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The new ab fab Navetta 58

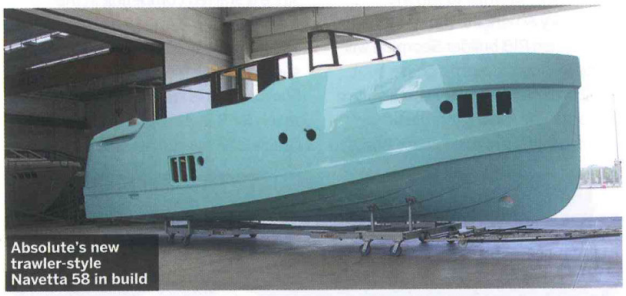
First glimpse revealed

This is the very first photograph of Absolute's new trawler-style Navetta 58. Previously only seen as computer-generated renderings, it demonstrates that the first boat is already well on its way to completion.

Even without the bulk of the wheelhouse in place, the image gives a good impression of what a striking craft this will be. The bright green hull shown in the renderings has been toned down but the sweeping curves, vertical bow and broken sheerline lend it a distinctive, broad-shouldered look.

The other revelation is just how deep and slender the forefoot is, helping to counteract the very flat stern sections of the hull where the IPS drives will be mounted. It's designed to maximise performance and efficiency (Absolute is claiming a top speed of 26 knots), while still enabling it to slice cleanly through a head sea.

It's not possible to tell from this photo how spacious the interior is but the deep bulwarks helping to protect the seating and sunbathing area on the foredeck suggest a strong focus on comfort and safety. Contrary to our earlier report (New Boats, *MBY* June 2014) prices for the Navetta have not yet been revealed as Absolute is waiting until the 58 makes its world debut at September's Cannes Boat Show.



Absolute's new trawler-style Navetta 58 in build

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