



## Hanse 540e

The new Hanse 540e, designed by Judel/Vrolijk, combines a fast, modern cruising hull with a low profile deck and cabin and a tall, powerful fractional rig. The boat sports a fin keel with a ballast bulb and a spade rudder. The hull has a nearly plumb bow to lengthen the relative waterline, and instead of a cut out swim step aft the builders have created a wide folding transom behind which is a storage locker for a dinghy.

The deck of the 540 is nearly flat since the cabin top has a very low profile and stops aft of the mast. That means there is a lot of deck area for working with sails or lounging in the sun. There are twin wheels in the cockpit and long bench seats. There are no seats aft of the wheel so the helmsman will sit on the wide coaming outboard of the wheels while steering.

The rig features a self-tacking jib and a cruising chute for off the wind sailing. Even though this is a big boat, with 1,540 square feet

of working sail area, the rig will be manageable for a couple particularly if they opt for electric primary winches.

Like all of the recent models from Hanse, the interior of the new 540e is not your father's teak and mahogany palace but a thoroughly modern living space that is more Bauhaus than classic yacht style. The 540 can be had with a wide array of interior options. On the Hanse website you will find their "Yacht Configurator," which allows you to play with the options to design the interior that is right for you.

On the accommodation plan shown, there are two large quarter cabins that each have twin berths and their own small head compartments. All four of these berths will be excellent sea berths and will be easy to make. The master cabin forward has a large centerline double that you can walk around. The forward cabin also has a large head with a separate shower stall.

The saloon is vast and has a wide expanse of floor space. The furniture is angular and modern with a dinette to port and either a bench settee or easy chairs to starboard. The galley is L-shaped and will work well in port or at sea. The nav station is at the bottom of the companionway and set up for both paper charts and an array of mounted electronics.

The 540e sports an "e" because it is one of the boats Hanse builds with epoxy instead of polyester resins. The hull is light, stiff and strong and will last a long time.

The 540e is a modern boat for a new generation of modern sailors who want a fast-sailing, easily handled cruising boat that also make a statement about comfortable and spacious living at sea.

**Specifications: LOA 52'10"; LWL 47'11"; Beam 16'1"; Draft 9'2"; Displacement 41,226 lbs.; Sail Area 15,40 sq. ft.**

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