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TRAWLERS IN A THOROUGHLY MODERN CRUISING YACHT.
BY PHIL DRAPER



Powered with 1,000 hp Volvo Penta D13-IPS1350 diesels, the Navetta 64 we got aboard hit a top speed of 28 knots.

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64'5"
LENGTH
OVERALL
—
18'1"
MAXIMUM
BEAM



The bluff-bow Navetta 64 is the latest

new-age trawler from Italy's Absolute Yachts. This model's biggest evolution from the builder's other five Navettas is a forward-raked windshield, a feature as practical as it is stylish. The proportionally larger side windows toward the bow are now a brand signature for Absolute,

creating a bold profile in concert with detailing such as the sturdy molded rail that sweeps aft to the transom from the high foredeck. ¶ For go-anywhere cruisers, the Navetta 64 has all the appropriate design elements. A hardtop protects the flybridge, whose overhang shields not only

the aft deck but also the side decks. There are booth-style seating and sunbathing space on what Absolute calls the "fore-deck terrace." There's also an optional glazed transom—another big design departure for this model—that conceals an air-conditioned space. This area can serve

as a beach-club lounge during the day or as a double-berth stateroom for occasional overnight guests (a flip-over backrest converts the mattress into a sofa). With that aft space in use as a stateroom, the Navetta 64 can sleep eight people in four ensuite staterooms. ¶ The aft space has two sliding glass doors that seal pneumatically and are RINA-certified to ensure the compartment is watertight when they're closed.

Even if, in an emergency, the space were flooded, it would not compromise the yacht, according to the builder. And the engines won't start if the doors are left open. ¶ In addition to the sliding doors, a watertight door from the space's portside head leads forward to the engine room, which can be accessed through a hatch in the cockpit sole. ¶ If you're thinking this stern design means there's no place for crew, you're

wrong. A crew cabin is amidships to starboard, with its own stairs descending from a door on the starboard side deck—the sort of arrangement commonplace on larger motoryachts. ¶ The Navetta 64's interior styling is contemporary cool with elm and walnut furniture, oak soles, and a harmonious blend of textures and sheens. The main salon includes a galley and dining table aft. A drop-down window

BY THE NUMBERS

During my time aboard, the Navetta 64 hit 28 knots in calm seas and a 10-knot breeze. Fuel burn at that speed was 96 gallons per hour, or 3.8 gallons per nautical mile. ¶ Sync the throttles at a 20-knot canter and engage the autopilot, and the Volvo Penta diesels will spin 24/7 at 2,000 rpm and burn around 74 gallons per hour, or 3 gallons per nautical mile. Those figures yield a theoretical range of about 250 nautical miles. ¶ Slow things to an 11-knot trot, and the potential range is around 440 nautical miles. Slowing even further to 1,000 rpm and 8 knots, the yacht should run for about 720 nautical miles.

NAVETTA FAMIGLIA

Absolute's lineup of Navetta models has been steadily expanding for years. The first model in the series, the 58, premiered in 2014. It's now joined by a 48, 52, 64, 68 and 73. Are we likely to see an even bigger version? Conceivably, yes, but perhaps not too much bigger because Absolute's yard is at least 100 miles inland, making transport of larger finished hulls to the water a challenge.



95 GAL.
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—
240 GAL.
FRESHWATER
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helps open up the galley to the cockpit. Amidships is a lounge where most of the furniture is by Minotti. ¶ Forward of the salon, the bridge is raised, giving the lounge abaft it a feeling of intimacy. There are two seats at the bridge with the helm outboard. Most instrumentation is by Garmin. The commanding position delivers clear visibility forward and to the immediate sides, particularly so to starboard, thanks

to an optional side-deck glass door whose top panel opens. Cameras and a stern docking station can mitigate the lack of direct sightlines aft, and there is the option of enclosing the upper helm position, which has 360-degree views. ¶ The owner's stateroom is forward, several steps down from the salon. The forward-facing berth has plenty of space around it, splendid views thanks to Absolute's signature

glazing, and en suite facilities in the bow with another set of windows and opening portholes. Two other en suite staterooms occupy the amidships space on the lower deck. There's an athwartships double to port and a twin-berth setup to starboard. ¶ Absolute's design team also focused on utility in the Navetta 64. The laundry room's door is set into the same bulkhead that separates the owner's stateroom from

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the rest of the accommodations, but the laundry room itself is accessed from the lower-deck lobby. There's space for a washer/dryer and stowage for towels and linens. Another door beyond the appliances reveals a service tunnel that runs all the way forward to the chain-locker bulkhead and deep stowage compartments. ¶ Designed for a maximum speed in the mid-to-high 20s and a fast cruise in the

high teens, the Navetta 64's standard power is twin 900 hp Volvo Penta D13-IPS1200 diesels. However, most owners have opted for the biggest machinery offered: twin 1,000 hp Volvo Penta D13-IPS1350 diesels. Absolute says the optional powerplants are ideal for customers who run heavy with lots of guests and luggage, the largest possible tender, and the biggest stabilizer. Hull No. 1, the first of three Navetta 64s

destined for the United States so far, has the big horses and a reported top speed of about 28 knots. ¶ The Absolute Navetta 64 may have a trawler-inspired aesthetic, but the yacht's fast-cruising performance, modern design elements and multifunctional spaces create a new and welcome style of cruising yacht. ♥

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310 nautical miles

MAXIMUM CRUISING RANGE AT 18 KNOTS

From the laundry room to the beach club to the foredeck lounge, Absolute optimized all available real estate.

MARINA DI VARAZZE

I got aboard the Navetta 64 just off Varazze, a small resort town in northwest Italy between the city of Genoa and Monaco. The Marina di Varazze is an 800-berth marina that accepts yachts nearly 150 feet length overall. Two breakwaters protect the docks, and the marina is near waterfront shops, bars and restaurants. ¶ Known as the Italian Riviera, this area can be challenging for boaters following particularly violent storms. The region's mountain rivers have been known to disgorge whole trees into the sea—not the sort of thing you want to meet when cruising at 9 knots or planing at 28 knots.