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Absolute Navetta 64

The beach club trend makes its way into the Italian giant's lineup. This unique stateroom it creates aft is going to be worth fighting over.

First things first: Let's start at the back of this boat. In recent renderings, Absolute shows that their in-build Navetta 64 will be available with an optional beach club—a first for the Italian builder and a rarity on vessels of this LOA.

More impressive than the watertight beach club doors that are now the norm on larger yachts is the space inside those doors. During the day you can have a large, aft-facing couch within arm's reach of a fridge. A large television looks to be well placed for watching the game and the waves all while hiding from the sun. At night, the couch can convert into a queen berth with the best views in the house. When out on the hook this will likely be the stateroom worth fighting for: The idea of waking

up, sliding open the door and beginning your day with a morning swim is the stuff summer dreams are made of.

The salon looks to sport larger-than-ever windows and a superyacht-style helm on centerline with near-360-degree views of the water. With a combination of fixed and loose furniture, the salon is a style departure for the brand, and in my view, a welcome one.

Standard power for the 64-footer will be IPS 1350s with the option to have the more cost-effective IPS 1200s. Sea trials are slated to begin this summer, ahead of its world debut in Cannes and its U.S. debut at the Ft. Lauderdale boat show. With all these standout features I have only one question: Can I call dibs on that aft cabin now? —Daniel Harding Jr.