



2006 **CRUISERS 415** Express Motor Yacht



A helm that has it all

In 2003, Cruisers Yachts broke some new ground combining the deck layout of an express cruiser with the accommodations of a motor yacht. The result is the impressive 415 Express Motor Yacht, which is still in production today.

The 2006 model we located was loaded with factory options, as well as a host of upgrades its current owner has invested in. This 415 has two desirable upgrades at the transom – a custom extended swim platform and a Tend'r Roller System by SeaWeed Marine. This is in addition to a swim platform that is large enough for lockers and a dock box.

Not only are the moulded stairs to the aft deck functional, they house the washdown, city water and utility hookups. To the side, the shore power is a much-appreciated 50-amp Glendinning Cablemaster System.

With the 415's high profile, boarding from low docks will be a breeze with a few steps up to the aft deck. Protected by the hardtop and enclosed in canvas with screens, the aft deck is a great place to relax and entertain. There is a refreshment centre, complete with a refrigerator and icemaker, facing settees and a custom table for dining. A nice extra is the 21-inch LCD TV hooked into the boat's satellite TV system. To enhance your enjoyment, this model is equipped with heat and air in the aft deck and helm.

The helm is one step up, offering a commanding view and a comfortable adjustable double helm seat with bolsters. Any captain will love the upgraded chartplotters, radar, wireless controlled autopilot, and bow and stern thrusters.

Cruisers Yachts has kept the helm clean by centering the engine instruments in two tiers and locating all of the system switches to a starboard side console. To port is a two-place companion seat and an aft-facing jump seat so your guests can enjoy the view underway as well.

As great as the express style is on the upper decks, it is down below where the 415 really shines. It has a great spacious galley, a wide-open salon space and wonderful accommodations in the forward stateroom and aft master.

The galley features solid surface counters, electric cooktop, large stainless sink, coffee maker, convection oven/microwave and a three-quarter fridge/freezer. The stylish and comfortable salon includes a settee with recliners to enjoy the flat-screen TV and satellite system.



A great aft deck for entertaining



Comfortable dinette with room for four or more

Ahead of the galley and opposite the salon is a roomy dinette – a real plus in my books. The bi-level windows set this space off, really helping to brighten things up and bring a glow to the cherry wood finishes. Throughout you find abundant storage in the salon, galley cabinets and under the dinette seating.

The forward guest stateroom has a queen-size island berth flanked by cabinets up above and with drawers underneath. Nice extras are the night table, hanging locker and 19-inch TV. The stateroom has private entry to the shared portside shower and starboard head and vanity, something guests will surely appreciate.

For real luxury it's hard to top the 415's aft master stateroom. You can walk to either side of the queen island berth. Like the rest of the boat's interior, the cherry veneer finishes are first rate. The cabinetry is expansive, ideal for long stays aboard. The 21-inch TV and recessed lighting make this a great place to settle in for a movie. Like the rest of the boat, storage abounds in here (including beneath the berth).

As expected, there is a private head with a VacuFlush toilet, vanity and separate shower. And for those extended stays aboard, there is even a combo washer/dryer tucked away in the master.

Hidden (but much appreciated) extras are the twin 35-gallon holding tanks, multiple 8D house batteries and 2500-watt inverter.

Equipped with twin Volvo 8.1 GIs, the 415 accelerated well and cruised at a surprisingly quick 21 knots. As expected, the motor yacht rode smooth, predictable and steady as we put her through her paces.

As this model has been in production since 2003, there are many fine examples available on the market at a wide range of price points. If you are looking for a long distance cruiser, you may wish to consider investing more in your used purchase to acquire a 415 with diesels if you can locate one. 🚤



Well-equipped galley with solid surface counters



Queen island berth in master stateroom

PowerPerformance

TEST BOAT ENGINE

Twin Volvo 8.1 Gi, 8.1L (496 cid), 420 hp, V-8, EFI, straight drives

Cruising Speed (kts / rpm)

21.1 / 3200

Top Speed (kts / rpm)

27.0 / 4600

Length: 42 ft 6 in / 13 m

Beam: 13 ft 8 in / 4.2 m

Draft: 3 ft 6 in / 1.1 m

Weight: 29,000 lb / 13,154 kg

Fuel Capacity: 380 gals / 1,438 litres

Used Boat Price Range:

\$275,000 – \$325,000