

# POWER FORWARD

LEOPARD CATAMARANS ARE MAKING WAVES AGAIN WITH THE NEW LEOPARD 46 POWERCAT WHICH COMBINES COMFORTABLE ONBOARD LIVING WITH EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE.

**F**ans of multihull design will likely be familiar with Leopard Catamarans and the brand's solid reputation in both the sailing catamaran and powercat markets. This reputation is now set to be strengthened with the arrival of the new Leopard 46 Powercat, which will make its Australian debut in September. "The powercat sector has seen a phenomenal rise in popularity," confirms Peter Devers, Sales Manager for Leopard Catamarans across Australia and New Zealand.

"Leopard Powercats have seen particularly healthy sales recently and future orders confirm the rising trajectory of powercats". Like all Leopard models, the Leopard 46 PC has been created in partnership with South Africa's largest boat builder, Robertson and Caine. We caught up with Peter to discuss the new Leopard Powercat 46, which follows on from the popular Leopard 43 PC.

## What are the most uniquely appealing factors that draw buyers to powercats?

Ease and economy of operation, multiple large open-plan entertainment areas and a stable platform able to provide a home-away-from-home feel.

## How has the powercat category performed this year across Australia and New Zealand?

The powercat sector has seen a phenomenal rise in popularity. In particular, the Leopard Powercats have seen healthy recent sales and future orders confirm this rising trajectory.

## What are some of the key design signatures of a Leopard Powercat? What sets it apart from other powercat brands?

The hull form allows for exhilarating performance while providing maximum space in the accommodation areas. Engine rooms



THE LEOPARD 46 PC HAS A MAX SPEED OF 22 KNOTS.



positioned 'behind' the accommodation areas, substantially reducing noise and eliminating engine room odours while underway. The option to have an internal helm station and the domestic-sized galley. The direct access from the saloon to the foredeck is another great feature.

#### Where does the Leopard 46 Powercat sit within, and compare to, the rest of the Leopard range?

The Leopard 46 replaces the popular L43 Powercat. The L46 is the smaller of the two Powercat models, the other being her big sister – the Leopard 53 Powercat.

#### What reception have you had from customers to the 46PC so far?

We've had intense interest in this new model, with confirmed forward orders.

#### Do you think this boat has the potential to convert monohull cruisers to owning a powercat? If yes, why?

Yes, there is a definite swing from monohull powerboats to power catamarans. Due in no small way to the spacious, stable

entertainment platform which offers multiple areas to share with family and friends. And the economy of modern power catamarans outstrips monohull powerboats, without sacrificing performance.

#### What are the top 5 key features and selling points of this boat?

- 1) Full-width flybridge with seating for eight or more, and optional wetbar/BBQ.
- 2) Domestic-sized galley with full-size appliances.
- 3) Walk through access to the foredeck.
- 4) Spacious cabins with plenty of headroom, full-sized double beds and generously proportioned ensuites.
- 5) Engine rooms located aft of the living quarters, accessed from the cockpit sole.

#### What type of cruising do you imagine people doing on this boat?

The Leopard 46 Powercat is such a versatile vessel. Some customers will use her as a holiday home for family and friends, while the more adventurous will embark on lengthy cruises around the Australasian coastline, and out into S.E. Asia or the Western Pacific.



#### Talk to us about the living spaces. What elements enhance the onboard living experience?

Hard-covered flybridge helm station with electronic engine controls and a two-person helm seat. This helm station offers fantastic all-round visibility, an optional additional helm and navigation station forward in the saloon is ideal for operating in inclement weather. Luxury interior finishes and fabrics are used throughout the open-plan saloon and dining area and cabins.

The comfortable spacious saloon is the perfect place for family and friends to gravitate to, and create happy memories. The full-sized galley equipped with domestic-sized appliances makes for easy meal preparation either underway or at anchor. The cabins offer privacy, full headroom, and comfortable full-sized beds, as well as fully enclosed ensuites.

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### How would you describe the exterior design and lines of the boat?

She carries the distinctly Leopard DNA, with sleek clean lines, gleaming white topsides and coach house, offset with dark full-length fashion-plates disguising the opening side portlights.

### In your mind, what types of buyer will this boat most appeal to?

The Leopard 46 will appeal to families who demand quality, luxury and performance. Whether they be retired with time on their hands for extended cruising, or time-poor boaters who simply want to get the most out of their family holidays.

### How well is the Leopard 46 Powercat suited to the Australian and New Zealand lifestyle and waters?

With her exceptional operational range, huge storage for consumables, and a fully covered flybridge for protection from the sun's harsh rays, she is the perfect platform for exploring the Antipodes and beyond.

### What are some of the key optional upgrades and extras that you anticipate buyers fitting to their powercat?

Most buyers nominate the optional digital switching, a feature that centrally controls the vessel's electrical systems. Other options include flexi teak decking, water maker, additional refrigeration, the flybridge wetbar and BBQ console, AC generator, and the lowering dinghy/swim platform. And for those cooler months, the flybridge can be enclosed with clears. **NM**

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## Specifications

### LEOPARD 46 POWERCAT

**Length:** 14.13 m / 46.4 ft

**Beam:** 7.34 m / 24.1 ft

**Fuel capacity:** 1,850 L

**Water capacity:** 700 L

**Displacement:** 16,758 kg

**Engines:** 205 HP Diesel

