

Hanse 350

PRICE: £75,990 • STAND: N020B

Replacing the 342 in Hanse's range of performance cruisers is the new 350. Slightly longer, both overall and on the waterline, she's also a tad beamier and that much roomier all round.

But there's no fundamental shift of emphasis. This is still a roomy boat that's easy to handle yet sportier than your average modern cruiser – and as I found during a recent sail in breezy conditions, she doesn't hang around. We hit an easy 9 knots downwind in flat water with the self-tacking jib and a slab in the mainsail. Upwind with two slabs she proved lively and really needed a third reef, which we didn't have.



Below decks there are two significant changes from earlier Hanses. One is the forward heads, the other the matt-finish cherry joinery instead of the red-stained gloss finish, though the white bulkheads remain. A full test will be in the March issue of PBO.

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