

# Enter the blue lagoon

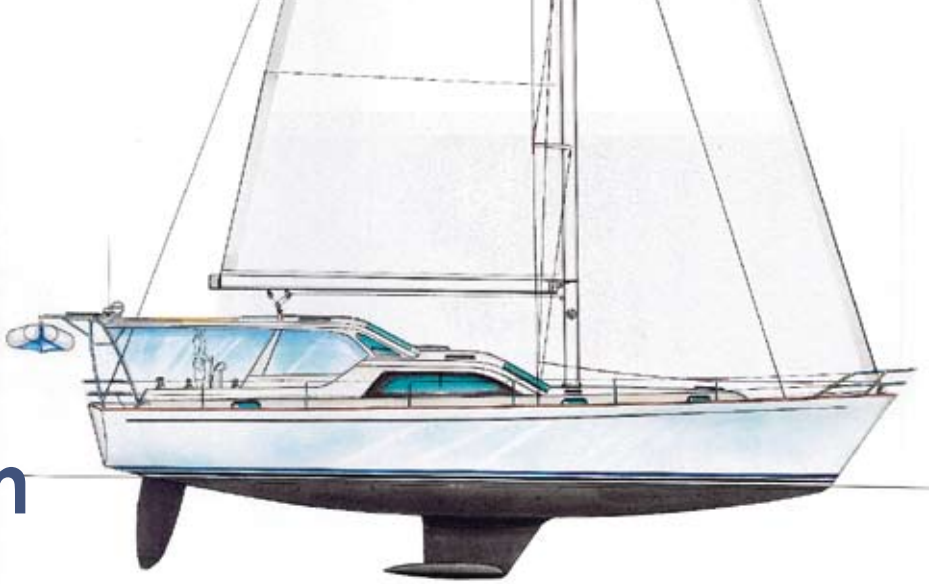
The world just got bigger in the new Bluewater 520 Pilot House

For the well-heeled adventurer, luxury NSW yachtbuilder Bluewater Cruising Yachts (BCY) has released a flagship Bluewater 520 Pilot House cruising yacht that takes both the global reach of these vessels and the level of onboard liveability to salubrious new heights.

No longer does a big 52ft keelboat need to tread tentatively over or be denied access to some of the world's choicest shallow-water regions. With the optional lifting keel on the 520 Pilot House, owners can get in tight to the shore. And whether on a tropical or Southern Ocean exploration, you can control the climate of the cockpit using clear curtains and/or insect screens built-in to the hardtop.

The hardtop dodger-sunroof couples to a pilothouse deck design. BCY said that when the drop-down side and rear clears are employed, the cockpit becomes fully sealed and the 'deck cabin' can then be heated or cooled as needs be.

The hardtop roof is also retractable for either fine or foul-weather sailing, and all controls lead to the twin helms back aft, which are separate from the guest cockpit where seven can relax out of the way of the



not-so-hard-working skipper and crew.

Based on a Bruce Farr-designed, high-performance GRP cruising hull, the Bluewater 520 Pilot House is described by her maker as an 'evolution' on its previous and popular 400 and 450M designs, with the convenience that the optional hydraulic lifting bulbous keel provides.

BCY managing director, David Bradburn explained: "This (lifting keel) makes it perfect for cruising shallow anchorages, such as Lake Macquarie and Queensland's Broadwater... as well as tricky ports anywhere in the world.

"The advantage of 52-foot yachts is their ability to travel great distances in the open seas and their greater level of comfort afforded to owner and guests without the need for hired crew," he said.

## CRUISER-RACER

BCY said the 520, which is custom-built to create a one-of-a-kind vessel for each owner, is extremely versatile in

that the yacht is also ideal for competing in local and offshore races.

Below decks, the Bluewater 520 Pilot House has a three-cabin layout where the owner's stateroom is aft to maximise comfort at sea. It features a king-size bed, abundant seating, hanging locker, and an en suite with separate shower.

The large saloon can seat up to 10, says BCY, while the U-shaped galley contains a full-height, front-opening fridge/freezer that can be extended to the full width of the hull.

## KEVLAR PROW

BCY's commitment to safety on the 520 includes built-in bulwarks, Kevlar-reinforced bow sections, and watertight main bulkhead.

"Bluewater has a reputation for producing especially strong, safe, state-of-the-art yachts that are capable of going anywhere and lasting a long time," said Bradburn. "I guarantee that this design will produce a very special customised yacht that will set new benchmarks in design, comfort, quality, and performance."

The Bluewater 520 Pilot House has a standard price of \$1,397,000.

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## BLUEWATER 520PH

Type: .....	Monohull
Material: .....	GRP
Length overall: .....	15.95m (52ft3in)
Waterline length: .....	14m
Beam: .....	4.5m
Draft: .....	1.9m (fixed keel); 1.67m to 2.64m (lift-keel option)
Displacement: .....	15,500kg
Ballast: .....	5000kg
Engine: .....	110hp Yanmar four-cylinder diesel
Water: .....	1200lt
Fuel: .....	900lt
Holding tank: .....	360lt
Sail area: .....	73m <sup>2</sup> (no.2 genoa); 59m <sup>2</sup> (main)
Warranty: .....	10-year structural guarantee

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