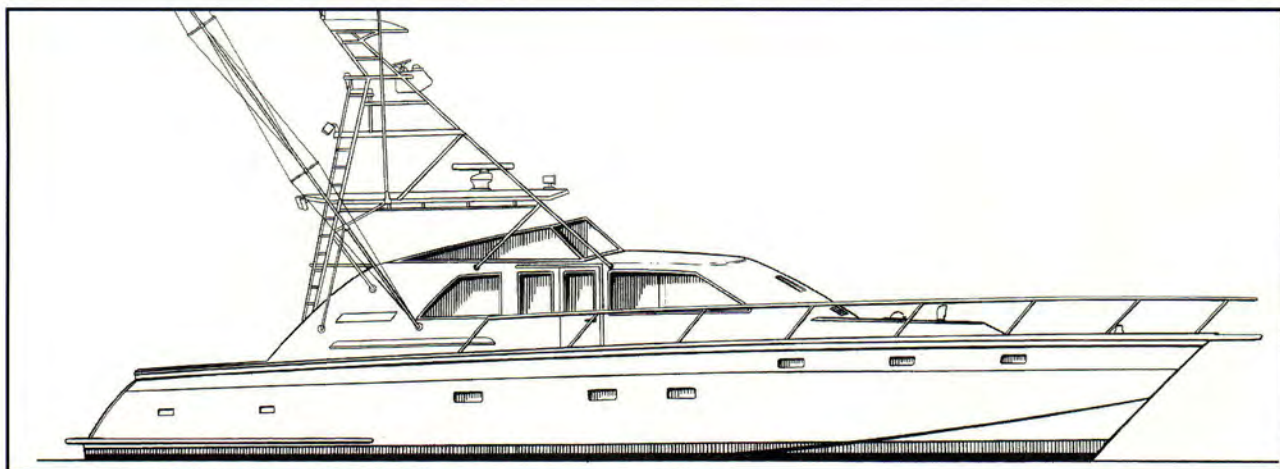


# Designer's Choice

GERR MARINE 66' EXPRESS CRUISER/SPORTFISHERMAN



**W**hile you can cruise in many sportfishing boats and fish just about anywhere from the beach to the QE2, it's not often that a vessel is designed specifically to combine the two recreations.

*Kingfisher* is designated a Fast Express Cruiser/Sportfisherman and seems to fulfill each function without compromising the other.

The accommodation plan is the main subject of scrutiny, as traveling with family and guests was one of the main criteria in the original specifications. The owner's suite occupies the full width of the boat amidships with a walk-around queen berth and ensuite everything from showers to work stations. The main guest cabin forward also has a queen bed and its own head and shower. An ingenious arrangement for accommodating more than four people

## SPECIFICATIONS

LOA	65'6"
LWL	57'3"
Beam	19'0"
Draft	5'2"
Displacement	37 tons
Fuel	1,480 gals.
Water	400 gals.
Power Twin MAN V-12s @	1,300hp
Max. speed	32 knots
Range @ 20 knots	500 n.m.

aboard is found in the main saloon. Two settees convert to upper and lower bunks and can be curtained off to provide privacy but without impeding access through the saloon.

The bridge deck is the site of the single helm station and was creat-

ed to provide full 360-degree visibility. The station also has what designer Dave Gerr describes as an "expansive" instrument panel.

The 12-foot Zodiac RIB is stowed on the starboard side under the bridge deck and is launched and retrieved on a retractable roller track. This might sound complicated but the deployment of the telescoping track is a one-man, push-button operation.

Access to the engine room is via a watertight door in the cockpit. The area has standing headroom and is home to the twin MAN V-12s that will push *Kingfisher* along at a comfortable 25-knot cruise and a 32-knot max. Twin Northern Lights generators — 12 and 20kW — provide the juice.

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