



With her sturdy construction, responsive handling and spacious design, the Westerly KONSORT is an ideal yacht for both family cruising and single-handed sailing adventures.

From his seat in the spacious, self-draining cockpit, the helmsman has complete control of all operations: the halyards are led aft to winches on each side of the main hatch, while the sheet winches and mainsheet are within easy reach. Her rudder is semi-balanced, so a light touch is all that the tiller requires, and transom-hung to maximise cockpit space. The engine control panel is mounted on the bridgedeck for easy visibility, and beneath the starboard seat is a capacious locker for the stowage of sails, warps, fenders and other miscellaneous gear. She is available in the popular fin keel configuration, or twin and lifting keel versions.

Horizontal surfaces in the cockpit are fitted with Treadmaster, while an effective non-slip paint is used on all deck working areas. The layout here is clear, broad and unrestricted, with chunky teak grab rails and toe rails making sure that the crew can move about in safety. The deck is insulated with a balsa sandwich. On the centre line of the foredeck the balsa is replaced by a hardwood king plank. The deck fittings are built to last through years of use, and there are five large mooring cleats, including one on each side amidships. Double lifelines are provided as standard, and there's space to stow a liferaft just forward of the mast.

The accommodation below decks is planned to a 2-cabin layout with room to sleep 6/7 adults. Extensive use of teak and teak faced marine ply, with high-quality padded linings and an attractive choice of soft furnishings, gives a warm, luxurious atmosphere to the whole interior. The two full-length berths in the forward cabin, can convert to a double. Above the berth run deep shelves both sides of the hull, below there are more lockers, and the stainless steel water tank (capacity: 30 gallons). Between the forecabin and the saloon is the heads, with marine WC and washbasin on the port side, and a hanging locker to starboard.

Settee berths on each side of a fixed central table which incorporate a drinks locker are the classic design elements of the KONSORT's roomy saloon. The port berth converts easily to a double, and a quarterberth extends underneath the port cockpit seat. Stowage space is in abundance, with extra lockers under each bunk and plenty of shelving. This area has an attractive teak strip cabin sole.

Aft of the saloon is the navigation area and galley, to port and starboard respectively. The galley is equipped with a 2-burner cooker, grill and oven, with the gas supply led through seamless copper piping from a storage bottle in a gas locker at the aft end of the cockpit. There's also a stainless steel sink, with water supplied by a foot-operated pump, an ice box and stowage for pots, pans, cutlery and stores. A pressurised hot and cold water system is available as an optional extra, with the hot water fed from a heat exchanger on the engine.

Lit by a flexible chart light (fixed as standard), the navigator's table is just the right size for an Admiralty chart folded in half. Navigation equipment can be kept to hand, and there's room for the installation of a radio and instrument panel.

Engine power for the KONSORT comes from a rugged smooth running Bukh diesel, which develops a hull speed of 6/6½ knots through a 2 blade propeller with a cruising range of over 170 miles. The fuel tank holds 15 gallons. Standard features include an alternator, electric starter and flexible mountings. Large hatches at the front of the engine and in the cockpit sail locker provide easy access for maintenance. The tough, reliable performance of the Bukh engine gives KONSORT really decisive manoeuvrability when it counts – in rocky channels or crowded marinas.

Attesting to Westerly's rigorous quality control is the Lloyd's Hull Construction Certificate, issued to every KONSORT we build. Thorough inspections are carried out at every stage, ensuring that the highest standards are consistently maintained.

The result is a yacht with flair, energy and a performance that will thrill the whole family. In a word, KONSORT is a joy to sail.

