

# MOTOR BOAT & YACHTING

Pardo 50 yacht review: Is this classy cruiser more than just a cove queen?



The Pardo 50 hit a top speed of 34.1 knots on test

**The flagship of the classy Pardo range dreams of sun-drenched bays and warm evenings but is the Pardo 50 anything more than a big day boat?**

The Italian port of Portofino, close to Italy's border with Slovenia, is a fascinating place. The name – literally, “small port” – is highly accurate given how the compact basin has been manipulated to contain a smattering of berths.

This former quarry is unrecognisable from its old self, now a pristine horseshoe of luxury residences and high-end shops and restaurants all linked by hidden tunnels and winding staircases. If you own one of the spectacular apartments clinging on to the craggy cliff face then why would you worry about buying a boat that you could sleep on overnight?

Enter the Pardo 50. This is the flagship of a range of T-top walkarounds from the same Forlì-based shipyard that builds Grand Soleil sailing yachts. The current Pardo range includes a 38-footer and a mid-range 43.