Hunt 80: First—and Fast—Megayacht From Hunt Yachts

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An 87-footer (26.5-meter) currently en route to American shores is the new flagship for Hunt Yachts (http://www.huntyachts.com). She’s the Hunt 80, and she’ll get you where you want to go swiftly, at an expected cruise speed of 24 knots and top end of 31 knots.

The Hunt 80 belongs to Hunt Yachts’ Ocean Series, meant for buyers who plan to venture offshore with regularity. She bears naval architecture by the renowned firm C. Raymond Hunt Associates (http://www.huntdesigns.com), as do all of the builder’s projects. Twin 1,600-hp MTUs should ensure the above-mentioned performance. (You can opt for more powerful powerplants, too.) A deep-V hull form should keep her more comfortable if seas get sloppy. In addition, 2,150 gallons (9,724 liters) of fuel mean a number of popular cruising areas can be reached. So, too, does the shallow four-foot (2.1-meter) draft.

The first Hunt 80 has accommodations for eight, including in a full-beam (19'6", or 5.9-meter) master; all are below decks. The rest of the general arrangement is pretty traditional, too. You’ll find a main-deck galley steps from the dining area and saloon. Enjoy shaded alfresco dining on the aft deck, or take in the views from the cozy flying bridge.

Look for the Hunt 80 to be showcased this summer along the East Coast. Hunt Yachts is offering the Hunt 80 on a semi-custom basis, so buyers of future hulls can select paneling and other decor items.

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