

# OCEAN EVOLUTION

*Cross oceans with ease or dazzle your guests on a harbour cruise — the options are limitless behind the wheel of an Ocean Alexander motor yacht.*

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**TOP DOWN** The 70e's two helm stations and third remote station are perfect for those wanting to captain their own vessel; All of the features included allow for shorter trips as well as extended ocean cruising



**W**hy join the queue for a new build when you could be on the water this summer in a prestigious 2019-model Ocean Alexander motoryacht?

The 22m 70e was first unveiled to the Australian market at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show in 2018. With this demonstrator boat now having just 350 hours on the engines, for the astute buyer this is essentially a brand new yacht at an attractive price and with none of the lead time.

For the curious, the 'e' in this yacht's title refers to 'Evolution', and the 70e is indeed evolved from Ocean Alexander's past vessels. For one thing, this range of motoryachts is the first to be built outside of the brand's traditional Taiwan shipyard;

this 70e was crafted in Florida, USA instead. And this sleek ocean explorer is also among the first Ocean Alexander models to be powered by Volvo IPS drives, in this case IPS 1200's at 900hp each, providing the documented efficiency and space gains that come with pod drives.

#### MINIMAL CREW

The 70e is well-suited to an owner who enjoys captaining their own vessel for the weekend or for extended cruising away from their home base.

The very modern-looking upper and lower helm stations both feature dynamic-positioning joystick controls for ease of manoeuvring and stress-free berthing, plus a third remote station is found on the aft deck.





The VIP has an ensuite head, while the other two guest rooms share a third head, though the starboard twin has direct access.

**BLUEWATER CREDENTIALS**

Flybridge access is via two stairwells; one from the cockpit and one from the pilothouse, providing all-weather protection.

A solid hardtop covers the twin helm chairs and central lounge, while further aft is a bar and barbecue area adjoining a custom high-low table which converts to an inviting sunpad.

A second sunpad can be found at the bow, which is no longer a utilitarian space, but an entertainment hotspot.

Twin settees face across a table with space for six guests, and an overhead canopy can be erected to cover this area as required.

Equipment found elsewhere on board confirms Ocean Alexander's pedigree of building boats to cross oceans.

Extended cruising is made simple via twin Kohler 23kW gensets, Sidepower Hydraulic Zero speed fin stabilisers, Victron inverter and Sea Recovery watermaker, while a tender can sit atop the hydraulic swim platform.

Volvo/Garmin Glass Bridge electronics take care of navigation duties, and Ocean Alexander's proprietary Octoplex electrical management system allows users to easily control the boat's electrical systems using a phone or tablet app.

All up, the 70e presents a picture of a luxuriously-appointed but exceedingly capable seagoing yacht, and one that will surely be snapped up by a smart buyer keen to get on the water this summer.

**Quick specs**

2019 OCEAN ALEXANDER 70E

- PRICE \$POA
- LOCATION Queensland
- MATERIAL GRP
- LENGTH OVERALL 21.8m (71')
- BEAM 5.49m (18')
- DRAFT 1.55m (5'1")
- WEIGHT 35,380kg (approx.)
- FUEL 3936L (approx.)
- WATER 1136L (approx.)
- HOLDING TANK 379L (approx.)
- GUESTS 8 (night) + crew
- ENGINES Volvo D13 IPS 1200's
- ENGINE HOURS 350

PERFORMANCE

- CRUISING 22kts
- TOP SPEED 27kts

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**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE** All of the bathrooms make use of modern amenities and styling; A bar and barbecue area is ideal for guests enjoying the cruise; The master stateroom, forward VIP cabin, twin berths to starboard, and bunks to port and starboard provide space for up to eight guests; Covered by a solid hardtop, the central lounge is perfect for socialising

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Tight slips, current and wind will create zero issues for the captain with a joystick at his disposal. And when you add an electric bow thruster into the equation, there's no question the 70e is well within a first-time boat buyer's comfort zone.

The lower helm also features a pantograph door to port for quick access to the side decks, and helps justify the claim that you can run this large boat with just a husband and wife team.

**ROOM TO RELAX**

What is immediately apparent upon stepping aboard this impressive craft is how much space the Ocean Alexander team have managed to create around different zones within a 70-foot vessel.

The luxurious accommodation caters for up to eight guests overnight, plus the option of accommodating one crew member (or extra family) in the private aft cabin.

One of the benefits of the Volvo IPS system is the extra space afforded to the aft-located master stateroom — a modern, welcoming cabin that makes the most of the 70e's 5.5m beam.

Guests will enjoy a forward VIP cabin, twin berths to starboard and bunks to port.

