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Mobilvetta Tekno Line K-Yacht 59

After driving over the borders of Wales and England, **Huw Hopkins** puts this compact motorhome to a live-in test in Warwickshire

The Mobilvetta Tekno Line K-Yacht 59 has been a good seller for Marquis Leisure since the Italian model was unveiled at the Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show in February.

I was able to give this prototype a thorough test on a weekend trip to Shrewsbury recently (see more on page 42), and then I drove the 3,500kg version of the K-Yacht to the beautiful, canal-side Blue Lias Pub and Caravan Park in Warwickshire. My review is based on my wife and I spending a number of nights onboard.

Get what you pay for

The A-Class motorhome is not inexpensive, but you get a lot for your money on a vehicle that's less than 6m in length, and the version available to buy comes with

a payload of 1,001kg. It makes this an attractive option for a couple, but it is sold as a three-berth, with a single bed made out of the couches, if visitors stay overnight on site.

The double bed is above the cab area. The drop-down sleeper descends using gas struts after a simple unclipping of a seatbelt-like strap. There are slots either side of the bed for a book, glasses or other

items that need to be easily reached at night, and blackout material on the sides of the bed can be fastened to ensure no light creeps in on bright early mornings. There is also a ladder and a net that can be clipped if you're worried about rolling out at night. It's a small space and with heat rising, it can get warm while you're sleeping, so you might want to crack one of the skylights open

slightly to aid air circulation at the height of summer.

Downstairs, the table lowers and a single bed can be made up by combining it with the couches. During the daytime, the table top is rather large, but it slides in all directions on a flat axis so people can move in and around the L-shaped seating area, and there's a bench opposite. The cab seats rotate, so even though there are four travelling seats for the road, you could fit five, and maybe six at a pinch, if you wanted some friends around.

Behind the wheel

The kitchen isn't massive, but has a large fridge and a freezer, which accommodates enough



◀ A small external locker on the outside is one of several spaces

See more of the K-Yacht in Huw's video review online at myccc.co.uk/ videos or in the magazine app

REVIEWS & ADVICE MOBILVETTA TEKNO LINE K-YACHT 59



At a glance

Prices from £91,945

Berths Three

Travel seats Four

Length x width x height

5.99 x 2.35 x 2.89m

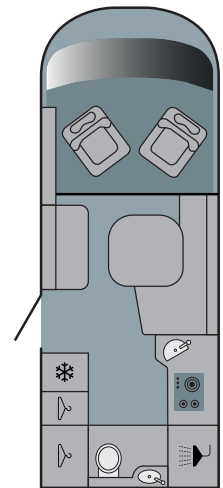
Maximum Authorised Mass

4,400kg

User payload 1,001kg

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▲ Clockwise from top: The small kitchen is well put together; the lower bed is a single but might fit two smaller bodies; the heated towel rail in the washroom was welcome; a spacious social area is good for hosting guests

food for a family, and the cupboards have everything you need as standard, including brackets to secure items during transit. The wardrobe has a hanging rail and is probably only big enough for two people's clothing, but there is additional space below or in the the large rear locker, accessible from the washroom.

Separate facilities

The Thetford toilet in the spacious rear washroom is easy to use, but it's seated rather high – shorter people might find their legs dangling. It sits in front of a towel hanger and a heated rail, and the basin sits on a long surface top. The washroom mirror is the full width of the back wall, so it's useful for checking your outfit for the day, plus the mirror reveals further storage by opening vertically from the bottom up on gas struts.

The shower has good pressure and it's easy to find the right temperature. The

base has two draining points, just in case you're not pitched exactly level.


On the road

The whole unit sits on the familiar Fiat Ducato base, and while the one I drove is a prototype, those available to buy in the UK will have an automatic gearbox, and it'll have a working radio and entertainment system. It's also important to note the vehicle I tested had a maximum mass of 3,500kg so I could drive it with my now-standard B-class driving licence. You'll need C1 on your

licence to drive one of the heavier production models.

The pilot cabin had comfortable seats, proven by the fact that my wife was able to doze off on long drives to and from Ebury Hill Club Site.

The driver might benefit from the wing mirrors being lower while approaching junctions and roundabouts, but the vehicle was easy to manoeuvre. I was able to park it comfortably in pub car parks and on site without a reversing camera on this particular unit, and it was easy to drive through the winding streets of Shrewsbury town.

The Mobilvetta K-Yacht 59 could be a good long term investment for a couple that wants comfort and sleeping arrangement versatility. You can see why these models are proving popular. 



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