

FIRST IMPRESSIONS FROM THE NEW ELAN IMPRESSION 494

PART 2:

WELCOME ABOARD, COMFORT IS WAITING FOR YOU

Welcome to part two of the First impressions series, bringing you closer to Elan's brand new 49ft deck-saloon cruiser. As we've discovered in part 1, the Impression 494 offers unprecedented levels of comfort below deck, but promises even more on-deck. As the hull is slowly taking shape in our yard, today we'll set our eyes on all the advantages of the biggest cockpit in its class and numerous other features.

The first original feature you notice when stepping aboard, is the ingenious integrated gangway offered as an optional. Using this solution, usually found on superyachts, you won't ever have to worry about the tide or the gangway falling in the water. When not in use, the gangway stores neatly without obstruction. Once aboard you'll appreciate the generous passage between the twin wheels. Just a glance forward and the big, functional cockpit is there to enjoy in good company. The largest cockpit in the class, with a staggering 2,10 m long U-shaped seats easily accommodates eight persons comfortably.

And this is only the beginning. Imagine being anchored for the day in a secluded bay, the sun is shining on a cloudless sky, while a light breeze is cooling the air. The ever present question in this situation is - who is getting the ice-cold gin-tonic from down below? Not a problem any more, with the outside mini-bar and fridge, integrated in the steering wheel platform and easily in reach of everyone round the cockpit. The outside galley even features an optional sink! Life is always good aboard Impression cruisers, but with a cockpit this big and this equipped, one can quickly feel spoiled.





When it comes to cockpit tables, there is plenty of possibilities to choose from. Serve your alfresco dinner on a simple retractable tables or a fixed GRP table with possible integration of larger chartplotters. The helmsman position is complete with two seats aft and plenty of space for instruments. The opened transom reveals a spacious transom storage box for a tender or other equipment, such as surfboards, kayaks and such. Naturally, when opened the platform acts as a large surface close to sea-level, perfect for sea access or showering. The flushed transom platform, which is leveled with the cockpit floor gives a sporty feeling to the yacht, while the full-closing transom variation ensures more safety to the crew and provides a classier look.

All things considered, the level of outdoor comfort is truly second to none. So don't miss our next newsletter, where we're going to present you just how comfortable sailing is going to be aboard the Elan Impression 494.

NEXT IN PART 3: SAILING IN COMPLETE COMFORT

ABOUT ELAN

Elan is a global brand of engineered sports equipment and sailing yachts. Born out of pure function - to equip local partisans with wooden skis back in 1945 - the brand has always put more passion, more devotion and more commitment into manufacturing innovative, technical and distinctive products. Elan's product range covers a diverse array of sports, from skis and snowboards, performance and cruising sailing yachts, to sports facilities equipment and services. Elan is focused on providing sports enthusiasts with the ideal tools to enjoy sports, sailing and cruising to the fullest.

ABOUT ROB HUMPHREYS

Rob Humphreys is an award-winning designer known internationally for his expertise in designing sailing yachts that successfully combine fast, modern hulls with all the comfort and convenience demanded by today's cruising sailor. The Humphreys Design team has an enviable track record of designing racing boats for the world's leading events; including the America's Cup and the Whitbread/Volvo Round the World Race, as well as for leading sailors such as Ellen MacArthur. At the same time Humphreys Yacht Design has built a reputation for consistently creating popular and capable cruising boat ranges for internationally known builders such as Elan Marine, Oyster Marine and Northshore Yachts.

If you require any additional information about the Impression cruising range or other Elan products, please don't hesitate to contact us at: sail@elan.si.