

# HANSE 430e

## BOAT TEST

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**L**ee ... Ho! - one of the most vivid memories I have of my childhood revolves (no pun intended) around tacking. I was first introduced to sailing on a large boat at the age of four and the first few practice runs involved the family rehearsing the manoeuvre before setting out for our relatively long first trip. This Lee.. Ho act was the defining moment of any stretch of sailing, so imagine my surprise when I was out at

sea on the new Hanse 430e and we did not need to tack. The obvious options to avoid the relative hassle of tacking were usually either motoring your way around or sailing without a jib or genoa, but Hanse's decision to include self-tacking equipment on every boat they produce will have made life easier for many a new and experienced boat owner alike.

Do not be fooled though, there is much more to this range of yachts than this (incredibly practical and useful) party trick. Every Hanse now has the particular lines which make boats by the brand immediately recognisable when you approach them at the marina - dare I say a baby-Wally look? The 430 is no different and it oozes class and a sense of purpose, especially with that beamy hull and wide aft. I'm not a big fan of boats with an open back, and still believe that a closed cockpit is a safer and probably more practical option - and Hanse provides an optional bench to partly cater for potential customers who agree with me on this. The cockpit is large and the two wheels mean that you can steer from either side when heeling. Entertaining outside is also well catered for with a table and ample seating space. Concep-

tually one gets the feeling that this boat was really designed to enjoy life upon rather than to be a serious rough weather sailor. I don't doubt that the boat could take all the rough weather you could throw at it, especially thanks to the epoxy hull, but I feel that it was designed with Mediterranean cruising in mind. This is by no means a bad thing, because with our climate it is much better to have a boat designed for enjoying life aboard, especially when you have the peace of mind that should you be caught in serious storms you still have a boat which will bring you back to harbour safely. The boat is also pretty fast, especially when you consider that the boat I was trying out had completely standard sailing gear (which includes North Sails). In around 15 knots of wind in a relatively rough swell, the boat handled very easily and was never slamming into the waves. We peaked at around 7.5 knots, but were averaging a more than decent 7 knots for most of the test sail.

In the last four or five years we have learned to expect quite a bit from Hanse's interiors. Usually the interior in a Hanse is closer to a modern apart

**Insert:** The interior of the 430 is both spacious and practical. Hanse ensured that every nook and cranny is utilised.

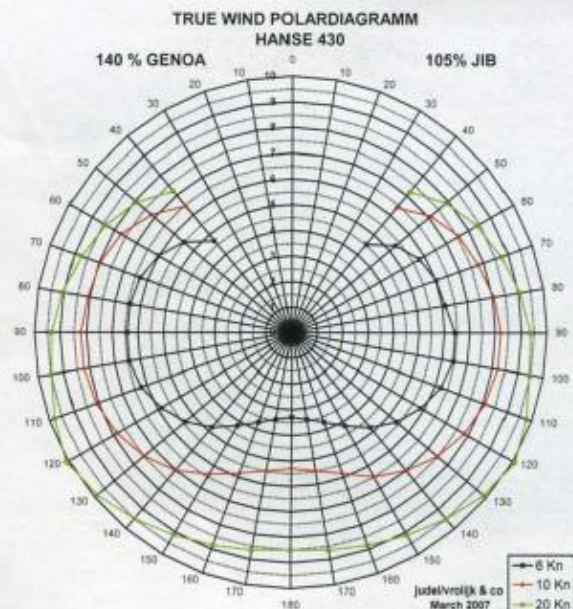
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ment than a traditional sailing boat, and the 430e is no different. With a very modern look and a nice combination of woods and leather, the saloon and galley are very welcoming. The boat also features three full sized cabins which should sleep six very comfortably. The fore cabin gets its own head with a decent sized shower too.

The yacht we tried also had a couple of interesting extras fitted in. The retractable bow thruster makes handling in tight marina berths a child's play, but it also keeps perfect hydrodynamics when shut. The other major difference was the Gori Propeller which was

retrofitted by the dealer locally. This folding three blade propeller not only adds speed to the yacht when under motor and folds to perfect aerodynamics when under sail, but also helps start and stop the boat much more quickly when berthing or in an emergency.

Hanse have gone out and created a modern classic once again with the 430. It looks good, sails well and is available for under €140,000 (or under Lm 60,000). For that kind of money you'd be looking at a 37 or 40 footer usually, yet here Hanse have managed to come up with a brilliant boat with an epoxy hull and many other extras.



For more information about Hanse Yachts, please contact Yachting Partners.

#### HANSE 430E SPECS

LOA	13.30 m / 43'7"
Hull length	13.15 m / 43'2"
LWL	12.00 m / 39'4"
Beam	4.18 m / 13'9"
Draft	2.20 m / 7'3" (standard) 1.80 m / 5'11" (option)
Displacement	10,9t / 24,031 lb* 10,4t / 22,958 lb (option)*
Ballast	3200 kg* / 7,064 lb*
Engine	29,5 kW / 40 HP
Fresh water	320 L*
Fuel tank	220 L*

\*approximate figures

