

The brief...



Karnic debuted two stylish sundeck-style boats, the 2052 and 2452, late last year. Both suggested a new and very exciting path for this Cypriot builder, so we were keen to get aboard. **Simon**

LOA: 23ft 5in (7.5m)

PRICE: from £49,995

TOP SPEED: 36 knots

BUILDERS: Karnic Bluewater

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"The biggest step up yet for Karnic in style and quality"



View footage of the Karnic 2452 on test at motorboatsmonthly.co.uk

Karnic 2452

This sharp-looking 23-footer looks superb on the water but how did it perform on test? **REPORT BY SIMON JINKS**

It's hardly a secret that Karnic is a yard on the up. From its roots as a builder of small runabouts for the local Cypriot market it has grown into an international name in distinctive and high quality sportsboats. Recently it has moved into bigger-boat territory with its hardtop designs offering a practical, all-weather alternative to the usual sports cruiser offerings. Karnic has established a reputation for good

mouldings, solid fittings and sound build quality. The 2452 is no exception and looks to be the biggest step up yet in terms of style.

Design & build

It is an incredibly tight, well-engineered package, however on a more subjective level, it's also great to see and drive something a little different, and with its mix of centre-console

function, reverse sheer and sharply modernist form it is certainly different. It is packed with detail too, the curvaceous stainless steel rails echo the shape of the hull while portholes add more charm.

The sundeck design allows for a small but well-fitted cabin and separate toilet that, if you opted for the cockpit galley module, you would have a very interesting weekender on your hands.



COCKPIT

Exterior

Great sundeck and storage

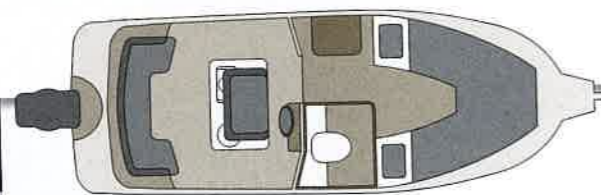
Although the 2452 is certified to carry eight, it is more suited to seat five or six underway. The foredeck is given over to a sundeck, easily and safely accessed from the cockpit. It measures 5ft 6in long by 5ft 10in

wide, allowing plenty of space for two people or even a family to lounge around comfortably.

Six solid cleats adorn the gunwhale, including amidships ones which are handy for coming alongside when shorthanded. Although there is a stainless steel rail going forward from amidships, we did note there

was nowhere to hang fenders aft. The anchor locker has a recessed moulding ready to accept a low-profile vertical windlass, if required. The anchor sits on the dolphin-nosed moulding in a self-launching bow roller, and on the whole the area is well finished. On the transom there is a recessed

boarding ladder and shower. Cockpit storage in cave lockers can be found on either side and seating at the stern provides two lined self-draining lockers, with hatches supported by gas struts. The central locker aft houses the batteries, pumps and electrics. However, we would suggest some form of protective cover for the battery switch as the terminals were exposed.



"There's plenty of room to lounge up front"



SUNDECK



STORAGE



HELM

From the helm

Smart helm conceals hob and sink

Two helm seat options are offered – swivelling bucket seats as standard or a central helm seat console as fitted to the test boat. We found the latter works well in its dual role as a leaning post for fast driving or as a helm seat in calmer sea conditions. The seat pivots forward on gas struts accessing a single burner gas hob and sink, with pressurised cold water. The console is well finished and a large cupboard below the console houses the gas and extra storage.

The helm station is well laid out with space for a decent-sized plotter screen and all the gauges you would ever need. The wraparound windshield offers pretty good protection from the wind although spray occasionally found its way over every now and then. Grab handles either side of the windshield add to the security.



GALLEY



TOILET COMPARTMENT



CABIN



CABIN LOOKING AFT

Interior

V-berth and toilet allow for night stops

A sliding polycarbonate door leads down to a cabin big enough to get changed in but not stand up in.

That said we'd be happy to sit out a squall down here or even stay overnight with a close personal friend. An infill converts the seating into a 6ft V-shaped berth and portholes either side of the cabin add extra light. The bright red upholstery also makes a nice change from the usual neutrality.

Four small lined lockers under the V-berth are well finished and a lip around the backrests provides a fiddled stowage shelf. A 10-point electrical switch panel is offset under the entrance allowing easy access to the switches with a modicum of protection. A small cupboard to port houses an

optional fridge and a padded fiddle rail on top of the cupboard provides a useful shelf. The toilet compartment is on the small side providing sitting room only but it is a proper sea toilet. Light is provided by a small porthole but there is no wash hand basin.

Performance & handling

Karnic's sound build quality is invariably matched by its clean, sure ride through a chop and easy handling, and true to form this 24-footer delivered the goods with a 250hp outboard strapped to its back. This serious amount of power pushed it to just shy of 47 knots and while the hull is clearly fizzing there is never any hint of skittishness and it is very happy with this level of performance.

We also tried the boat with a more moderate amount of power – a Suzuki 175hp unit – clocking a swift 37 knots, which for most family folk is probably enough and saves a couple of grand over the cost of the larger engine. The difference in top-end speeds aside the hull flies along at an easy 30 knots and it tucked through the imaginary slalom course we ran without skipping or breaking out. What is also noticeable is just how nicely poised the boat is. It's a natural runner in the same way that

some people make a few laps of the park look effortless, while others crease themselves to get a similar result. We also liked the fact that as well as feeling totally assured and comfortable over the water, its solid build means there are no unsettling squeaks or rattles. Drop down to a leisurely 20-25 knots, which tends to be where you are when motoring with family and friends, and the hull lollops along delivering close to 4mpg.





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Specification & value

Priced just under £50k with a 175hp engine, it is bang on the mark with the 7.5m competition, while offering a high level of finish, build and on-water ability. The boat as tested had £3000 of extras – blue hull, electronics, console cover and the leaning post option, including the stove – most of which we'd go for if you really want to get the most out of this boat.

Technical data

KEY DIMENSIONS	
BUILD	GRP
RCD	cat B
LENGTH OVERALL	23ft 5in (7.15m)
HULL LENGTH	22ft 3in (6.80m)
BEAM	8ft 0in (2.45m)
DISPLACEMENT	1.9 tonnes
FUEL CAPACITY	43gal (200lt)
WATER CAPACITY	9gal (45lt)
CABIN BERTH	6ft 0in x 5ft 3in (1.82 x 1.60m)

PERFORMANCE	
Engines	Suzuki DF250 TX outboard
Conditions	wind Nly, Force 2, sea state calm
Load	fuel 25%, water 0%, crew 2

RPM	KNOTS	GPH	LPH	MPG
3000	18.0	4.4	20	3.98
3500	24.2	6.0	27	4.03
4000	30.0	7.7	35	3.90
5000	37.4	11.5	52	3.25
6000	46.4	16.8	76	2.76

Range figures quoted above are in miles based on standard fuel tanks and include a 20% margin. GPH & MPG refer to imperial gallons. These figures may vary due to weather conditions, air, water, engine temperature, crew numbers, hull fouling, fuel quality and other issues.

PRICES	
STANDARD BOAT with Suzuki DF 175 outboard	£49,995 Inc 20% VAT
BIMINI TOP	£859
ELECTRIC 42lt FRIDGE	£750
ANCHOR WINDLASS	£1200
TWO STAINLESS STEEL ROD HOLDERS	£68
CONSOLE & HELM SEAT COVER	£455
FULL BOAT COVER	£721

BOAT AS TESTED **£52,995**



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THE VERDICT

The 2452 is a breath of fresh air and shows just how wonderfully exciting and different the sportsboat market can be. It looks sharp, is well put together and handles impressively all the way up to 50 knots (and it's got a loo!). With the likes of the Jeanneau 7.5 and 8.5 Cap Camarats doing a similarly versatile job it's an exciting time to be buying a new 24ft boat.



Meet the family



HARDTOP

2455 Storm COMING SOON
LOA: 23ft 5in (7.15m)
If you like the hull but require a little more room and protection Karnic is launching this hardtop version later this year.



SMALLER

2052 Sundeck Open from £30,900
LOA: 19ft 6in (5.95m)
The 2052 is the smaller version of 2452 minus the toilet cubicle. Prices start at £30,900 with a 115hp outboard and £32,430 with a 140hp.

The rivals



Beneteau Flyer 750 from £44,346
The 750 Sundeck has a similar layout, is available with either a leaning post or swivel seating options and will take up to 300hp outboard. www.beneteau.com



Jeanneau 7.5WA from £45,169
This newcomer to the market will replace the 715 and 755WA and is worth looking at as the layout is pretty identical to the Karnic, but it's longer at 7.5m. www.jeanneau.com

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