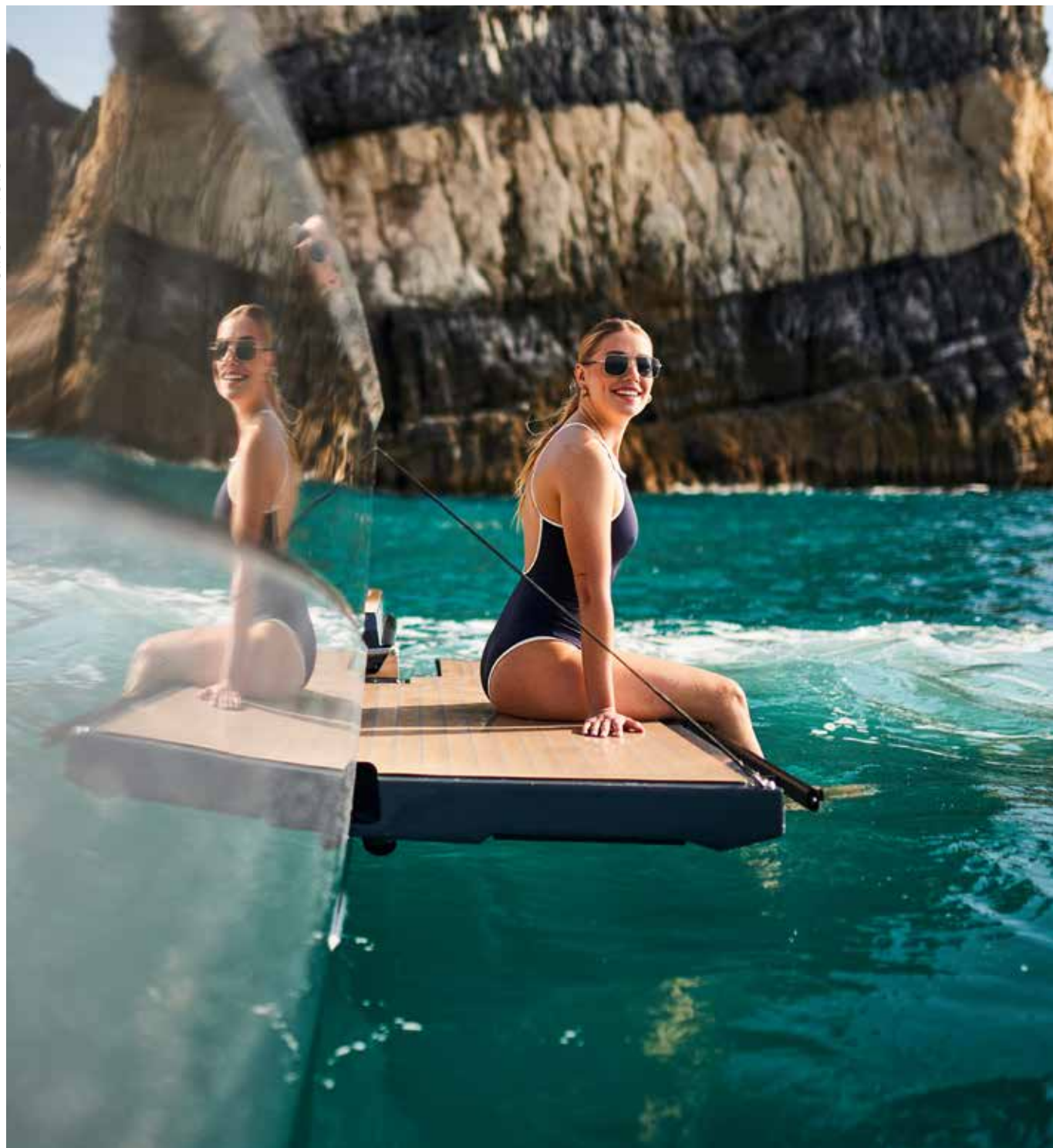




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New Power

FUSION FACTOR

An efficient hull design, thrilling performance, comfortable cabin and well-designed entertainment areas are hallmarks of the Virtue V10 T-Top.



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Above: The Virtue V10's foredeck is a sunbaking paradise with adjustable pads and drink holders.

Below: Foldable balconies significantly extend the 2.9m hull beam when at rest.

Options abound in the European dayboat segment, with many available on the Australian market. One that stands out from the crowd is the Virtue V10 T-Top, a newcomer from Poland with a fresh perspective, elevated design and innovative Petestep hull.

It's an eye-catching boat, not least for its size, measuring 10m (32.8ft) with a 2.9m beam. Designed with meticulous attention to detail, it has a forward-slanted hull line and graceful angles. Despite its lightweight construction – the hull weighs 2505kg, utilising a vacuum sandwich

carbon construction – there is no compromise on performance.

TRUE ENTERTAINER

This boat is a true entertainer with generous socialising areas throughout. Adding floorspace to its alfresco layout are drop-down balconies to port and starboard, which open at the push of a button.

The cockpit features bench seats either side of a well-proportioned table that can be lowered to form a spacious sunpad – a hallmark of modern dayboats. Further aft, a wide walkway between the rear bench seat and the outboards provides ample room to lounge, stow gear for a day on the water, or cross from one swimplatform to the other. A discreetly integrated transom ladder is on the starboard side.

The area directly behind the helm seats is dedicated to a large wetbar featuring a Staron countertop. With the lid down, there's plenty of space to place food and drinks or your gear. Open the lid and you'll find a galley that can be customised with amenities such as a sink, cooktop, fridges and ample storage – our test boat had a sink with folding tap, twin fridges, drawers and cupholders.

SPORTY T-TOP

Above you, the T-top boasts a seamless single-piece design, anchored by two angled stays on the





sumptuous yet cosy double berth and practical day head provide convenience



Top: The V-berth is suited to overnight stays and time out of the sun.

Above: Forward vision from the helm is excellent thanks to the use of a single support, akin to a F1 race car's halo bar.

port and starboard sides, with an additional stay sweeping down to integrate with the windscreen, reminiscent of the halo bar on Formula 1 cars.

Despite not extending to the hull's outer edges, the T-top offers excellent coverage from the elements – optional manual or electric extensions are available to extend the awning over the rear of the boat.

Moving forward, the bow sunpad offers luxurious comfort for two, with adjustable settings

to cater to personal preferences. Conveniently placed cupholders ensure refreshments are within easy reach. The hatch to the cabin below is discreetly nestled beneath the cushion, preserving the sleek aesthetics of the bow area.

A notable feature is the integrated onboard electronics package supported by three solar panels on the T-top roof that charge whether the boat is moored or in use.

DRIVING POSITION

At the helm, twin seats with elegant diamond stitching offer an unobstructed view of the surrounds and exceptional comfort, with race-inspired suspension ensuring a smooth ride even in rough waters.

The centre console is placed slightly forward of halfway to maximise cockpit space. The dashboard's tall layout features twin multifunction displays seamlessly embedded into the sleek carbon dashboard. Below them, a well-organised switch panel with corresponding lights provides clear visibility of the boat's operation, and twin throttles are to the right. The door to the cabin is located on the port side.

The Virtue V10 T-Top's design aesthetics are a testament to the meticulous attention to detail and quality craftsmanship throughout. Features such as recessed speakers, pop-up cleats, premium hardware and stainless steel footrests for driver and passenger add a touch of luxury and comfort.

Below deck, a sumptuous yet cosy double berth and practical day head provide convenience rather than extravagant overnight accommodations. The space is thoughtfully designed – a practical and welcoming space suited to short overnight stays or to retreat to from the sun and action on deck.

This boat is ideal for navigating waterways such as Sydney Harbour and seeking the ideal spot to anchor, as we did on test day. It boasts exhilarating performance, with the top speed nearing 50 knots (92km/h) depending on your choice of engines.

During our test with twin 250hp Honda outboards, the boat delivered a remarkably smooth and comfortable ride. Cruising at around 17 knots (31.5km/h), it planes effortlessly, consuming approximately 22lt/h per engine.

You can feel the boat's power and responsiveness throughout the rev range, but its sweet spot is around 25 to 27 knots (46.3 to

50km/h), delivering complete control and comfort and using around 37lt/h.

ELECTRIC OPTION

The Virtue V10 is also designed for use with electric outboards, with three options on offer.

The base configuration features a single 120hp electric engine, offering a balance of efficiency and performance. For increased power and versatility, the twin set-up incorporates two 120hp electric engines, ensuring ample propulsion for smooth cruising.

The top-tier option boasts a single 300hp electric engine, delivering exceptional power and exhilarating performance while minimising environmental impact.


With these electric options, the Virtue V10 embraces sustainability without compromising on luxury or capability, offering a greener alternative for the modern boater.

PETESTEP HULL

Another notable feature is the innovative hull that implements technology by Swedish company Petestep. It features a unique arrangement of running chines – instead of running parallel to the water's surface, the chines form a series of vees in the hull from the bow.

This design allows water to flow along the hull's general direction, from front to back, rather than being pushed out to the side. The result is improved efficiency and performance. It is dry, too, as spray is pushed away from the boat.

The Virtue V10 caters to a discerning clientele seeking both intelligent design and impressive performance. Its expansive deck is ideal for cruising Australia's waterways and, with a generous capacity for up to eight guests and the extra cockpit space afforded by the twin balconies, offers a high level of comfort and convenience.

Whether you're enjoying a gourmet meal while witnessing the sunset or retreating to the cabin for a tranquil escape, every journey aboard the Virtue V10 is bound to be a luxurious and unforgettable experience. 

VIRTUE V10 T-TOP	
LOA:	9.95m
Beam:	2.9m
Power as tested:	2 x 250hp Honda outboards
Fuel capacity:	450lt
Water capacity:	100lt
Capacity:	8 people
Price as tested:	\$607,398
More information: Carbon Yachts, tel: (02) 9979 6612. Web: carbonyachts.com.au.	

Below: Swedish Petestep hull technology enhances efficiency and reduces power demands. With twin Honda 25s the V10 achieves nearly 50 knots.



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