



## FILLING THE GAP

Ocean Alexander claimed the slip between its 80 and its 102 for an 88-footer at the Miami boat show **STORY BY DANIELLE WALLIN PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHAW McCUTCHEON**

**AIMING TO SATISFY** mid-range yacht owners looking for a little more space, Ocean Alexander unveiled its 88-foot (24.2-meter) motor yacht at February's Yacht and Brokerage Show in Miami. Tied up snugly between the recent 80 Cockpit Motoryacht and the 102, the Ed Monk-designed 88 successfully showcased what the planners at Ocean Alexander were trying to accomplish.

"The 88 is the second to largest boat in our lineup. It was built based on the needs expressed for a four-stateroom boat plus crew that we found to be more and more common among our current owners," says Ocean Alexander's Sally Lawson.

Cousin to the 88, the 80-foot Cockpit Motoryacht is laid out with three staterooms and one crew cabin. The new 88 uses its extra space and 22-foot beam to accommodate a larger salon, an additional stateroom, two double crew cabins and formal dining for eight guests.

The large salon and adjacent formal dining room benefit from an open sightline »



### SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 88'0" (24.2 m)  
 LWL: 76'3" (23.24 m)  
 BEAM: 22'0" (6.71 m)  
 DRAFT: 5'4" (1.63 m)  
 DISPL.: 104 tn  
 POWER: 2x 1,400-hp  
 Caterpillar  
 TOP SPEED: 21 kn @  
 2350 rpm  
 CRUISE SPEED: 17.5 kn @  
 2100 rpm  
 RANGE: 400 nm



Previous page, bottom: the aft deck. This page: A 22-foot beam gives extra space to the salon, above, and dining area, right. Generous stowage keeps the master tidy, below.

from stern to bow, while still providing the feel of intimate spaces. The area is finished in burl overheads with white leather inlay, and sapèle and cherry bulkheads. All joinery is expertly fitted throughout. Modern stainless steel sconces light the space along with standard inset lamps above. A wet bar graces the buffet that runs alongside the dining room. A pop-up TV ascends from the custom sapèle cabinet positioned between the salon and dining room. An entertainment system shelved in racks makes the swap-out of audiovisual components a snap. Storage space is optimized in all spaces.

Adjoining the granite-topped, gourmand galley is a country kitchen-style dining area that seats a crowd. If a full house leaves a shortage of places at the table, there's also bar seating overlooking the progress in the kitchen. A dayhead is discreetly tucked behind a decorative door, right in the country kitchen space.

The layout of the skylounge provides another social area. With room behind the wheel and looking out to the skydeck, guests can take advantage of the views and the seating to hang out where the action is without missing out on the fun. To encourage gathering in this spot, the skylounge has a dayhead, wet bar, pop-up TV and complete stereo system. The aft window behind the L-shaped settee opens like a canopy, making it a fresh-air space, while at the same time providing covered seating on the other side of the skydeck bulkhead. There's also room up top to store the tender.

The huge covered aft deck provides yet another gathering area on this 88-foot yacht. A teak table seats four along the settee and four more in chairs. A wet bar and fridge make this a good spot for getting out of the heat.

When it's time to retreat for the night, four staterooms beckon. The full-beam, midship master suite boasts a his-and-hers bathroom with an adjoining shower featuring multiple showerheads. Two cedar closets keep clothes separate but equal. Shoji screens, modern sconces, inlaid glass in the closet doors and granite burl create a Zen-like ambiance. Built-in nightstands and tons of clever storage help keep the peace.

Twin VIPs, each with a full-size berth and shower, are styled like the master. An ensuite double with bunk beds rounds out the guest accommodations. All of the staterooms are strategically situated for maximum privacy.

For those seeking a nightcap or an early morning cup of coffee, a wet bar in the lobby of the accommodations level sneaks in a spot to socialize.

Twin 1,400-hp Caterpillar engines keep the party cruising at 17.5 knots. Top speed is 21 knots.

While this layout works well for the average U.S. family, Ocean Alexander offers up various options to its European friends, too, including a closed-off galley and a different stateroom configuration.

Either way, the resulting 88 is a well-executed—and flexible—new model that is perfect for cruising with family and friends. Contact *Ocean Alexander* at 800-815-4081. [www.oceanalexander.com](http://www.oceanalexander.com) ☞

