

HEAVY METAL

THE PEDRO LEVANTO 38

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Pedro yachts have been at the forefront of steel construction for over 50 years, and the experience and quality is abundantly apparent as soon as you step on board.

The new Levanto 38 is a single engined steel constructed full displacement motor yacht that can cruise for 600 miles on one tank of fuel. This will certainly dampen the pain created by the derogation of red diesel, in fact, according to Jim Cole; Managing

Director of J.R. Cole Marine Services, interest in these boats has risen in line with the rapidly increasing cost of fuel.

At 4.05mtrs wide the new Levanto 38 benefits from extra beam over previous models, enabling greater use of space, particularly in the aft cabin. Various layout options are available on the Levanto 38, but in all cases the aft cabin remains the same. The queen size bed occupies the starboard

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corner with a spacious ensuite head and shower stall to port. A neatly concealed stool pulls out from under the bed for use at the dressing table, whilst a full height wardrobe provides sufficient storage for a boat of this size.

Situated under the aft cabin bed is an inspection hatch to the propeller, known as a 'weed hatch'. Its purpose is to allow access to the running gear to clear any weed or rope that may have become entangled around the

galley. Options can take the accommodation levels up to 8 berths.

Once out on the water the two most interesting factors about this boat were its low wash and incredible silence. The single Perkins 150hp engine will take you for 600 miles at 8 knots on a single tank of fuel, in complete silence! The reason for this silence lies in the floor bearers and the floors themselves, which are encased in a lead lined soundproof core within the timber floor. For a

Pedro Levanto 38 Specifications

Length Overall	11.55m
Beam	4.05m
Draft	1.05m
Fuel	600L
Water	420L
Holding Tank	230L
Berths	4 to 8
Motor	Perkins M150Ti
Weight	13,650kg
CE Category	B

Boat as standard £237,200 inc. VAT
Boat as tested £245,300 inc. VAT
High grade steel construction
Steel frames with 40 cm rib spacing

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prop, a clever idea that would save both time and money should this common and irritating problem occur.

Teak is the only timber on offer for the fit out, but surprisingly the stunning teak and holly floor that is supplied as an £1800 extra is not the real thing. It would take a close inspection to reveal that it is a laminate, which is stronger and more resistant than real teak and holly that is easily damaged from even the slightest impact. The layout on the test boat offered a VIP forward cabin with shared ensuite heads with the dinette and

boat that will spend most of its life on inland waterways it is important to maintain a low wash, and with this boat there is virtually none. Kayakers and scullers need not fear a swamping when they see a Pedro Levanto coming their way!

Construction is all steel with the hull shot blasted and protected internally and externally with a two part epoxy coated primer. The decks are coated with a two-component nonslip paint, while the hull has an awl grip enamel paint finish which can be any colour the client chooses, both internally

and externally.

A full length keel and a protected propeller allow the Levanto 38 to take the ground. At close to 14 tons the Levanto is a stable and very docile boat that is not easily blown around, making manoeuvrability a confident and relaxed affair, with the electric bow thruster fitted to this boat as standard. Apart from the obvious benefits of a bow thruster, it is particularly useful when reverse steering. With the single engine in astern, a

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flick of the bow thruster directs the stern with precision.

Designed with the inland waterways as its main cruising ground, the Levanto 38 has an incredibly low 2.6 metre air draft that will allow it to go under any of the many European inland waterways bridges.

This is achieved by folding down the screens, frame and aft deck canopy. The aft deck canopy can be extended and adjusted to create a full enclosure or simply a bimini top, depending on the weather. The standard Webasto warm air heating is sufficient enough heat throughout the boat and into the aft deck when fully enclosed.

Such is the quality of the Pedro Levanto 38 that the manufacturers offer a comprehensive five year warranty, which is sourced through an independent insurer, Kuiper, at the date of commissioning. The warranty covers any construction faults during a period of five years, and is part of the comprehensive Pedro-Boat B.V. quality programme.



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