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SLOW MOTION, ITALIAN STYLE

Chill and relax aboard Ferretti Custom Line's new Navetta 26

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YOU WOULD THINK Norberto Ferretti, chairman of one of the largest yacht companies in the world, hardly would have time to think about the design of yet another boat, in a series of boats, in a series of companies he owns. Ferretti Group sales were valued in excess of 933 million euros in 2007. Yet Ferretti, by all accounts, has his finger on the pulse of all of his brands: Ferretti Yachts, Apremare, Bertram, Mochi Craft, Riva, Pershing, Itama, CRN and, of course, Custom Line.

This smorgasbord of products is geared to appeal to every conceivable palate. How, then, does he have time to be hands-on? I envision Ferretti jetting around the world, officiating at board meetings, rendezvousing with VIP clients, and perhaps spending his spare time with his family, cars and other hobbies. But maybe I am naive. The new Navetta 26, which made her debut last fall, is entirely his brainchild, assisted, of course, by his company's Advanced Yacht Technology engineering department and architect Gianni Zuccon of Studio Zuccon International Project. Together they have come up with the next new thing. >

SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 86'0" (26.22 m)
 BEAM: 22'9" (6.93 m)
 DRAFT: 7'1" (2.16 m)
 (under propellers)
 DISPL.: 99.5 tn (full load)
 POWER: 2x MAN V8,
 900 hp @ 2300 rpm
 TOP SPEED: 14 kn
 CRUISE SPEED: 12 kn

Carlo Berfenghi (top), Laura Rizzi (interiors)



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Plenty of windows give natural light to the main and sky decks. Clockwise from top: the main salon, open dining area and the skylounge.

What exactly is this new thing? Well, the 26-meter (86-foot) semi-displacement Navetta is not terribly speedy. She is not particularly trendy, nor jarringly modern. She is not a wild and crazy boat. According to Corrado Del Fanti, publications and communications director for Custom Line, the boat was conceived to allow the owner to “cruise in a new dimension of comfort, well-being and relaxation.” You’ve heard of the slow-food movement: The Navetta embodies the Italian slow-motion movement—a kind of holistic harmony that’s all about taking time to enjoy the good life. The exterior styling is integrated with the interior spaces. Peace and harmony is key to the design concept.

I took a little jaunt out into the Mediterranean off the Côte d’Azur aboard this new vessel and, sure enough, the

description is apt. The ride was sublimely quiet and smooth. Inside, the décor is subtle, simple and elegant. She has an understated, yet universal appeal. The boat is being marketed to the mature yachtsman (this does not mean old). Perhaps you are an owner who has had several other yachts in the past. Or maybe you are someone who is discerning and seeks a blend of all the things you enjoyed in former boats. Without going custom, Ferretti has anticipated what you might want.

The main-deck cockpit is ample size with a table that can extend to accommodate eight guests. The main salon has a coffee table set before an L-shaped settee, which can easily seat 10. There is a slightly Asian sensibility of clean and uncluttered furnishings. The paneling is a warm elm. Natural daylight is ever-present, uplifting the interior mood. ➤



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Above: Color brightens the already naturally well-lit main-deck master suite. Below: The stylish bath is just steps up from the master cabin.

This is not a big boat, yet it has the space to accommodate plenty of guests. Forward is a formal dining area and forward of that, the galley. On the same deck level is the master cabin with expansive picture windows port and starboard. The lower deck can have either three or four staterooms depending on the option chosen by the owner. One layout provides for two commodious VIPs and one twin stateroom, and the other option can be configured to have two reduced VIPs plus two twin cabins. Crew quarters for four are forward, and there is an aft garage that could contain a small tender or a PWC, which can easily be removed using the crane attached to the flybridge (the tender is located on the flybridge). When the garage hatch is lowered, it doubles as a swim platform.

This is a boat that requires no compromises. Here you can achieve silence, space and light—lots of light. Think wellness spa at the Ritz-Carlton or the Four Seasons. Instead of New Age music, you can sit in the skylounge and listen to the surrounding ocean sounds. This area features removable glass walls that can create one vast indoor-outdoor space. The sunbathing deck with laid-back lounge chairs and hydro-massage spa pool is the perfect spot to indulge in a relaxing massage. In today's incredibly hectic world, the Navetta 26 offers tranquility. Two standard Mitsubishi Anti Rolling Gyro (ARG) stabilizers reduce the motion of the waves both at anchor and at sea by more than 50 percent.

To further ease your mind and your social consciousness, this pocket-size superyacht is also fuel-efficient. Not only can you feel good about yourself, you can feel good about choosing a boat that is low in fuel consumption. Due to the engineering of the semi-displacement hull and the propulsion system/axis/propellers, if you take it slow—say at a

TECH TALK

Sound Check

The main thing I noticed when aboard the vessel was the noise level, or should I say lack thereof. I also witnessed a test of the sound levels. At 13 knots, sound levels in the master cabin measured 49.5 dBA. In the pilothouse, the meter stopped at 55 dBA, and on the upper sun deck, the noise level was kept under 65 dBA. Furthermore, when the ARG was enabled and the generators were running at anchor, the master cabin reading was a mere 38 dBA.

speed of 6.7 knots—you will only consume 20 liters of fuel per hour, per engine. Hey, even at 13 knots you'll be doing well. Slow motion means taking time to smell the salt air, relax with friends and cruise in style. In any case, being aboard the Navetta 26 is all about the journey, not the destination.

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