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THE ABSOLUTE NAVETTA 68 EMPHASIZES VOLUME AND BALANCE AMONG ONBOARD SPACES.



# A T S E A

Cut-down bulwarks amidships help provide clean ocean views from the salon.

67'4"  
LENGTH  
OVERALL

18'5"  
MAXIMUM  
BEAM



## Maximizing the potential of a yacht

is a juggling act, keeping parity between living, entertaining, stowage and system spaces. The Absolute Yachts Navetta 68 is a good juggler. Fitting in the builder's lineup between the 58- and 73-foot Navettas, the Navetta 68 takes a sensible, balanced approach to yacht form and function.

¶ The salon has 6-foot-11-inch headroom, 4-foot-high side windows and visibility from stem to stern, connecting the inside of the yacht to the outside. Low-profile sofas and chairs to port offer panoramic views. Across is a credenza with an entertainment unit below and a retractable

48-inch flat-screen TV. ¶ Two steps up from the main deck is the lower helm, with dual bolstered helm seats finished in diamond stitching. The console includes three floating 22-inch Garmin multifunction displays, Volvo Penta engine displays, throttle/joystick/thruster controls and

### SECRET STOWAGE

Thanks to a split-level lower-deck design, the Absolute Navetta 68 has walk-in stowage below the master stateroom. Access to plumbing and electrical runs is here, as well as control boxes and the bow-thruster motor. It's a good space to stow a Bimini top, provisions or suitcases.

The Absolute Navetta 68 offers unobstructed ocean views from both outside and inside.





a 24-inch chart-plotter display forward of the companion seat. Visibility is exceptional thanks to the 9-foot-wide, 27-inch-high single-pane windshield. ¶ Connecting the main and aft decks are a metal-framed glass door and panel that slide open. A window, also aft and to port, drops into a pocket, with a cover concealing the opening and creating a

counter. Between that space and the galley aft, the main deck's multiple social areas can all be serviced conveniently. A six- to eight-person dining table with a bench and movable chairs is across from the galley, which has Miele appliances, including a full-height fridge/freezer, four-burner induction cooktop and microwave oven. Dedicated flatware and cup stowage keeps

everything in place underway. ¶ Aft-deck dining is shaded by the flybridge overhang. A drop-down screen aft reduces low-angle sunlight, breaks the breeze and allows for privacy. ¶ Belowdecks, the forward master stateroom with a queen berth has two closets, a vanity, cabinets and drawers. Headroom is 6 feet, 5 inches, and side windows (4 feet, 7 inches wide by 2 feet,

#### MYSTERY SOLVED

Absolute Yachts has solved the age-old conundrum of how to keep glasses in place while at sea. There's a metal disc on the bottom of each glass, and Absolute builds a magnetized steel sheet into each table. Put the glass down, and it stays in place with the magnet.







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Furniture defines social spaces in the yacht's open floor plan. Note the galley's location aft.

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The extensive use of glass helps to visually lower the Navetta 68's profile.









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7 inches high) with opening portholes let in ambient light and fresh air. An en suite head has his-and-hers sinks and a shower with a seat and windows. Guest staterooms on both sides are down a few steps. Each stateroom has twin berths, with one setup converting to a queen berth. A shared head is to port. The amidships VIP has a walk-around queen berth. To port is an en suite

head with a sink and vanity. For privacy, there's a separate head compartment. ¶ Throughout the Navetta 68 are calacatta marble in the heads, Minotti furniture, Nubuk leather cushions, Flos lamps and natural woven-oak flooring. ¶ Twin crew berths are abaft the engine room, with a washer/dryer, head and stowage. Access to the engine room is via a hatch in the aft

deck. Twin 900 hp, inline six-cylinder Volvo Penta IPS1200 diesels have workaround space, and there's unimpeded access to the ancillary systems for maintenance checks. ¶ Up top, the flybridge has a centerline helm station flanked by curved settees, so guests can mingle with the skipper while taking in 360-degree views. Absolute designed an adjustable Plexiglas

#### BY THE NUMBERS

With twin Volvo Penta D13 IPS1200 diesels, the Navetta 68 hit 23.5 knots in 2- to 4-foot seas. The sweet spot is around 20 knots, where the engines burn a total of 68 gallons per hour, resulting in a range of 245 nautical miles with a 10 percent fuel reserve on the 924-gallon tank.



**924 GAL.**  
FUEL  
CAPACITY

**240 GAL.**  
FRESHWATER  
CAPACITY



venturi windscreen at the helm. Aft and to port is a wet bar with a sink, fridge, ice maker, barbecue, Corian countertop and two pivoting stools. To starboard is an L-shaped settee with a teak table and chairs. A sofa is aft with a table, and far aft is open space for lounge chairs or water toys. ¶ Walk-around 18-inch-wide covered side decks lead to the foredeck, which has

a cushioned wraparound bench and a teak table. There's an oversize sun pad with adjustable backrests, and a Bimini top can be secured with four carbon-fiber poles set into recesses. At night, four pop-up lights illuminate the area. ¶ Accessing the yacht is easy because there are side-boarding gates, twin staircases from the hydraulic swim platform to the aft deck and a

passerelle. There's also a starboard door from the side deck, a molded staircase from the aft deck to the flybridge and a transom door for crew access. ¶ With so much emphasis on life balance these days, the Absolute Navetta 68 is a yacht that can help owners stay on even keel. ♥

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## BUILT FOR THE SEA

To ensure that its yachts can handle the rigors of blue water, Absolute builds them with its Integrated Structural Grid. This grid system spans the full length and beam of a yacht, with all adjoining sections fiberglassed together, creating a rigid, monocoque structure.

The full-beam hydraulic swim platform makes for easy water access. Lowering a shade under that Absolute logo keeps the sun out of the cockpit.