

Monte Carlo Yachts has never

been afraid to take on the might of Ferretti et al and its latest 70ft model is aiming to put the cat among the pigeons once again. It claims a number of unique advantages over its rivals including a spectacular foredeck area with twin semi-circular hi-lo tables, sunpads, folding backrests and discreet pop-up LED lamps. It's a similar story further aft where the cockpit and saloon blur imperceptibly into one large

socialising area thanks to a single-level deck, patio doors that push right over to one side and indoor seating that faces out into the cockpit.

We're not convinced the layout of the saloon works quite as well as it does in the MCY 65, as the galley has moved from its position next to the cockpit to a new spot amidships where it interrupts the sight lines. On the plus side, you gain a larger separate dining area opposite the helm and that wonderful indoor/outdoor seating area.

Down below there's a choice of three or four-cabin layouts with the fourth cabin replacing the world's largest walk-in wardrobe in the magnificent owner's suite. But arguably the most impressive feature is what goes on behind the bulkhead separating the full-beam master bathroom from the oily bits — either twin pods or V-drive shafts. Here you will find two separate single-berth crew cabins, a shared crew heads compartment, a tiny crew mess and access to an engineroom that

appears to have been robbed from a 30m superyacht. You could wear a stovepipe hat in here and still have headroom to spare.

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AT A GLANCE

Length 69ft 11in (21.30m) Beam 17ft 9in (5.42m) Engines Twin 1,200hp MAN V8 pod drive or V-drive

Top speed 31-33 knots

Price from €2.25 million ex VAT