

## PCS BOAT REVIEW BY CAPTAIN HORACE BARGE



## DYNA 55: A Condo with Rod Holders

**D**yna Craft has been producing quality yachts since 1986 in their Taiwan shipyard. Before you say, "I don't want a yacht built in Taiwan," do a little research, and you will be pleasantly surprised at the number of well-known yachts built in this country. This is indeed not a new endeavor in this country, nor is Dyna Craft a new company to the market. They have been building these quality yachts for over twenty years. Yankee Delta Design of Italy, who's known for quality and innovation, designs the Dyna Craft yachts. Dyna Craft takes pride in their ability to satisfy special requests during planning and design phase – from special requests for custom interiors to the more demanding exterior modifications.

The Dyna 55 features a length overall of 54.5 feet with a beam of 15.5 feet. She has a weight of 42,530 pounds and is designed on a planing hull with a deep vee at the entry and reducing to a more modified vee at the stern to provide a stable platform at rest. The hull is hand-laid fiberglass with solid fiberglass construction below the waterline and a foam core construction above the waterline. This process provides a very sturdy hull without the additional weight of a solid fiberglass hull designs above the waterline.

The standard power on the Dyna 55 is twin Volvo Pentas pumping out 715-horsepower each. These engines provide a fast cruising speed of 27 knots and an all-out-assault speed of 31 knots. These numbers are in line with the modern-day sport fishers that are so commonly associated with big-game fishing, but that is where the comparisons end. There is a flybridge that is characterized

as a second helm, which provides excellent visibility and is accessible from the salon. There are two swiveling helm seats in the flybridge along with round-shaped seating and table to keep the guests happy. There is even a wet-bar with an icemaker cabinet – now you're talking!

Standing inside at the main helm is where you'll realize you're not on a typical sport fisher. The main helm position features a large leather helm seat with all controls and instruments within easy sight of the captain. Located aft of the helm is a curved settee with a dining table. This setup allows the captain to be a part of the action in the salon while still maintaining headway safely. I brought up a yacht from Cabo San Lucas to Ensenada just one week prior to writing this article that included a pilot-house, and I can tell you that it is a pleasure being able to drive from this position and have the ability to prepare dinner at the same time. For me, being out on the water is not always about isolation but rather building friendships without the interruptions of the outside world, and having everyone on one level accomplishes this quite well.

The galley is outfitted with a traditional teak and holly sole, or it can be done with a granite/marble floor for a more custom finish. With granite or Corian countertops, a Norcold refrigerator, a double sink, and a microwave, you will think you're at home. The main salon features a curved leather sofa with coffee table for relaxing. There is a bar cabinet for those adult beverages and an entertainment cabinet for all of the electronics with a television cabinet that has been pre-wired. The overhead is lit with



halogen ceiling lights and covered with synthetic leather.

The master stateroom is located amidships, which provides the owner with the calmest ride available. There is a king size bed as the centerpiece, with a couch to starboard. The master also features a dressing table and a walk-in closet much like you would find in your home. There is a VIP stateroom that features a queen bed and a private head. The crew quarters are forward with two single berths and somewhat minimal amenities – but what the heck – all we do in the crew quarters is sleep anyway.

The deck surfaces are molded non-skid for great footing while outside. There is a large cockpit overhang which provides great shade in the hotter locales but can somewhat hinder the ability to fish from the cockpit. There is, however, a very large swim step with high stainless steel rails that would be ideal for the hardcore angler to become one with nature. The swim step can also be used as dinghy storage thanks to the ability to hydraulically raise and lower it. This feature makes for easy loading and unloading of the dinghy and still gives you the ability to raise the dinghy up to keep it out of the water. I would love being right down on the water in a foaming tuna bite, but that's just me. The swim step would be the obvious place for a couple of bait tanks, and with some cockpit or aft flybridge-mounted engine controls, fishing from this platform would be a very comfortable position.

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