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Redfinn 10,000

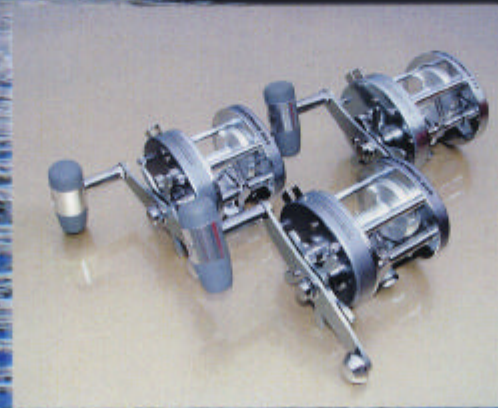
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The Redfinn 10,000

This fabulous boat was designed and built to be the most fisherman friendly sea angling boat in the world. Jim Whippy sees how near those aims have been achieved.

Planning

The Osprey boats that Eugene McKeirnan sold ranged from 22' to 30' but he was often asked for something a bit bigger. His solution was to create his own 10m boat from scratch that would meet all his exacting requirements. He gathered a range of experts together to put forward their views, of which I was privileged to be one, and the result is the incredible vessel that is the Redfinn 10,000. The designer John Moxham was given the brief to create a long range fisherman friendly boat that would give a safe, soft ride, be comfortable and fast in big seas, with no rolling, broaching or slamming and with minimal fuel consumption.

Experience

From the experiences from the owners of the first batch of boats built is that he has achieved all these targets. The boat we tested when I visited Eugene in Ireland, had twin Yanmar 370hp engines that pushed the boat to about 32knots. It was an exhilarating ride yet even so Eugene has already decided to upgrade to a pair of Cummins 380hp, or bigger, in the next boat, such is his quest for perfection. A special design feature is the shafts are in tunnels almost parallel to the hull giving maximum efficiency and minimum draft.

Fishing first

The priority of the 10,000 was as a fishing boat and the uncluttered deck area shows that, as does the EU compliant freeboard. There's a transom door for wheelchair access or for the largest of tuna to be landed. There's a top of the range Kodiak live well fitted in the transom that is reputed to keep bait alive longer than any other make. You can store 12 rods in special lockable compartments on each side. Two large self draining fish stores under the deck give plenty of room for your catch. Round the inside of the deck area there's a soft bolster for you brace against with knee or thigh, saving bruising while fighting big fish.

Non-fishing

I must mention the non-fishing features in case you are trying to convince your wife or partner you need a 10,000. There's a comfortable seating area round a table, a galley fitted with a microwave oven and a superb hob that doubles as a heater. Other amenities include a toilet, a double berth up forward and there is space for another berth or storage space depending on requirements.

Too much

The biggest snag doing this write up about the 10,000 is there are so many refinements, features and extras that overkill could set in so I'll sum up by saying if you want the best that money can buy contact Eugene McKeirnan for a brochure or a test run because you'll be hooked, as I was, once you step on board. Call Eugene on 00353 872 560865 or visit him at Southampton Boat Show where he will be showing the 10,000, the new Osprey 26 GTi and the Redfinn 6000.



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