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A high performance super tender and much more besides: the Pardo 38 is the product of sophisticated design development and is living proof that Made in Italy still has what it takes

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Pardo Yachts, a brand belonging to the sailing specialist Cantiere del Pardo, chose to give the Pardo 38 its world premiere at the 2019 Cannes Yachting Festival. This is the entry level model in a new range of motor superyacht yacht tenders that will also span the Pardo 43 and Pardo 50. All have a very clear luxury support vessel vibe but because they bring a little extra to the party in terms of styling as well as a high standard, ultra-comfortable spec with cosy below deck spaces, they have quickly become objects of desire outside the mega and gigayacht owner brigade. These super tenders are proving equally popular with people who own regular beach houses and also others still who use them as fast commuters to nip quickly from one distant beach or cove to the next.

Like the rest of the range, the Pardo 38 comes from the drawing boards of Zuccheri Yacht Design which worked closely with Cantiere del Pardo's own in-house design office. The 12m has a walkaround deck with a central steering position to ensure that all the deck, forward and aft, is available to guests (it is teak-trimmed as standard too). This is underscored by the adoption of a single-level deck plan with no steps which makes getting around even easier.

Although the Pardo 38 is very much a Mediterranean craft and excellent for swimming and sunbathing, it also offers protection in the form of a carbon-fibre T-Top with a light alloy structure. This was a technical choice to keep the hull's centre of gravity low and thus limit roll. But it also provides shade which can be extended using an electric bimini that opens aftward.

Below deck, the standard layout includes a cabin with double berth and a bathroom.

A very modern sporty open, the Pardo 38 has a gorgeously aggressive reverse bow, an instantly-recognisable side profile thanks to its high freeboards, and an airy carbon T-top

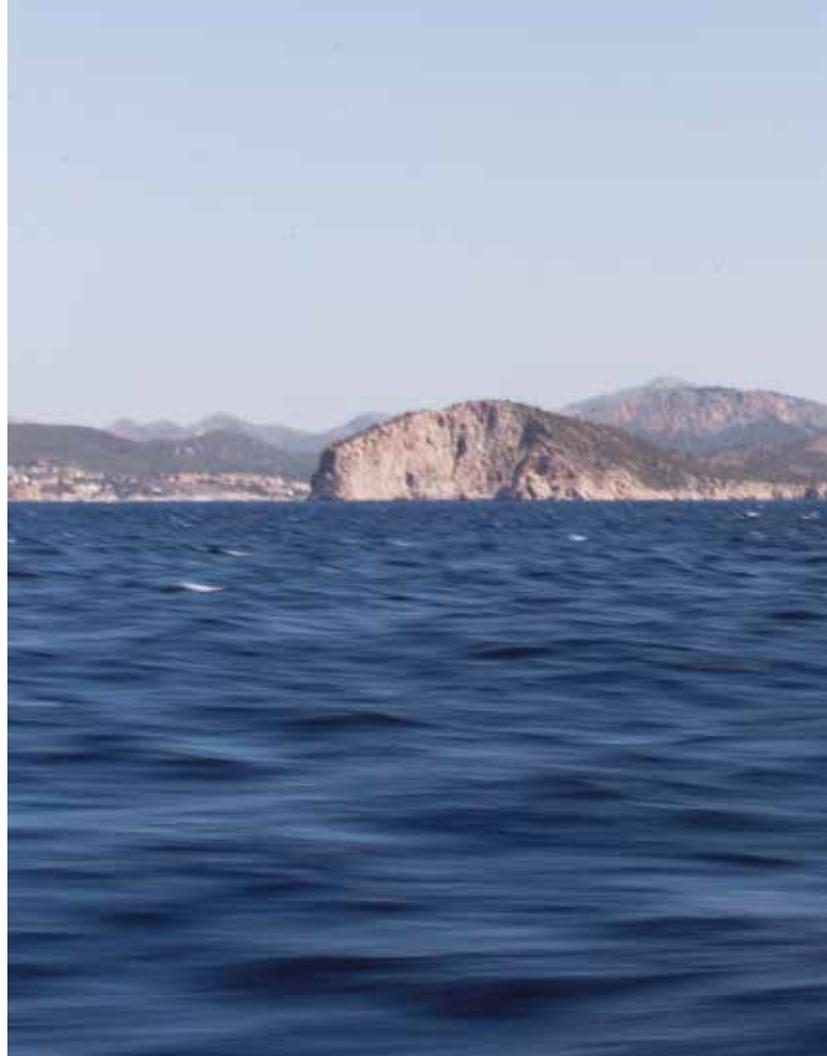


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Two further single berths aft can be ordered as optionals, creating an authentic aft guest cabin. The galley, on the other hand, reflects the arrangement aboard the Pardo 43 and 50, and is thus al fresco and integrated into the dining area on the aft deck. The dining area itself comprises two face-to-face benches and a fold-down table. There is also a second al fresco chill-out area with a large sun pad on the foredeck. These features aside, however, owners have enormous scope to personalise everything from the woods and fabrics used both inside and out.

The Pardo 38 (which was recently named Powerboat of the Year at the Boot Düsseldorf) is enjoying great success too because of its many superb technical and functional features which are styling cues in the own right and ensure it reflects current tastes to perfection. The first of these is the instantly-recognisable reverse bow with its integrated hideaway anchor system, a piece of kit normally only seen on larger craft and which beautifully underscores its pure clean forms. Another is the freeboards, which are quite high to provide superior protection. Then, of course, we have the aforementioned hard top and its structure which, together with an angled frameless wraparound windshield, offers very efficient protection to both skipper and his or her companion. Last but not least is the personalisation that Pardo Yacht guarantees all of its owners. The 38 can be ordered with either inboard-outboard or outboard propulsion with up to a maximum of 900 hp (3x 300 hp). Which translates into a very impressive top speed of 50 knots!

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The open plan interiors include a large double berth area and bathroom. Two further single berths can be ordered under the cockpit to create a real second cabin too



