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Absolute 52 Navetta



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## Sunseeker Predator 57

With its striking, swept-back profile, there's no mistaking the Predator 57's European heritage. Huge hullside windows and a deckhouse overhead that opens bring lots of natural light into the boat. All deckhouse doors can slide to open or drop flush with the deck. The cockpit has an L-shaped seating arrangement, a wet bar and a grill. A raised sunpad takes up the remainder of the stern, and most of the main deck is filled by the saloon, with a full galley placed below. The two-seat starboard helm station has a glare-reducing black dash. A center companionway leads to the galley, two heads and three staterooms, including an amidships master with a breakfast nook.

LOA: 57 feet, 9 inches  
BEAM: 15 feet, 5 inches  
DRAFT: 4 feet, 3 inches  
DISPLACEMENT: 61,509 pounds  
FUEL: 484 gallons  
POWER: twin 800- or 900-hp Volvo Penta diesels (conventional shaft), twin Volvo Penta 725-hp IPS850  
SPEED: 32 knots top, 23 knots cruise (IPS)  
PRICE: \$1.56 million (IPS), \$1.44 million (900-hp diesels), \$1.41 million (800-hp diesels)  
LOCATION: E Deck 502, 502 A-D sunseeker.com



## Absolute 52 Navetta

The 52 Navetta contains seating areas in the saloon, galley, on the foredeck, in the cockpit and on the flybridge — all great gathering places for friends and family. The galley sits between the saloon and the cockpit, which is completely covered by the flybridge. The upper deck has a wraparound settee with a dinette table and twin inboard-facing settees that sandwich the center helm. An island foredeck sunpad dominates the bow area, and there's an aft bench seat. She has three staterooms, two heads and crew quarters. The 52 Navetta is powered with Volvo Penta IPS600s.

LOA: 52 feet, 6 inches BEAM: 15 feet, 3 inches DRAFT: 4 feet DISPLACEMENT: 48,000 pounds FUEL: 528 gallons POWER: twin 435-hp Volvo Penta IPS600 SPEED: 18 knots cruise, 24 knots top PRICE: \$1.39 million (includes U.S. delivery) LOCATION: Bahia Mar, F/G Dock absoluteyachts.com

## Arcadia Sherpa

The Arcadia Sherpa 585 is a repeat look to a whole new level. The Italian builder offers the most versatile placement of hull in the superstructure, cockpit and open-deck layout for easy cruising and a full-deck for passagemaking. Owners choose either one- or two-seat helm stations arrangements.

The yacht's storage below is more than just deep and big; it holds anything from gear to 1800 lbs of a gymnasium stabilizer, a carrying capacity is the reason she's the Sherpa's a nod to the famous mountain god of the Himalayas. The Sherpa also has a garage that can hold a tender and a power winch. She carries some sophisticated machinery, too, including an electric hydraulic tender deck and gangway.

The flybridge area has an electric motor window system that breaks the air under deck, and is installed as an eco-friendly heater. Arcadia integrates 30 LEDs on the deckhouse superstructure. To supply enough power (2.5 kW) to reach the batteries and the equipment, solar, refrigerator, water circulation, heads, hp and electronics.

Twin Volvo Penta IPS600 pods give the top speed of 24 knots. Cruising at a low displacement speed of 12 knots, the boat is about 1.3 mpg.

The Sherpa will be released in early 2016.

LOA: 58 feet BEAM: 18 feet DRAFT: 3 feet DISPLACEMENT: 48,000 pounds FUEL: 528 gallons

POWER: twin 435-hp Volvo Penta IPS600 SPEED: 24 knots top, 12 knots cruise PRICE: \$2.6 million (includes U.S. delivery) LOCATION: Bahia Mar, F/G Dock absoluteyachts.com