New boats: Absolute Navetta 48

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Having topped the range with the Navetta 73, Absolute is now looking to tail it with the 48 – its smallest Navetta yet

In this context, small is a relative term because the Navetta 48 still looks like a very substantial

bit of kit. In fact, at a smidgen under 50ft long and with the same 15ft 3in beam, it's not a lot smaller than the Navetta 52. It even packs the same twin 435hp IPS600 pod drives.

The missing 3ft means a shorter superstructure and a more compact layout below decks, but Absolute has still managed to find room for two good double cabins and a third twin. The difference is that the master suite is now forward with an offset island berth facing across the boat with an ensuite bathroom tucked alongside it. It's a clever solution that only works because of the unusually beamy bow sections.

The other two cabins share the mid section, in the space where the 52's full-beam master sits, and

The shorter superstructure means a slightly more compact aft galley but the broad beam and a sociable lounging/dining area forward still makes for a very usable entertaining space. The same holds true of the flybridge, the entire perimeter of which is surrounded by either seating or sunpads, bar a small break in the middle for the wet bar and staircase. The bimini shade can also be upgraded to a hardtop if required.

Absolute haven't yet revealed the price or top speed but with less weight to haul around, it's bound to be a bit quicker than the 52 as well as more affordable. Provided the fit and finish lives

up to the standards of its bigger siblings, it should make a very appealing buy.

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At a glance…

Length 49ft 7in (15.10m)
Beam 15ft 3in (4.65 m)
Top speed TBA
Engines Twin 435hp Volvo IPS600
Price from TBA