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# Absolute 62 Fly

*60 is the new 40.*

BY CHUCK WARREN

**LIKE ANY OTHER INDUSTRY,** powerboating has evolved over the last few decades, with changes that many people could never anticipate. Incredible technologies like POD systems, joystick controls and bow thrusters were all once relegated to science fiction. Until the day they weren't.



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This technological revolution also made it easier for the average owner to handle a bigger vessel, making it possible to single-hand boats that once needed a crew. At the helm, many of today's 60-footers can feel like the 40-foot cruisers that were on the market two decades ago.

The new Absolute 62 Fly is the perfect example. A marriage of technology, style and performance, it's a big coastal cruiser with a smaller, sportboat personality. At 62 feet, the boat seems larger than most people might want to handle alone. However, with the help of modern technology, Absolute built a boat that makes it easy to go big.

### Step up

Onboard, Absolute's attention to function as well as design is immediately obvious. The aft cleats look like grabrail extensions, and roomy captain's quarters hide behind a watertight access door. The space can be used for crew, or as a changing room and head for swimmers.

Three steps up, the huge aft deck features a large sunpad, L-shaped seating, and a retractable sun or privacy shade. Three glass doors at the rear of

the salon open wide for air flow and entertaining while the port window retracts into the counter to make serving food and drinks from the galley easy.

### Modern style

Inside, a beautiful mix of contrasting materials, finishes and colors with mirrored black accents, gloss-finished zebra wood, and softer tan leather upholstery combine into a stylish but not overstated environment.

The galley is well-appointed, with a full-sized fridge, convection/microwave oven and four-burner induction cooktop. There is storage everywhere. The galley also features separate seating that complements the aft deck space when entertaining.

The salon is extremely comfortable, airy and well-lit. Sunlight pours through the huge windows, while a helm access door to starboard and opening window to port add to the open-air feel.

### Under control

At the helm, two 17-inch Garmin displays provide navigation and operational information along with the standard Volvo readout. The two

comfortable buckets with flip-up bolsters place the captain high in the boat providing excellent visibility.

Left of the helm and just above the wide stairwell leading below, smoked acrylic sliding doors cover the vessel's electrical panels but give the captain important information at a glance.

### First floor

Below, guest quarters to starboard include twin beds that convert into a double and a comfortable guest head that's perfect for general use.

Forward, it would be easy to mistake the VIP berth for the master suite. Placed on an angle to match the hull, the bed leaves guests plenty of walkaround space and room for a large vanity and retractable TV.

A roomy, private ensuite head with separate shower is again big enough to mistake for the master compartment. That is, until you see the master suite, which sits aft at the end of a hallway long enough to guarantee privacy. The space is huge, with incredible headroom and storage everywhere. The spacious private head and separate shower is big enough to forget you're on a boat.

Like the other cabins, ample light streams through large hullside windows and fresh air can be introduced through opening portholes in the suite and head.

### Places to be

The upper deck provides plenty of space to entertain. An outdoor galley includes a grill, cold storage drawer and sink. Two helm seats are located to port, while a large sunpad to starboard converts into lounge seats.

The large U- seating and table to starboard gives guests plenty of room to relax, while a wide, open aft upper deck leaves room for more lounge chairs or for mingling guests to enjoy the weather underneath the large Bimini top. A hardtop option is also available.

Wide walkways provide access to a large bow seating area and sunpad that also converts into comfortable lounge seats.

### Absolute power

Powered by Volvo IPS950 engines and POD drives, the Absolute 62 Fly drives like a dream. Push the throttles forward and the boat jumps out of the water as if it were much smaller, but once on plane the 62 Fly really shines.

Topping out at 37 mph, the boat has an incredibly smooth, quiet ride. Nothing rattles or bangs, and no creaks or groans come from its sizable frame. At a 25 mph cruise speed, haul the wheel over and the big boat responds like a much smaller sport cruiser. The boat digs into turns, with stable sweeps possible even at higher speeds and a soft ride across waves and wakes.

From the bridge or helm, visibility is excellent, and docking is made easier with Volvo's joystick controls, the helm access door, and options like back-up cameras or a third joystick and engine start/stop controls placed aft.

Although there is enough space inside the 62-footer to get lost, the boat seems to shrink in size while sitting at the helm. Whether guiding the big boat down the channel, into the slip, or out onto open water, the Absolute 62 Fly is responsive and accessible, with handling you'd expect to find in a boat 20 feet shorter.

Experience all of the features and feel of this beautiful boat first hand and you'll see what I mean when I say the new Absolute 62 Fly is absolute proof that 60 is the new 40. ★



## Absolute 62 Fly

### » SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 62'

Beam: 16'8"

Draft: 4'10"

Weight: 67,900 lbs.

Fuel Capacity: 686 gals.

Water Capacity: 179 gals.

Power: 2 x 725-hp Volvo IPS950

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Aft joystick control option could be better placed.



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