

Jefferson 45

The builder's Rivanna 45 SE has the ride, accommodations and equipment for serious cruising. **By Capt. John Wooldridge**



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SPECIFICATIONS

LOA (W/SWIM PLATFORM)	44'7"
BEAM	14'5"
DRAFT (APPROX.)	4'0"
DISP. (APPROX.)	32,000 LBS.
TRANSOM DEADRISE	11 DEGREES
FUEL	420 GALS.
WATER	200 GALS.

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BASE PRICE (W/TEST POWER):
\$580,200

When I stepped aboard the new Jefferson Yachts Rivanna 45 SE I felt as if I'd come home. I flashed back to a pleasant week I had spent aboard a Jefferson 46 in the U.S. Virgin Islands years ago. Like that 46, the new 45 has a raised aft deck with hardtop and a flybridge, both of which are spacious enough for four or more people to spread out.

The main salon, with galley and dinette down, is open from the compan-

ionway stairs to the windshield, and the twin state-rooms (other floor plans are available) are luxuriously large with plenty of storage. Interior teak cabinetry and joinery have a fine satin finish. New on the 45 is a large swim platform with integrated stairway to the aft deck that makes it easier for crew to handle lines and for passengers to get on board.

The well-equipped Rivanna SE has only three options: a Wesmar bowthruster; a 3,000-watt inverter; and an autopilot. Everything else, from the

electronics package and stereo to the Denon AVR audiovisual system with LCD TV, is standard.

Wide sidedecks, strong handrails, large cleats and anchor windlass simplify docking or anchoring. Wing doors help protect the aft deck from inclement weather. Multiple living areas offer passengers both private areas and space for socializing.



STOCK UP: The galley has storage everywhere you look.

PERFORMANCE

TEST POWER: (2) 355-hp Cummins QSB diesel inboards with ZF gears turning four-blade manganese bronze class "S" props.

RPM	KNOTS	GPH	DB-A
1200	7.8	3.6	65
1500	8.5	6.7	74
1800	9.1	13.3	76
2100	11.7	18.5	78
2400	16.5	24.7	79
2700	19.0	36.0	81
2800	21.0	37.8	82

Speeds measured by GPS on Biscayne Bay w/two adults aboard, 20 gals. water and 100 gals. fuel. Sound levels measured at the fly-bridge helm in dB-A.

IN COMMAND: Drop into the Pompanette helm seat, fire up the Raymarine electronics, grab the Morse electronic controls and spin up the Cummins diesels. When you do, the Rivanna 45 SE moves out with authority. Hydraulic steering eases effort on the stainless steel wheel, and trim tabs help balance the boat's side-to-side attitude in a crosswind.

COMFORTABLE RIDE: On the day of my test, there was a two-foot chop on Biscayne Bay. The Rivanna had an easy motion heading into and angling across closely spaced waves at a 19-knot cruising speed. Downwind tracking was flawless, due to a near full-length skeg keel, and there was no untoward rolling in turns thanks to the substantial chines and planing surfaces aft.