

MAY 2013

# Classic Boat

THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BOATS

## MORRIS MAGIC

**New M46  
Performance  
meets classic  
beauty**



**Hand-built  
perfection**

State-of-the-art  
technology



**W**hen Tom Morris founded Morris Yachts in 1972 he believed, like many before him, that yachts should be fast and seaworthy. Unlike many at the time, he also believed they should turn heads in every harbour.

So not too much has changed with the launch of the new M-Series M46 – a yacht that marries performance and beauty in the true Morris tradition. The sawn-off counter stern, spoon bow and low coachroof give a profile that evokes memories of the 1930s, one of the golden ages of yacht design. But the moderate fin-and-skeg hull and easy rig hint at a boat that sails as fast and easily as a modern thoroughbred. Her designer, Brendan Abbott of Sparkman & Stephens explains: “Slenderness has been maintained for upwind work and comfort

while sailing; draft is the optimal balance between performance and shoal ability. The M46 gives safety and performance at sea, while allowing for accommodations below that rival boats 25 per cent larger in her class.”

The sloop rig has a self-tacking jib and all lines are led under the deck to central push-button electric winches, making singlehanded sailing a snap and leaving decks free. The flush-mounted hatches and teak-laid deck as standard are kind to bare feet and, in a first for Morris, the counter folds down to form a swim platform with steps up to the cockpit. Clearly this is a yacht made not just for racing or for passage-making, but for swimming and relaxing in the cockpit in some secluded cove.

In fact, this is probably Morris’s most flexible yacht to date. The M46 retains the ease of use of the company’s first M-Series boat – the popular M36 – with the same interior space as the M52 that impressed us back in CB293.

*Above left: a Morris interior is completely customised by her owner. Above right: S&S drew on 80 years of yacht design to draw the M46. Opposite: the swim platform for playing at anchor. Opposite, far right: the spacious cockpit is a comfy place to spend the day. Or a fortnight.*



### ELEGANT INTERIOR

Another thing that impressed us on the M52 was the quality below decks, so the solid wood, hand-varnished, made-in-Maine interior on the M46 is no surprise. What is surprising is the amount of accommodation here. There are two private cabins with en-suite heads, a large saloon with a cross-beam day berth, a good-sized galley and a wireless home office. The final say on the interior, however, belongs to the owner, who works with a dedicated Morris interior designer, naval architect and project manager to decide on colours, textiles, finishes and hardware.

Morris has built the M46 for a day out or a transat. So at the end of a day on board, it's good to know that there is enough room below decks for up to six to live in great comfort – even if only one is sailing!

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## M46

LOA  
46ft 9in (14.3m)

LWL  
37ft 11in (11.6m)

BEAM  
12ft (3.7m)

DRAUGHT  
6ft 3in (1.9m)

SAIL AREA  
1,054sqft (97.9m<sup>2</sup>)