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V-29 Hybrid: Versatile Performer

The addition of the V-29 Hybrid and the V-28 Bay boat allows Valhalla Boatworks (VBW) to continue to broaden its premium center console lineup that was launched in 2019 with the V-33, V-37 and V-41. The Viking company went bigger with its next two center consoles, the V-46 in 2021 and the V-55 in February 2023. And now the industry leader has sunk its teeth into the coastal/ inshore boat market with a pair of high-end center consoles that share V Series traits but also possess their own purposeful characteristics.

The V-29 Hybrid is the most versatile center console in its size range, melding the qualities and features of our bay boat and V-33 center console. That means you have a shallow enough draft to fish the flats and the size and freeboard to head offshore. Big- boat options combine with bay-boat accessories. Add Valhalla build quality, engineering and enhancements and you've got yourself a true game-changer.

As hybrids go, the V-29 is big with a 29' 6" hull length and a 9' 8" beam. Like the V-28, her size contributes to excellent ride quality and extensive range. You also get more horsepower and fuel capacity, storage and interior volume, deck space and fishability, and room for standard and optional equipment. The goal with the V-29 Hybrid was to design a hardcore fish boat with unmatched versatility, one that can work the inshore reefs, fish the flats, hit the sandbar and cruise to a waterfront restaurant for dinner all in one day.

The V-29 certainly lives up to her "Hybrid" name. Valhalla features – such as available Seakeeper, bow thruster, thru-stem claw anchor with windlass, Release Marine seating and an electric head with overboard discharge – merge with must-have equipment for bay boats such as trolling motors, power poles and hydraulic jack plates. The V-29 also features 180 gallons of fuel capacity, so range is maximized with very economical fuel consumption with twin Mercury V6 225 4 strokes, twin Mercury V8 300 Verados or twin Yamaha V6 350s.

The V-29 has a 22-degree deadrise at the transom and rides on the patented Michael Peters Yacht Design Stepped-V Ventilated Tunnel hull bottom, which reduces drag while increasing speed, efficiency and stability.

The V-29 will excel on the tournament circuit or as a luxury tender to motor yachts, sportfish boats or even larger Valhallas due to its fish-focused layout that does not sacrifice comfort. The aft flip-up bench seat, numerous helm seating options (everything from a standard leaning post with rod holders and slide-out cooler to Release Marine teak helm seating with outboard armrests and flip-up bolsters), console lounge with armrests and available forward bench seats with teak backrests tout her luxury.

Premium upholstery with available Diamond/Bentley stitching and faux teak toe rail add to the yacht finish of the V-29. We feature Gemlux rod holders and hardware. And of course, it wouldn't be a Valhalla without built-in toekick space outboard and around the console and seating modules.

The V-29 features dual 25-gallon live wells on the aft casting deck and an optional helm seating module with 45-gallon live well. The V-29 also includes two insulated in-deck fish boxes in the cockpit that plumb to a Whale Gulper pump, two midship lockable storage boxes that will fit 10 rods (five in each hatch) up to 7'. A large in-deck hatch at the bow and on centerline under the cockpit sole add to the extensive storage.

The standard helm seating features a polished aluminum leaning post with removable backrest, five rod holders and four cupholders, storage under the seat and a slide-out Yeti cooler. An optional fiberglass module includes top-mounted rod and cupholders, an upholstered bench seat and tackle cabinets on each side; the aft portion consists of a slide-out Valhalla cooler with padded seat, large tackle drawer and upper storage with Plano tackle boxes and a shelf. This area is accessed via a flip- down door that doubles as a rigging tray. The module can also be outfitted with seating from Release Marine or Llebroc, with choices for armrests and flip-up bolsters. (The Release options include teak backrests and armrests.)

Valhalla DNA can be found on the contemporary helm with a fiberglass, teak or faux teak helm pod. Electronics options include dual 16" Multi-Function Displays (MFDs) from Garmin or Simrad, or a single 22" Garmin or 19" Simrad. Additionally, dual 19" Garmins are available. The helm also features backlit-labeled Bocatech switches, an overhead electronics pod to house a Fusion stereo, VHF radio and other accessories.

Thanks to an in-house fabricated stainless-steel bezel and helm mount, the teak helm pod with Edson wheel maintains its classic Valhalla/Viking design while incorporating paddle-control technology. The paddles, which extend from each side of the steering column, allow you to control engine trim and jack plate height without taking your hands off the wheel.

Additionally, the V-29 is designed and engineered for the installation of the optional Seakeeper 1 in the forward section of the console under the lounge. The installation does not sacrifice a head or valuable dry storage under the lounge.

Like the larger Valhalla models, the V-29's optional hardtop comes with a five-rod rocket launcher, molded-in electronics pod, radar pod, ample lighting (such as bow and cockpit-facing Lumitec spreader lights and overhead lights) and molded-in speakers. Light bars, FLIR infrared camera and radar are available for those looking to enhance fishing capabilities and

safety. Telescoping or fixed outrigger poles from Gemlux are also offered.

The V-28 and V-29 are available with or without a hardtop. Without the hardtop, a half acrylic or half ProCurve glass windshield is offered. A full ProCurve glass or Costa Clear enclosure or half acrylic or glass windshield are all available with a hardtop. In addition, both models can be equipped with a factory-installed stand-on console with elevated second station. The second station, which comes with synthetic teak decking on the console, is ideal for owners looking for a height advantage while sight fishing.

Serviceability is a key design objective for Valhalla, which is why we maximized bilge access via a flip-up bench seat on the forward section of the aft casting deck. Clear access to mechanicals such as the standard Hooker Sea Chest System, seacocks and bilge pumps make maintenance a dream.

Build quality and fit and finish are industry leading. Like the rest of the V-Series, the V-29 is constructed with a resin-infused structural stringer grid that minimizes weight while bringing stiffness and strength to the build. The grid "essentially serves as the backbone of the entire structure. They're a big reason for the smooth, solid ride of our boats," says Design and Engineering Vice President Lonni Rutt.

A big part of premium fit and finish is our use of Light Resin Transfer Molding (LRTM), which produces smooth two-sided gelcoat finishes on our deck hatches, lids and doors.

Bottom Line: The V-29 is another example of VBW constantly breaking new ground in the evolution of our brand.

Valhalla Boatworks is a subsidiary of the Viking Yacht Company. Announced in 2019, the Valhalla V Series lineup now includes seven premium center consoles from 28 to 55 feet built with the same quality, attention to detail and high-level engineering as Viking yachts. In addition, the fleet now includes the V-55 Sport Yacht, a luxurious, fast and stylish two-stateroom cruising and entertaining Valhalla.

Specs
LOA: 29' 6"
Beam: 9' 8"
Weight (twin Mercury V6 225s)
  Dry: 8,683 lbs.
  Half load: 9,079 lbs.
  Full load: 9,800 lbs.
Draft (engine up): 21"
Draft (engine down, jack plate up): 25"
Deadrise @ transom: 22 deg.
Freeboard @ bow: 45"
Freeboard @ stern: 28-1/2"
Fuel: 180 gal.

Fresh water 40 gal.
Live well: (2) 25 gal. each AFT
Max Horsepower: 600