

# JEANNEAU CAP CAMARAT 12.5 WA

A tough all-weather fast fisher that combines practicality, style and performance in healthy measures.

Last year I had the pleasure of testing the flagship of the Cap Camarat range. The twin F350 Yamaha-powered Cap Camarat 10.5 WA was simply great fun for shouldering aside the rolling residual swell of the Eastern Solent at 35 knots. However, with the arrival of the 12.5 WA, this highly capable boat has been upstaged, as the high-octane fast fisher market has a new contender.

Like the 10.5, the 12.5 WA is also designed by Mike Peters, a man renowned for his capable

high-performance deep-vee hulls. For whatever reason, this new boat is not stepped, unlike the twin-stepped 10.5 WA. The hull is deep-vee and has the same flared hull design,

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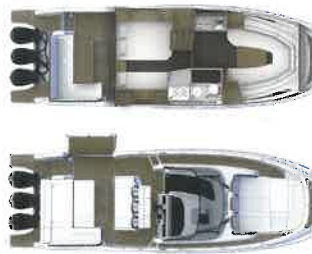
whose tall topsides, no doubt, will be no less effective at keeping the sea out of the boat. Performance will likely be slightly less than its smaller sibling, which is capable of 47 knots. Fifty knots is the figure given by Jeanneau for the 12.5. However, based on the assumption that this boat will be rigged with either twin Yamaha XTO 425s or triple Yamaha F300s, its power-to-weight ratio will be lower than that of the 10.5 WA, so I suspect 44-45 is a realistic top speed for this set-up. Yamahas are shown



Well appointed and with a large separate shower, the bathroom is impressive.



Light upholstery and dark wood always go well together.



How many of these big petrol-powered fast fishers we will see in the UK only time will tell, but hopefully one will come our way at some point. ■

**SPECIFICATIONS**

- LOA:** 11.95m (39ft 02in)
- Beam:** 3.58m (11ft 8in)
- Draught:** 1.09m (3ft 7in)
- Displacement:** 5860kg (dry without engines)
- Fuel capacity:** 1100L (242 gal)
- Water capacity:** 200L (44 gal)
- Engine options:** 2 x 450hp or 3 x 300hp outboards
- CE rating:** B for 11

**PRICE**

A realistic price for the T-Top version with basic electronics, triple 300hp Yamaha outboards, including VAT and commissioning, according to Jeanneau dealers Blackrock Yachting, would be £306,478.

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fitted and they have been standard fitment in the past, but as this boat is rated for twin 450hp engines, is Mercury's new supercharged 450R Verado going to be put on the options list?

This boat has a T-top, which, as with the 10.5 WA, is an extra that costs between £5,000 and £6,000. From my experience, this would be money well spent. Sitting on an aluminium frame, the GRP T-top roof houses a sunroof with a quick-release bar that you can open one-handed from the helm. It comes with a close-down kit,

consisting of covers that roll down and zip up quickly, enabling you to turn the boat into an ad hoc coupé in a moment. Flush LED lights sit in the roof lining, and a searchlight is mounted on the roof. The cockpit is superb, with the 12.5 enjoying that recently trending design feature of a folding bulwark that turns into a bathing platform. The wet bar is gigantic and faced with extensive deep seating. The helm, set asymmetrically to starboard, has triple seats with the driver's position central. This design allows for a wide port side deck leading to the ingeniously designed foredeck area, comprising a fold-out table and a triple sunbed.

You could easily consider this to be a big cuddy boat. However, the moment you descend the companionway steps this concept disappears, as the depth of

LEFT: This spacious tri-berth under-sole mid cabin has loads of storage.



A wide beam and standing headroom between the galley and head make the saloon more than a weekend hideaway.

the forward cabin hints that accommodation sits below the cockpit sole. This under-sole cabin is not only generous in the bed department - a double and a single - but it also has a lot of storage. The forward dinette can, of course, provide extra sleeping space if need be with the table dropped down to provide an infill. There is plenty of headroom around the galley area and in the head/shower compartment - two places where you need to stand properly. Though it has a 60L fridge, the galley is a compact set-up, which with the cockpit wet bar is no hardship. The large head/shower area, like the galley, has teak veneer joinery fitted to a high standard, with the shower/toilet section separated by a glass door.



The cockpit has a massive social dimension.