 27" (65.68 cm) TV provides entertainment and air-conditioning vents are in the valances that are equipped with recessed lighting. The stateroom has its own ensuite head with separate shower and fixtures similar to those found in the other two.

vip stateroom
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In the bow, the VIP cabin has large hullside windows with opening ports.

close
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As we saw in the master, there are two hanging lockers in the VIP stateroom.

guest head
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The extra-long mirror is a smart choice for the VIP head. As we saw throughout the 66, Monte Carlo Yachts espouses an open feel.

Crew and Engine Room. The usual watertight transom door provides access to the crew quarters and engine room. Crew space is just to left of the stairs that lead down to the engine room companionway, where there is a washer/dryer. Inside, the twin 1000-hp MAN V8 engines turn straight-shaft inboards. There's 15" (38.1 cm) between the stainless-steel safety rails that surround the engines and there's a full 6' (1.83 m) of headroom. Exhaust risers are also well supported and properly insulated, which is not something we often see. The main electrical panel occupies the full forward bulkhead with a closed-circuit camera just above. Engine control panels are outboard on each side of the compartment bulkhead. We'd like to see them more centrally positioned. Aluminum fuel tanks are on each side of the compartment and they have a total capacity of 562.5-gallons (1,700 L). Fuel filters are aft with crossover valves and a sight tube in the aft corner. Raw-water pickups and strainers are abaft each engine and easily serviced. At the aft bulkhead, we saw the 22.5 kW generator and just to the left are the thruster battery charger, the generator control panel, and the air chiller system just above. Below is the Seakeeper gyroscopic stabilizer.

engine access
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The watertight door on the transom opens access to the crew's quarters and to the engine room.

crew quarters
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The crew's quarters provide the fundamentals, two beds and a place to answer nature's call.

laundry
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The crew can do laundry in this combination wash/dryer in the engine room.

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There's plenty of space between the 1,000-hp MAN engines and headroom in the compartment is also plentiful.

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We would like to see more manufacturers wrap exhaust in the proper insulation.

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The electrical panels at the front of the compartment put all of the circuit breakers and battery switches in easy reach.

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The engine control boxes, on the other hand, were outboard and not as easy to get to. We'd like to see them more centrally located.

Performance

The Numbers. The Monte Carlo Yachts 66 has an LOA of 66' (20.12 m), a beam of 17' (5.18 m), and a draft of 4'8" (1.42 m). Empty weight is 83,775 lbs. (38,000 kg) and with three people, 323 gallons (1,223 L) of fuel and 148 gallons (560 L) of water, we had an estimated test weight of 87,696 pounds (39,778 kg).

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The Monte Carlo Yachts 66's forward hullside windows make the boat look as if she's smiling.

Speed and Range. Our test boat was powered by twin 1,000-hp MAN V08 inboards. Because of a fuel-filter issue, we could only get the boat to 2000 rpm. Monte Carlo Yachts says it has hit 29 knots at 2360 rpm, resulting in .3 NMPG and that stayed consistent down to 1750 rpm and 15.7 knots where the 35 gph resulted in a range of just under 250 nautical miles. If distance is the goal, drop down to 1250 rpm and 11.2 knots. That speed produced a 21 gph fuel burn and a range of 444.3 nm while running at 1000 rpm and 9.5 knots results in 10.4 gph for a range of 755.2 nm. These figures are all calculated while holding back a 10-percent reserve of the boat's 925-gallon (3,502 L) fuel capacity.

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Not only does the Monte Carlo Yachts 66 strike an impressive pose on the water, but she delivers exhilarating performance.

Observations

The Monte Carlo Yachts 66 is customizable to an owners' tastes, including being available with three or four staterooms belowdecks and giving owners a choice between 1000 and 1200-hp engines. She's built and

designed like a larger boat, as evidenced by her Class A rating in Europe.

While some might question using inboards instead of pod drives like the Volvo Penta IPS, having the MAN joystick gives the boat similar handling around the docks, so owners who prefer inboards can now get the easier maneuverability.