Minor 36 Offshore

Sarins Boats has been around for many years making island hoppers and dayboats for the Scandinavian markets. However, it's now moving into the serious cruising market with its appropriately named Minor 36 Offshore. Tough commercial styling owes more than a nod to the Botnia Targa range, but on board it's a more contemporary beast. An aft door to the asymmetric wheelhouse supplements the two sliding side doors giving direct access from the high-sided cockpit, Inside, a long galley to port faces an L-shaped saloon dinette and further forwards

a pair of serious-looking wraparound bucket seats face a solid slab of helm to starboard, with a matching third seat adjacent to port. The big wheel has a steering knob, the whole wheel and dash tilts depending on whether the helmsman wishes to sit or stand, and a massive sliding roof section opens this area up to the fresh air.

Forward and down, the day toilet has an en suite door linking it to the double berth in the forward cabin but the inevitable stroke of Finnish design genius is further aft. Lift the aft section of the dinette on its gas struts to reveal another set of stairs



leading down to a surprisingly roomy aft cabin, complete with a single and a double berths and an en suite. At sea it feels as solid as it looks, and twin D6-370 sterndrive diesels give it a genuine 40-knot reach. But, as ever, it's not just what it does, it's the way that it does it.

At 35 knots it's so quiet and

capable it feels like it's doing half that speed. But then it's Finnish, and that's the norm over here.

Price from £277,000 inc VAT LOA 38ft 9in (11.8m) Beam 11ft 10in (3.6m) Engine twin Volvo Penta D6-370 370hp sterndrive diesels Max speed 40 knots Enquiries www.marcomarine.co.uk